AUT FOUNDATION

Ann Ali AUT Māori or Pacific Nursing Scholarship

CLOSING DATE: 7 December

The scholarship has been established from an endowment fund to honour the memory of the late Ann Ali, a New Zealand nurse who was passionate about equity. As an academic, she was committed to the professionalisation and accreditation of nursing education. The fund is now managed by Ann's nephew, Nasar Niaz.

PURPOSE

The Ann Ali AUT Māori or Pacific Nursing Scholarship provides financial support for promising Māori or Pacific undergraduate students in the Bachelor of Health Science (Nursing) who are, or could, make a strong contribution to Māori or Pacific nursing practice.

AMOUNT AND TYPE OF AWARD

- $4,300 paid directly to the student to support practical training costs.
- One scholarship is available.

TENURE

The scholarship is for one year only, being the year after application.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applicants must:

- Be a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident.
- Be registered in the AUT student management system as Māori or Pacific ethnicity.
- Have achieved a GPA 4 (B- average) in their studies up to the time of application.
- At the time of application for the scholarship be enrolled full-time (120 points) in the first or subsequent year of the Bachelor of Health Science (Nursing) at AUT.
- Have made or demonstrated potential to make a contribution to Māori or Pacific nursing practice.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants complete the AUT online scholarship application.

Applicants must submit with their application a personal statement (maximum one page using the prescribed format) outlining:

1. Why completing their degree is important to the applicant and their future ambitions.
2. The applicant's interest and aspirations in contributing to nursing practice in their community.
3. Any other information that may be of relevance to the Selection Panel.

Referee

- Applicants will nominate one referee in the application portal. This may not be an immediate member of their family. An academic reference is preferred but not essential.
- Applicants are advised to discuss with their referee that they will receive an email requesting their support in attesting to the character of the applicant.

SELECTION PROCESS

- The Selection Panel will include:
  AUT Head of Department – Nursing (or nominee);
  School of Clinical Sciences Māori and Pacific Liaison;
  AUT Foundation representative.
- If the Selection Panel is of opinion that there is no applicant of sufficient merit, the scholarship will not be awarded.
- The decision of the Selection Panel is final.

CONDITIONS OF ACCEPTANCE AND APPOINTMENT

- The award of this scholarship is conditional on the recipient enrolling full-time in the Bachelor of Health Science (Nursing).
- The recipient will maintain an enrolment of no less than 120pts during the year of tenure of the scholarship.
- The scholarship may be held in conjunction with any other scholarship, award or prize, unless the conditions of the other award preclude this.
- Except in cases where there are compelling medical reasons or adverse personal circumstances beyond a student's control, the uptake of the scholarship cannot be deferred.
- The recipient must be enrolled continuously in their programme of study during the year of award. Suspension requests must be made in writing to the University Scholarships Office and will be approved only for compelling medical or personal circumstances.
- In accepting the Scholarship, the recipient will be deemed to have read, understood, and accepted the conditions of the Scholarship.
- By accepting the Scholarship, the recipient agrees to participate in any publicity concerning the scholarship arranged by AUT and/or the Donor.
- AUT Foundation in consultation with the Donor may terminate this scholarship and require repayment of any funds disbursed if during the tenure of the scholarship a recipient is not in compliance with the conditions of the scholarship or has not maintained satisfactory academic standing (by passing all courses) or brings the University or Donor into disrepute.
- AUT Foundation and the Donor may from time to time vary these regulations.