AUT Accommodation Scholarship - Office of Māori Advancement

CLOSING DATE: 30 September

PURPOSE

Auckland University of Technology (AUT) provides undergraduate scholarships to recognise student academic achievement, potential leadership ability and contribution to the school, community or cultural pursuits.

The Office of Māori Advancement provides accommodation scholarships to support Māori students residing in approved AUT accommodation.

AMOUNT AND TYPE OF AWARD

A total of $12,000 paid as an accommodation supplement in the first year of study, for residence in an approved AUT Halls of Residence, to be paid directly to the relevant Halls of Residence.

TENURE

The scholarship is awarded for one year only.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Applicants must be NZ Citizens or permanent residents of NZ Māori descent (Cook Island Māori are not eligible to apply) and declare this ethnicity when applying for admission to AUT.
- Applicants must be currently studying a New Zealand secondary school qualification.
- Applicants must be enrolling for the first time in a bachelor's degree programme at AUT. Please refer to an AUT Prospectus or our website for programmes and courses available at AUT - www.aut.ac.nz
- Applicants must enrol full-time (no less than 120pts per annum).
- Current AUT students who meet the eligibility criteria other than secondary schooling and enrolment for the first time may also apply.
- Applicants 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.
- Preference will be given firstly to applicants relocating to Auckland and secondly to students with demonstrated financial hardship

University Entrance Criteria for Undergraduate Degree Level Studies:

To gain admission to bachelor's degrees, students must have met the requirements for University Entrance plus any specified admission requirements for a programme such as specific subjects, specific achievement standards, portfolios, interviews or auditions.

- NCEA Level 3 Certificate
- 42 credits at level 3 or higher on the NQF, including a minimum of 14 credits at level 3 (or higher) in each of three subjects from the approved subject list.

- A minimum of 10 credits at level 1 (or higher) in Mathematics or Pangarau on the NQF.
- A minimum of 10 credits at level 2 (or higher) - 5 in Reading & 5 in Writing, selected from a schedule of approved achievement standards

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applications will open in July for applicants commencing study at AUT in Semester 1 the following year. Application is through the AUT online scholarship portal www.aut.ac.nz/scholarships. Applicants must complete the *AUT Accommodation Scholarship - Office of Māori Advancement Application* online through the *AUT Scholarships Database* from this link.

Applicants will be required to complete or upload:

- A personal statement explaining what they hope to achieve from the programme they have chosen and any career goals they have. Applicants should also state why they believe they merit the scholarship and outline their cultural involvement (if any). The personal statement should include an outline of the leadership positions or responsibilities the applicant has held within their school or community. If facing financial barriers to study this should be outlined in the personal statement.
- The applicant's whakapapa.
- A current certified copy of their NCEA, CIE or IB record of achievement. IB students must obtain a predicted IB grade from their Principal or Principal's nominee.
- Current AUT students will have their grades uploaded by the Scholarships Office.

REFERENCES: Applicants must be supported by a character reference. Applicants will send their request for support to their referee by email from the application portal. The referee will be asked to comment on:

- How the applicant's personal attributes match those in the scholarship outline;
- Why the applicant would have no realistic opportunity of tertiary study without this scholarship.

All documentation must be received by the closing date inclusive of reference statements or the application will not be able to be submitted and will be considered ineligible.

CONDITIONS OF ACCEPTANCE AND APPOINTMENT

- The award of this scholarship is conditional on the student gaining entry to an AUT undergraduate bachelor's degree programme.
- The recipient will enrol in no less than 120pts during the tenure of the scholarship.
- The recipient will reside in an approved AUT Hall of Residence and the award paid as a contribution towards that accommodation. Please note that the recipient will need to ensure they can cover the additional fortnightly cost for accommodation after the scholarship contribution has been made.
- Recipients of this scholarship are required to be enrolled full time at AUT and be residing in AUT Accommodation during the tenure of the scholarship. Failure to do so will result in termination of the scholarship and could result in the recipient being required to pay back the full value of the scholarship received.

- This scholarship may not be held with any other AUT Scholarships. The recipient may hold other external scholarships.
- Recipients will meet with a designated Te Pou Āwhina on a fortnightly basis which will include Orientation and other key activities
- Recipients will meet with their designated Peer Mentor as needed.
- The scholarship does not assist with the payment of tuition fees. Tuition costs are the compulsory fees that must be paid to the university, you will need to make arrangements to meet this cost. StudyLink can assist in the payment of these fees. Please contact StudyLink 0800 889900 or www.studylink.govt.nz to access information.
- 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 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.
- 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 study at AUT may be required to pay back the full value of the scholarship received.
- The Scholarships Office in consultation with the Office of Māori Advancement has the power to terminate or suspend a scholarship if it receives an unsatisfactory report on the academic progress of a recipient.