

Faculty of Design and Creative Technologies Dean's Merit Scholarship – Africa

CLOSING DATE: Opens August 2023 – available until all spaces filled

PURPOSE

Auckland University of Technology (AUT) and the Dean of Faculty of Design and Creative Technologies provide scholarships to recognise and support high achieving international students from Africa as they begin their journey in becoming great graduates of AUT.

AMOUNT AND TYPE OF AWARD

Faculty of Design and Creative Technologies Dean's Merit Scholarship – Africa are divided into the following categories:

Masters Scholarships

- Total number on offer: 5
- Contribution to fees: \$11,000
- Tenure: One year only

Bachelors Scholarships

- Total number on offer: 3
- Contribution to fees: \$7,000 in first year, \$5,000 in second year, \$3,000 in third year (Total value: \$15,000)
- Tenure: Three years

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Applicants must be new full-fee paying international students. See additional notes.
- Applicants must be citizens of one of the following countries in Africa:
 - Egypt, Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa
- Applicants must have a current and valid conditional or unconditional offer to study an eligible AUT Faculty of Design and Creative Technologies programme commencing in Semester 1, 2024. See additional notes.
- Applicants cannot be previous AUT students. This includes those who are applying for a higher-level programme (e.g., an AUT bachelor's degree graduate applying for a master's programme).
- Students who have already commenced studies at AUT are not eligible to apply.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Application is through the AUT online scholarship portal www.aut.ac.nz/scholarships. Applicants must complete the scholarship application online through the AUT Scholarships Database from this link.

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

Applicants are required to upload:

- A current and valid conditional or unconditional offer to study an eligible AUT Faculty of Design and Creative Technologies programme commencing in Semester 1, 2024.
- Detailed academic transcript for the most recent qualification, complete with grading scale.
- Completion certificate (e.g., bachelor's degree certificate).
- Their AUT student ID in the box provided on the application form.
- All documentation must be uploaded by the closing date otherwise the application will be considered ineligible.

Applicants are required to declare if they have applied for other scholarships both internally (i.e., awarded by AUT) and externally (e.g., government scholarships). The selection committee will take this into consideration.

SELECTION PROCESS

- A selection committee comprising representatives from AUT International will assess the applications.
- Applications will be shortlisted and awarded by AUT on the recommendation of the selection committee.
- The country of origin of the applicant may be considered by the selection committee to align with AUT's strategic aims.
- Students with an equivalent of a B grade average in their entrance qualification will be eligible for the award.
- Selection will take place on a monthly basis until places are filled.

CONDITIONS OF ACCEPTANCE AND APPOINTMENT

- The award of this scholarship is conditional on the student gaining entry to an eligible AUT Faculty of Design and Creative Technologies programme commencing in Semester 1, 2024.
- Recipients are required to be enrolled full time (120 points) at AUT during the tenure of the scholarship. Failure to do so may result in termination of the scholarship and any paid funds recovered.
- The scholarship may be terminated if recipients are found to have not truthfully declared their details during the application process. In this case, any paid funds will be recovered.
- Recipients must maintain satisfactory academic standing and conduct during the tenure of the scholarship. Failure to do so may result in termination of the scholarship and any paid funds recovered.
- 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 offer of scholarship lapses if it is not formally accepted within two weeks from the date of offer.
- By accepting the award, scholarship recipients agree to appropriate publicity requests from AUT to represent the university and the scholarship.
- The scholarship cannot be held concurrently with the New Zealand AUT-NCUK Scholarship and other AUT International Scholarships.
- This scholarship cannot be held by students whose studies are being fully sponsored by either a home government or the NZ government.
- Recipients have 14 days to accept their scholarship offer of place.
- Recipients with a valid conditional offer to study an eligible AUT programme must make a reasonable effort to meet the English language condition (if any) of their conditional offer within one month of accepting the scholarship offer.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

- Eligible programmes are bachelor's degree level or above (excluding doctoral) and 120 points or more in duration.
- International students are not citizens, permanent residents nor resident visa holders of New Zealand or Australia.
- The scholarship will be paid as a compulsory fees credit towards the first year of study at AUT.
- AUT is not obliged to make an award if there is no candidate of sufficient merit.
- The regulations are periodically reviewed by the University Scholarships Committee and are subject to change.