

DESCRIPTION

The [Faculty of Design and Creative Technologies \(DCT\)](#), in collaboration with AUT Global, are pleased to be able to offer this Scholarship to support students from DCT to undertake an international exchange experience at an AUT Global [partner university](#). The aim of the DCT x AUT Global Exchange Scholarship is to increase the ability of DCT students to participate in outbound exchange opportunities.

AMOUNT AND TYPE OF AWARD

This Scholarship is to provide assistance with the costs associated with overseas study on an approved AUT Global exchange programme.

- DCT x AUT Global Exchange Scholarship Scholarships are available for between \$3,000 to \$5,000.

The number of scholarships available is limited by a capped budget.

TENURE

- The tenure of this scholarship is for one semester.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applicants for this Scholarship must:

- Have a confirmed nomination offer to attend an AUT Global partner institution.
- Be enrolled full-time at AUT in a programme from the [DCT Faculty](#), and have completed at least one year of full-time study in an undergraduate programme (or equivalent) by the commencement of the semester of exchange.
 - Eligible programmes include; Bachelor of Design, Bachelor of Visual Arts, Bachelor of Construction, Bachelor of Architecture and Future Environments, Bachelor of Engineering (Honours), Bachelor of Engineering Technology, Bachelor of Computer and Information Sciences, Bachelor of Communication Studies.
- Have achieved the academic requirements of the AUT Global exchange programme.
 - *A minimum GPA of 5.0 is required for consideration for the exchange programme. Successful candidates need to maintain this average up until the exchange begins. Candidates with a GPA of 4.5-4.99 may be considered on a case-by-case basis.*

Find out the full eligibility criteria and more about applying for student exchange [here](#).

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Application is through the AUT online scholarship application portal. Applicants must upload to their application a written statement (maximum 2 pages) outlining:

1. How the international exchange experience will benefit the applicant personally and academically.
2. How the applicant would represent AUT while on the AUT Global exchange programme.
3. How the applicant plans to finance the exchange semester, and any financial circumstances that would make it difficult to undertake an overseas exchange without scholarship support (a one semester exchange generally incurs a cost of \$12,000-\$15,000 depending on the destination).

- Financial circumstances may include, but is not limited to, personal or family financial circumstances, access to financial support, employment commitments, and the overall affordability of undertaking the exchange without assistance from the Scholarship.

CONDITIONS OF SELECTION AND ACCEPTANCE

1. Candidates must have met all of the eligibility criteria for the Scholarship.
2. Recipients may only hold this Scholarship once.
3. The basis of selection will be the applicant's demonstrated financial need, academic achievement as evidenced by courses completed to date at AUT, and the quality of the applicant's written statement(s) addressing the areas outlined in the Application Requirements section of these regulations. The exchange destination may be considered by the Selection Panel where relevant to alignment with the University's strategic international partnerships, provided all core eligibility requirements are met.
4. Scholarships will be offered to eligible candidates until all the funds for the semester have been allocated.
5. Recipients of the Scholarship will be on the recommendation of a Selection Panel comprising representatives nominated by the AUT Director International.
6. The decision of the scholarship selection panel is final.
7. To be paid the Scholarship, the recipient must have received a nomination offer from the AUT Global team for an approved exchange partner, and have confirmation of acceptance from the partner university.
8. This Scholarship cannot be held together with another AUT or AUT Foundation donor sponsored international exchange scholarship or award.
9. Recipients may co-tenure with other scholarships or awards (not exchange related), provided the regulations for that scholarship, award or grant permit this, and with the approval of the University Scholarships Office. It is the responsibility of the recipient to declare all other scholarships, awards or grants to the University Scholarships Office that they will be receiving payment for alongside this Scholarship.
10. Recipients must complete an AUT Global blog template on return to AUT, and provide a selection of photos of their exchange semester on request for use on social media to promote AUT Global and the destination they went to.
11. Provided they are not in their final semester, recipients must attend at least one promotional AUT Global event, if requested, to talk to current AUT students exploring exchange as an opportunity.
12. AUT is not obliged to make a Scholarship payment if it is determined that either there are no candidates that meet the eligibility criteria, or who provide sufficient information to enable assessment of financial need and suitability for the exchange programme.
13. If a recipient decides to withdraw from the exchange programme at any point after receiving the Scholarship payment, the full amount of the Scholarship must be repaid in full.