

AUT International Excellence Scholarships - Faculty of Culture and Society

**CLOSING DATE: 15 November (Semester One intake)
1 May (Semester Two intake)**

PURPOSE

Auckland University of Technology (AUT) and the Faculty of Culture and Society provide scholarships to recognise and support high achieving international students as they begin their journey in becoming great graduates of AUT.

AMOUNT AND TYPE OF AWARD

Faculty of Culture and Society International Excellence Scholarships are divided into the following categories:

Onshore

For international students who are currently residing onshore in New Zealand.

- Total number on offer: 30

Category	Value
<p>Undergraduate Excellence</p> <p>New to AUT, full fee-paying international students undertaking an undergraduate degree or graduate diploma in the Faculty of Culture and Society with New Zealand secondary or post-secondary qualifications, including AUT Certificate in Foundation Studies students.</p>	\$7,000
<p>Masters Excellence</p> <p>New to AUT, full fee-paying international students undertaking a master's degree (taught and research) in the Faculty of Culture and Society with New Zealand tertiary qualifications.</p> <p><i>(note: Applicants with an AUT undergraduate degree, please refer to the Alumni Excellence category)</i></p>	\$7,000
<p>Alumni Excellence</p> <p>Returning new to programme, full fee-paying international students undertaking a master's degree (taught and research) in the Faculty of Culture and Society with an AUT undergraduate degree.</p>	\$7,000

Offshore

For international students who are currently residing offshore outside of New Zealand

- Total number on offer: 10

Online Postgraduate Excellence	\$7,000
New to AUT international students undertaking postgraduate programmes in the Faculty of Culture and Society available to be taken online. Applicants must indicate that they are willing to return to onshore New Zealand once border restrictions ease or be eligible under border exception category.	

TENURE

- The scholarship is awarded for one year only.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Applicants must be full fee-paying international students (Note: International students are students who are neither citizens, permanent residents nor resident visa holders of New Zealand or Australia).
- Applicants must have a current and valid conditional or unconditional offer to study in a Faculty of Culture and Society programme (undergraduate level or above, excluding doctoral and at least 120 points).
- Applicants will be asked to provide their AUT Student ID in the box provided on the application form.
- Scholarships are awarded on academic merit and quality of the applicant's personal statement (no more than 200 words).
- Applicants are required to declare if they have applied for other forms of scholarships both internally (i.e., awarded by AUT) and externally (e.g., government scholarships). The selection committee will take this into consideration.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Application is through the AUT online scholarship portal www.aut.ac.nz/scholarships opening March and October. Applicants must complete the AUT International Excellence Scholarships - Faculty of Culture and Society application online through the AUT Scholarships [database](#).

Applicants will be asked to indicate under which category (select one only) they wish to be considered and must meet the eligibility criteria for the category under which they are applying.

Applicants are required to upload:

- Current and valid conditional or unconditional offer to study at AUT.
- Detailed academic transcript with grading scale of the most recent qualification.
- Completion certificate (e.g., bachelor's degree certificate), if applicable.
- A personal statement (maximum 200 words) explaining why you are applying for this scholarship, and what it would mean to you to receive it.

All documentation must be uploaded by the closing date otherwise the application will be considered ineligible.

SELECTION PROCESS

- Applications will be shortlisted and selected by the selection committee comprising of Dean (or nominee), representative of Faculty of Culture and Society and AUT International.
- Selection will be based on demonstrated academic excellence and strength of the personal statement.
- Applicants who have declared other forms of scholarships both internally (i.e., awarded by AUT) and externally (e.g., government scholarships) will be considered on a case-by-case basis regarding eligibility.

CONDITIONS OF ACCEPTANCE AND APPOINTMENT

- The award of this scholarship is conditional on the student gaining entry to an AUT programme.
- The scholarship will be paid as a compulsory fees credit towards the first year of study at AUT, based on enrolment and payment of tuition in at least 120 points.
- For recipients in the Online Postgraduate Excellence category, the payment will be made pro-rata to the number of points enrolled and paid. Subsequent payment of scholarship will be paid until 120 points of enrolment has been reached. The expectation is the student will eventually be able to study on-campus, once border restrictions ease, or be eligible under border exception category.
- Recipients of this scholarship are required to be enrolled full time at AUT during the tenure of the scholarship. Failure to do so may result in the recipient being required to pay back the full value of the scholarship received.
- The recipient may hold other non-AUT scholarships with the approval of the Scholarships Office.
- Scholarship may be terminated if recipients are found to have not truthfully declared their details during the application process.
- Recipients who do not maintain satisfactory academic standing (by passing all courses) or conduct during the tenure of the scholarship may be required to pay back the full value of the scholarship received.
- Except in cases where there are compelling medical reasons or adverse personal circumstance beyond a student's control, the uptake of the scholarship cannot be deferred.
- The regulations are reviewed by the Scholarships Committee from time to time and are subject to change.