

BUSINESS UNDERGRADUATE INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Funded by the AUT Business School and a generous donation from the NEXT Foundation, the scholarships support Bachelor of Business students to undertake an international exchange at a partner university's business school. The purpose of the Business International Exchange Scholarships is to assist students for whom financial circumstances may otherwise make an overseas exchange difficult to pursue.

TENURE

The tenure of this scholarship is for one semester or may be allocated across two semesters upon approval from the Business School Associate Dean International.

VALUE OF SCHOLARSHIP

- The Business School scholarship is up to \$5000 per recipient.
- The NEXT Foundation scholarship is \$5000 per recipient.

The scholarships support travel and accommodation costs associated with their approved international exchange.

The number of scholarships offered varies from semester to semester.

Payment will be made to the student upon acceptance and confirmation of a place at the host university, and acceptance of the scholarship.

The Scholarship selection panel determines which scholarship is awarded to the recipient.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applicants must be:

- Domestic students (NZ Citizen, NZ Permanent Resident or Resident Visa).
- Be enrolled full-time in the AUT Bachelor of Business, and be in either the second or third year of their studies at the time exchange commences
- Demonstrate a satisfactory academic record normally with a minimum B grade average.
- Be accepted for an international exchange by an AUT Business School approved business school partner; or as approved by the Business International Exchange Scholarship Selection Panel.

Find out more about applying for student exchange [here](#).

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must apply through the online AUT scholarship application portal. As part of the application, they must upload a personal statement (up to 500 words) that outlines:

- Which university the applicant has applied for and why they chose that university.
- How the international exchange experience will benefit the applicant.
- The financial circumstances that would make it difficult to undertake an overseas exchange.
- The applicant's ability to fund the remaining costs associated with the exchange if their application is successful.

REFERENCE

Applicants must provide the name of two referees (one academic and one character) to support their application. The nominated referee will receive an email from the application portal with instructions for submitting their reference.

The referee may be a teacher or school nominee, other mentor or person of standing in the community or employer. A close family member may not provide the reference.

Applicants are requested to ensure that their referees are aware of the scholarship deadline.

CONDITIONS OF SELECTION

- Recipients will be selected and interviewed by a panel comprising of representatives nominated by the Business School Associate Dean International
- The decision of the scholarship selection panel is final.
- If the panel is of the opinion that there is no applicant of sufficient merit, the scholarship will not be awarded.

CONDITIONS OF ACCEPTANCE

- The award of this scholarship is conditional on the student being enrolled full-time in the AUT Bachelor of Business in either the second or third year of their studies, at the time of application
- This scholarship cannot be held together with another AUT or AUT Foundation donor sponsored international exchange scholarship.
- Recipients may co-tenure with other scholarships with the approval of the University Scholarships Office
- Recipients will be asked to provide proof of their flight tickets and accommodation.
- Recipients must complete the exchange as approved. If the exchange is not successfully

completed, the full value of the scholarship must be repaid to the university.

- Except in cases where there are compelling medical reasons or adverse personal circumstances beyond a student's control, the uptake of scholarships cannot be deferred.
- Recipients must write a report and submit the report to the Business School Associate Dean International and the Trust on their exchange experience and the outcomes from it within one month of the completion of their exchange.
- Recipients must be enrolled continuously in their programme of study. Suspensions or Leave of Absence for students who have already commenced their degree will not usually be approved unless there are compelling medical or personal circumstances beyond the student's control.
- Recipients may appeal if there are compelling reasons for not meeting these requirements. Such an appeal must be supported by the scholar's student advisor and Faculty and will be considered on one occasion only during the scholarship tenure. Should a student who fails a paper successfully appeal to have the scholarship reinstated the scholarship will not pay for a resit of failed paper(s).

