

## Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei AUT Community Partnership Scholarship

**Closing date: 31 October**

Auckland University of Technology (AUT) in recognition of its partnership with Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei has established scholarships to increase participation, retention, and success of Māori (of Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei descent) who have demonstrated the academic potential to succeed at tertiary level.

As well as recognising academic achievement these scholarships recognise potential leadership ability and contribution to their school, and community.

### AMOUNT AND TYPE OF AWARD

An award of \$6,500 to support full-time study in a degree programme at AUT. This will be paid either as:

- **Option 1:** A contribution in the first year of study towards accommodation in an approved Hall of Residence, to be paid directly to the relevant Halls of Residence; *or*
- **Option 2:** A contribution to fees if the student is not eligible for the Government's first year fees free.
- **Option 3:** If the recipient is eligible for the Government's first year fees free then either by payment into the student's personal bank account in three instalments throughout the first year of study or as a contribution to fees in the second year of study.

### TENURE

- The scholarship is awarded for one year only.
- Continuation of the scholarship in semester 2 is conditional on the recipient passing all papers in Semester 1.

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Applicants must be NZ Citizens or permanent residents.
- The applicant must be a **registered** Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei hapū member. If you are not a registered member, please return a completed registration form to [register@ngatiwhatuaorakei.com](mailto:register@ngatiwhatuaorakei.com). A registration form can be found on the Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei website: [Hapū registration – Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei \(ngatiwhatuaorakei.com\)](http://ngatiwhatuaorakei.com). **Please note that the registration process could take up to two months.**
- Applicants who are not of Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei descent will not be eligible to receive this scholarship. If you have any questions regarding hapū registration or if you would like to check if you are a registered hapū member please contact [register@ngatiwhatuaorakei.com](mailto:register@ngatiwhatuaorakei.com).
- Applicants must be enrolled or intending to enrol at AUT in a full-time programme of study at undergraduate degree level or above (excluding doctoral) and will be asked to provide their AUT Student ID in the box provided on the application form. This can be obtained by enrolling at AUT online [www.aut.ac.nz/study-at-aut/apply-to-aut](http://www.aut.ac.nz/study-at-aut/apply-to-aut)
- Applicants will be expected to obtain a minimum of University Entrance and gain admission into a full-time programme of study at AUT University.

- Applicants must have demonstrated academic potential and the potential for leadership.
- Applicants must be prepared to engage with Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei and kaupapa-ā-iwi and to attend and assist at tertiary whānau hui at AUT during the tenure of the scholarship.

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants for the Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei AUT Community Partnership Scholarship must complete the AUT online application available via [www.aut.ac.nz/scholarships](http://www.aut.ac.nz/scholarships). Applicants will be required to upload:

- A *one-page* personal statement explaining their reasons for wishing to attend AUT, their academic and career goals and why they believe they merit the scholarship.
- A current copy of their NCEA record of achievement or academic transcripts for any previous tertiary study at an institution other than AUT.
- Applicants will have their registration with **Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei Whakapapa** verified after the completed application is submitted.

## SELECTION PROCESS

- Applications will need to be sent to Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei Trust after closing date to confirm registration.
- The panel will consist of a Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei representative as well as representatives from AUT.

## CONDITIONS OF ACCEPTANCE AND RENEWAL

- The award of this scholarship is conditional on the student gaining entry to an AUT undergraduate degree level or higher programme.
- Recipients must be enrolled in a full-time programme of study. Scholars will enrol in no less than 120pts each year during the tenure of the scholarship. Permission to study less than 120pts will only be given in exceptional circumstances. In such cases the value of the scholarship will be paid pro-rata.
- The award will be paid either as a contribution towards accommodation in an approved Hall of Residence or into the student's personal bank account in three instalments.
- The recipient must pass all papers in Semester 1 of the first year of study for the scholarship to continue in Semester 2.
- The recipient may hold other external non-tuition fee scholarships with the approval of the Scholarships Office.
- Recipients will be provided with academic mentoring and meet with support centre staff from Te Tari Takawaenga Māori – Māori Liaison during their scholarship. A condition of the Scholarship is that students agree to a minimum of three mentoring interviews in each semester of their first year of study and to complete two online progress reports each Semester of their first year of study. This is an integral part of the first year and may be extended for subsequent years.
- 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. Students who are offered an AUT Scholarship but who do not take it up in the year of offer may request that their application be reconsidered in the intake of applications for the year

immediately following. This will not guarantee that the scholarship will be awarded in the following year.

- 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 adverse personal circumstances beyond the student's control.
- Deferral and suspension requests must be made in writing to the Scholarships Office.
- Recipients who take up this scholarship, but do not complete at least two semesters of full-time study at AUT, may be required to refund the full value of the scholarship received.
- The Scholarships Office in consultation with Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei has the power to terminate or suspend a scholarship if it receives an unsatisfactory report on the academic progress of a recipient.