

AUT Undergraduate Scholarships

Closing date: 15 November (a small round will be available 15 June for students who commenced study mid-year)

Auckland University of Technology (AUT) provides undergraduate scholarships to recognise student academic achievement and contribution to the University. As well as recognising academic achievement these scholarships also recognise potential leadership.

AUT Undergraduate Scholarships are available to high achieving full-time students undertaking undergraduate degree programme of study at AUT who are entering the second or third year of their undergraduate degree. Students undertaking a four year undergraduate degree programme may apply for support for their fourth year.

TYPE OF AWARD

The scholarship consists of up to a \$7,000 contribution towards fees. Scholarships will be available under the categories below:

- **Academic Excellence**
- **Significant Student:** Contribution at a high level to the University or community. Applicants under this category must hold leadership positions and/or be active in cultural pursuits or sport at a representative level.
- **Kiwa:** Māori and Pacific students demonstrating all-round ability and leadership potential. Applicants applying under this category must declare that they are of Māori or Pacific descent and also have declared this ethnicity in the ARION system.
- **New Horizons:** Students whose secondary schooling was at a Decile 1 -4 Auckland School, or who can demonstrate significant financial hardship. List of schools attached (Appendix 1).

TENURE

- The scholarship is awarded for one year only.
- Recipients of this award who pass *all* papers and meet the required achievement level will be invited at the completion of the year of award to re-apply for a further year of study in an AUT Bachelor's degree.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Applicants must be studying at AUT and be completing their second, fourth or sixth semester of study at the time of application.
- Applicants should normally either:
 - achieve a GPA of 7.0 (A-) across a minimum of 120pts in the year of application; or
 - have either contributed at a high level to the University or community, or have proven financial hardship and achieve a minimum GPA of 6.5 (B+/A-) across a minimum of 120pts in the year of application; or
 - be recorded as having Māori or Pacific first ethnicity in ARION or have attended a South Auckland Decile 1-4 Secondary School and achieve a minimum GPA of 5.0 (B) across a minimum of 120pts in the year of application.

GPA eligibility will be assessed by the Scholarships Office once semester results are final.

- Special consideration will be given to applicants who are making a significant contribution to the University or community.

- An applicant wishing to be considered as under financial hardship will be required to provide evidence i.e. IRD statement of income plus supply a reference from someone other than a family member supporting the financial need.
- Applicants must enroll full-time (no less than 120pts per annum) in the year following application. If an applicant has undertaken an approved international exchange programme during the year of application the GPA will be assessed across the AUT papers only, providing the applicant passes all papers undertaken as part of the exchange.
- Recipients of this scholarship may reapply in subsequent years.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applications will open in October. Application is through the AUT online scholarship portal. Applicants must complete the *AUT Undergraduate Scholarship Application* online through the *AUT Scholarships Database* www.aut.ac.nz/scholarships. All documentation must be received by the closing date.

- A *one-page* personal statement outlining the applicant's academic goals and career aspirations. Applicants must state why they believe they merit the scholarship. If the applicant is applying under the category Māori and Pacific students must outline their cultural involvement.
- The personal statement should also include an outline of recent leadership positions or responsibilities the applicant has held within the University or community.
- If an applicant wishes to be considered under the Financial Hardship category they must address this in their personal statement and upload evidence of their financial position i.e. an IRD statement of income and provide the details of a referee, other than a family member or friend, who can support the applicant's financial need.
- A copy of the applicant's transcript will be added to the application by the Scholarships Office once semester 2 grades have been finalized.

CONDITIONS OF ACCEPTANCE

- The award of this scholarship is conditional on the student enrolling in the second or subsequent year of the undergraduate degree programme.
- 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.
- The award will be paid as a contribution to fees only. The scholar may hold other scholarships with the approval of the Scholarships Office.
- 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.
- Scholars who are awarded a scholarship under financial hardship will be required to meet with a Student Hub Advisor for budget advice.
- Scholars must be enrolled continuously in their programme of study during the year of award. Deferral and suspension requests must be made in writing to the Scholarships Office and will be approved only for compelling medical or personal circumstances.
- Scholars who pass all papers and meet the eligibility requirements will be eligible to re-apply for an AUT Undergraduate Scholarship (Fees) to support further years of study.
- A scholar who does not complete at least two semesters of study at AUT may be required to pay back the full value of the scholarship received.