

A group of seven diverse students are walking along a paved path in front of a modern building with large glass windows. The students are dressed in casual attire, including hoodies, tank tops, and jeans. One student on the right is carrying a large black backpack. The building's glass reflects the surrounding greenery and sky. The overall atmosphere is bright and sunny.

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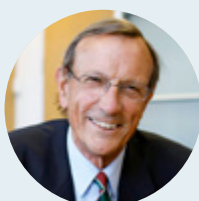
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The AUT Foundation's Board of Trustees is made up of passionate leaders who each bring their expertise and experience to offer support and advice around managing the Trust and doing the best for our students.

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Kia ora koutou.

I'm pleased to share with you the AUT Foundation's 2020 annual report to donors.

2020 was certainly an extraordinary and challenging year for everyone and Auckland University of Technology (AUT) was no exception. The global uncertainty and widespread economic difficulties created by COVID-19 continue to affect us, yet throughout these challenges, AUT staff have demonstrated the great depth of their commitment to the University, its students and stakeholders.

AUT's mission is to produce great graduates, preparing them to be successful wherever in the world their career may take them. We achieve this by offering a contemporary university education, underpinned by world-class research and innovative thinking. This requires constant investment, so we are grateful for the generosity of our donors.

An unfortunate reality is that many of our students are experiencing financial pressures, especially given

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Auckland's high cost of living. The Student Support Fund, established in 2020, is a way for our generous staff and community to support our students and make a significant difference to their lives.

In this report, we share some inspiring and encouraging stories about supporting Aotearoa's rainbow community, how a significant scholarship transformed a writer's life, and much more.

On behalf of the University and the Foundation, thank you for your generosity and support, enabling us to provide many opportunities for our students. With your help, we can do more to truly unlock their potential.

John Maasland

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2020 GENEROSITY HIGHLIGHTS

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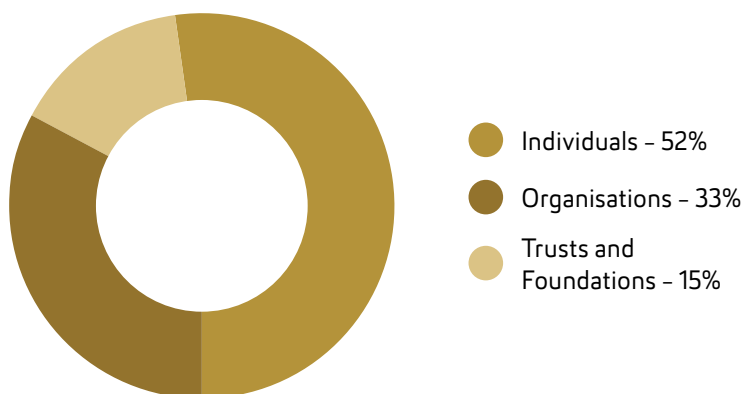
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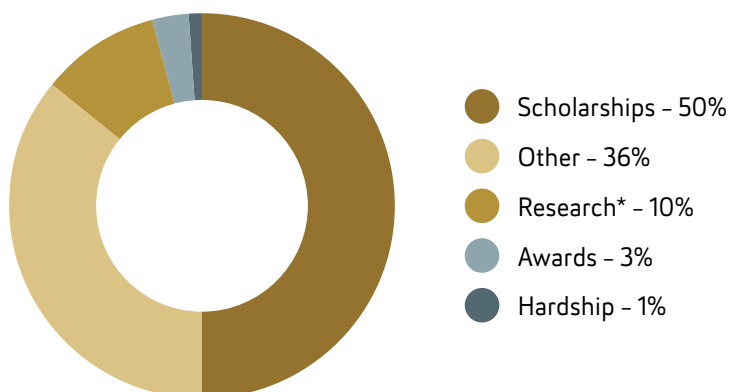
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SUPPORTING AOTEAROA'S RAINBOW COMMUNITY

AUT is blazing a trail in its support of young out and proud LGBTQI+ students.

It was the first university in the country to employ a full-time rainbow support person, has a dedicated safe space – the Rainbow Room – on its City Campus, and a highly active rainbow student network, OUT@AUT.

But AUT's support of Aotearoa's LGBTQI+ community extends well beyond the boundaries of its three Auckland campuses. The University is a committed advocate of the Rainbow New Zealand Charitable Trust, an organisation focused on fundraising and attracting sponsorship to help build strength through diversity within the rainbow community. Not only has AUT been a major sponsor of the Trust's annual fundraiser 'Rainbow Celebration GALA', but it was the first-ever organisation (and currently the only university) to partner with the Trust to co-fund scholarships that provide dedicated support to LGBTQI+ students.

Ruhith Pathirana (he/him), one of the 2021 Rainbow Community Trust AUT Scholarship recipients, says receiving the \$3000 scholarship has been "a surreal experience".

"I'm in my first year of a Bachelor of Design, majoring in Fashion Design, which is a major requiring an extensive list of equipment and infinite metres of fabric with every assignment. This scholarship has allowed me to buy the equipment and materials I need without restricting my creativity or forcing me to worry about my livelihood," says Ruhith.

But financial benefits are just the beginning.

"It has opened so many other doors and enabled me to meet some incredible people I would otherwise never have met. Surprisingly, even my mother has benefitted, as it has given her the chance to meet other parents who have had similar experiences."

Established in 2015, the scholarship is funded 50/50 by AUT and the Rainbow New Zealand Charitable Trust. Each year, two \$3000 scholarships are offered to first-year AUT students who identify as LGBTQI+, are seen as good role models, and have excelled in effort and achievement in their secondary education. According to Trust Chair Gresham Bradley (he/him), Ruhith wholeheartedly embodies the vision behind the scholarships, and shows great promise as a future leader for the rainbow community.

"We are seeking students who demonstrate leadership qualities and who have shown their commitment to the rainbow community in their schools and communities, while also supporting others and achieving academic excellence. Ruhith is a stellar example of this," says Gresham.



Dan Campbell (Rainbow New Zealand Charitable Trust), and Ruhith and Jessie (AUT).

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Rainbow Community Trust AUT Scholarship recipient Ruhith Pathirana

A former Mount Maunganui College student, Ruhith led the school’s GSA (Gay Straight Alliance), was a prefect, excelled academically and immersed himself in a wide range of school activities. Beyond the classroom he did volunteer work for the homeless and has received a string of regional and national fashion awards, including taking out the 2019 Gown of the Year award in the regional Pin’d Creative Showcase and placing second in the Senior Creative category of the 2019 national HETTANZ Fashion Awards.

AUT Rainbow Community Coordinator Jessie Lewthwaite (she/her) believes the scholarship, and the raft of other support offered to the University’s rainbow students, helps set AUT apart from other New Zealand tertiary institutions.

“We are leading New Zealand in providing dedicated support for rainbow students,” Jessie says.

“We champion success in minority communities that may not have the advantages of others, and by partnering with the Rainbow New

Zealand Charitable Trust, we help lift up future rainbow community leaders and enable them to be successful, strong and proud of their identity without compromise.”

Ruhith couldn’t agree more.

“Being a rainbow student at AUT has been phenomenal. This is a place where I’m able to feel ‘normal’ without fear of discrimination. To me, this scholarship highlights AUT’s progressive way of thinking and its authentic support for the LGBT+ community.”



The JELCKCA team in 2008. From left (back): Dr Stephen Hollings, Professor Will Hopkins, Dr Anna Lorimer, Ms Joanna Reeves, Dr Simon Pearson, Dr Lisa Keely, Dr Matt Brughelli, Mr Farhan Tinwala (front) Professor Elaine Rush, Professor Patria Hume, Professor Lindsay Carter, Dr Kelly Sheerin.

LEADING THE WORLD IN KINANTHROPOMETRY - THE STUDY OF MOVEMENT AND BODY COMPOSITION

Its revolutionary research has enhanced the performance of elite athletes and reduced injuries within a diverse range of sporting codes. But now the J.E. Lindsay Carter Kinanthropometry Clinic and Archive (JELCKCA) is turning its support to pregnant women.

Part of AUT Millennium's Sports Performance Research Institute New Zealand (SPRINZ), the kinanthropometry clinic has just launched a longitudinal research programme that will boost our knowledge of the powerful impact pregnancy has on body shape, size and functionality. Until now, little work has been done in this area, but researchers hope the results from the Te Kukunetanga Physical Evolution Through Pregnancy study will significantly improve health-related practices for pregnant women across the globe.

"A woman's body undergoes unique progressive changes in shape and size throughout pregnancy and in the six months after the birth," says JELCKCA director, Professor Patria Hume. "Although it's generally accepted that the physical changes experienced throughout this time

affect the way women walk, balance, exercise and carry out daily tasks, we currently have limited insight into how these relationships evolve across time and how they differ between women. By using 3D scanning and biomechanics of movement for women over multiple pregnancies, researchers will be able to gather vital foundational knowledge of the pregnancy journey."

This study is just one of a wealth of ground-breaking programmes and bodies of research to come out of JELCKCA, considered to be a global HQ for kinanthropometry. The lab was officially opened at the AUT North Campus in 2003, and the clinic and archive opened at AUT Millennium in 2012. Both facilities exist thanks to the generosity of trailblazing Kiwi Professor Lindsay Carter (considered to be the father of modern-day somatotyping, and

a pioneer in the field of applied anatomy and kinanthropometry). Lindsay has provided his mentorship, expertise, equipment, books and journal articles to JELCKCA, and has donated more than \$80,000 to ensure its ongoing success.

"Lindsay's ongoing benefactor support has resulted in AUT being known as a centre of research and teaching excellence in kinanthropometry. We've run internationally accredited courses at AUT that have led to internationally collaborative research projects and many PhD students."

These projects have ranged from the first-ever 3D anthropometric survey for the New Zealand Defence Force (which resulted in the application of 3D anthropometric data towards clothing research), all the way through to using anthropometric

dimensions to help Team New Zealand America's Cup sailors improve their grinding techniques, and New Zealand Olympic rowers to improve their boat set-up and enhance rowing performance.

"We're very grateful for the unwavering support Lindsay has provided AUT over the past two decades," says Patria, who first met Lindsay at Otago University when he mentored her in anthropometry, helping her become a Level 4 ISAK-accredited anthropometrist, the highest certification in the world.

"Without Lindsay's regular contributions we couldn't have achieved the impactful research that's made such a difference to New Zealand and globally. We've been able to produce quality research and teaching publications and have taught and mentored colleagues who

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JELCKCA director Professor Patria Hume

are now also contributing around the world. Lindsay's financial support has enabled us to purchase equipment, host sabbatical fellows, fund summer students, fund writing retreats, conduct large scale surveys and make invaluable international links."

Although Lindsay has been based in the USA for most of his academic career – and he's now Emeritus Professor at the San Diego State University – his commitment to JELCKCA has never waned.

"During my visits to AUT SPRINZ in recent decades I've been impressed with the vision and enthusiasm of the faculty led by Professor Patria Hume and her colleagues," says Lindsay.

"Their dedication to the clinic and the associated historical archive serve as a basis for graduate students from many countries who have sought advanced degrees under their direction. The courses in kinanthropometry and other areas are some of the best in the world."



Professor Lindsay Carter
at the lab opening.

WILLIAM GEORGETTI SCHOLARSHIP PAVES WAY FOR MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCE

Master of Creative Writing student and mental health advocate Thorne Snow is applying his skill to bring the world a very personal story. *'There's Something Wrong With Him'* is a creative non-fiction memoir exploring themes and issues around mental health, sexuality and suicide.

"This is probably the most personal thing I've ever done, I wanted it to really echo my own experience," Thorne explains from his Raglan bolthole – a perfect retreat from which to focus his output during the second year of the degree.

"My experiences have been extreme but not uncommon. I wanted to take them and pivot them into a book that bares what we all go through – but don't always talk about. Beyond that, I wanted to explore how others place narratives on us that aren't our own, and how we can overcome them." Thorne hopes it will one day become a resource schools use to teach and model resilience.

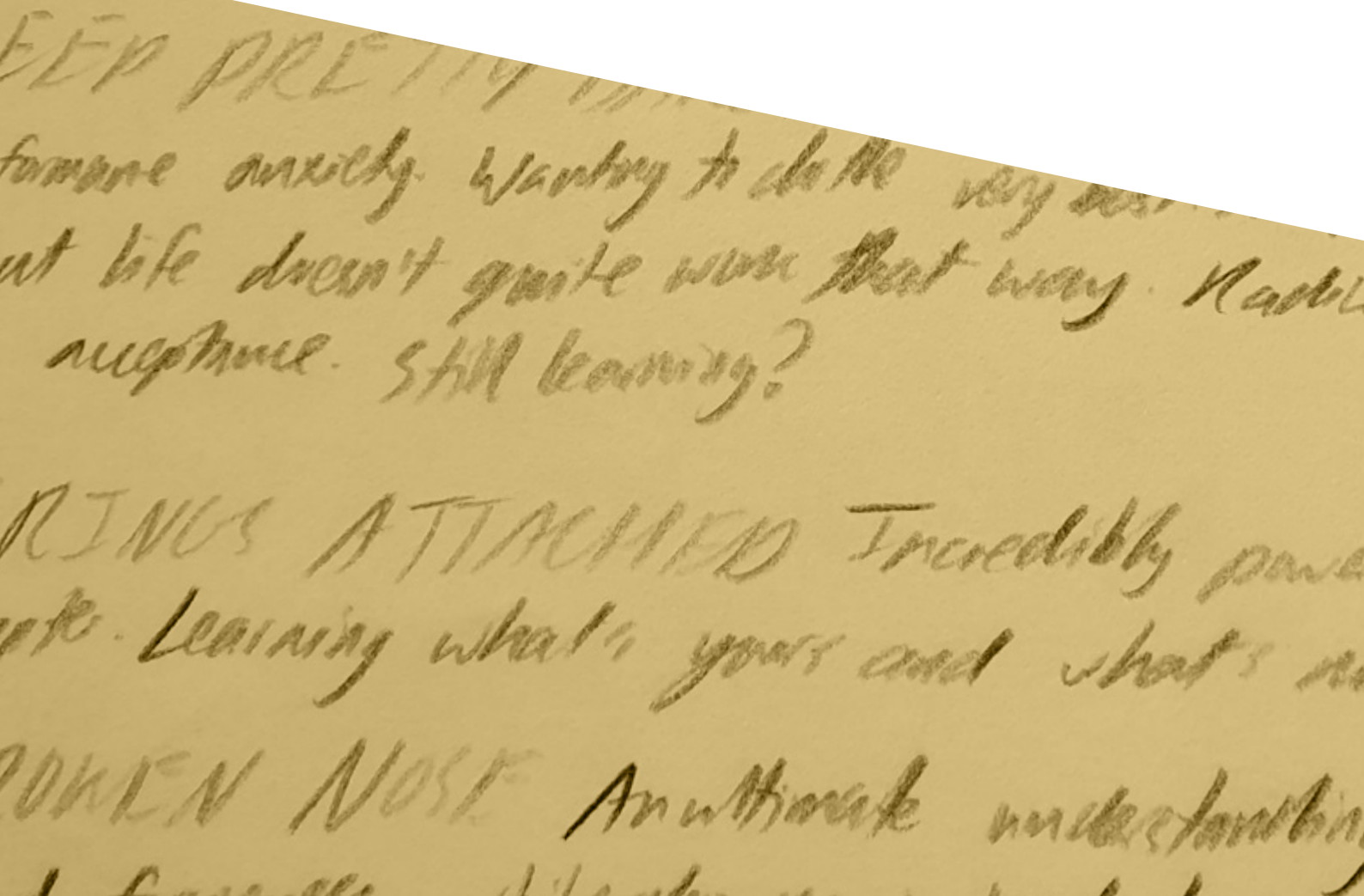
It's been a series of unexpected events since completing his Bachelor of Arts in English and New Media Studies, for which he was awarded a Dean's Prize for Excellence. The recipient of a Woolf Fisher First-in-Family AUT scholarship for his undergraduate degree, Thorne was not intending on further study but was inspired to consider it by Paul Mountfort, Chair of the AUT Centre for Creative Writing.

Applying for the William Georgetti Scholarship during early 2020 before COVID hit New Zealand, Thorne was surprised to find himself in front of a selection panel including Governor General Dame Patsy Reddy via Zoom.

The significant prize of \$20,000 has afforded him the opportunity to stop working part time and focus on his study.

"It was a lot last year. I had started off thinking I could study part time and work full time – I didn't know what I was setting myself up for!"

Nurturing scholars like Thorne through a programme of support for students at every stage of the academic lifecycle has become a focus for AUT.





Thorne overlooking the Raglan coast.

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The largest pool of the scholarships awarded to AUT students is funded and directed by AUT, and donor-funded scholarships like Woolf Fisher First-in-Family and Keir Trust Study Award are also exclusively available for AUT students.

The William Georgetti scholarship, like those offered by the Freemasons and Kate Edgar Educational Trust, is a significant award for which students across New Zealand universities compete.

Thorne was one of six 2020 recipients of the award established by the late Hawke’s Bay farmer William Georgetti to create opportunities for the “best brains” to benefit from his bequest. The scholarships encourage postgraduate study and research in a field important to New Zealand’s social, cultural or economic development.

Professor Peter Whiteford, Chair of Universities New Zealand’s Scholarship Committee who also chaired this selection panel, said the recipients will make a significant contribution to New Zealand’s development.

Of the opportunity afforded by the scholarship, Thorne says: “It’s very strange – it almost feels like divine intervention, so many things aligned that I didn’t plan for. I’m very very lucky to do this – a lot of my friends who are in their mid 20s are already burnt out, but I’ve been given the opportunity to sit still with everything that has brought me to now and turn it into a thesis. I’m so grateful for that.”

LINTON'S LEGACY LIVES ON

When Linton Giles stepped through the gates of AIT (now AUT) in 1995, he had big dreams of forging a career in the booming IT industry.

A devastating cancer diagnosis meant Linton's dream never became a reality. But for 20 years since his passing in 2000, his mum Jackie has supported other AUT students to achieve their goals through the Linton Giles Memorial Cup.

"There are two reasons," says Jackie. "First, it helps young people financially – and in my experience students are always broke! And second, it keeps my son's spirit alive."

Gifted each year to the top master's graduate who previously completed the Bachelor of Computer and Information Sciences, the \$750 award, co-sponsored by AUT, supports students on a similar trajectory as Linton's once was.

Recognising Linton's outstanding academic ability, determination and professional attitude, the Exam Board awarded his National Diploma in Business Computing posthumously.

"I was deeply moved by this. It felt like a vindication of his courage and determination. Studying at AUT was something Linton loved and I'm very grateful that his brain tumour didn't interfere with his intelligence. He remained my son right until the end."



"I have nothing but appreciation for the Giles family for being award donors for the last 20 years."

Reginal Naidu, 2020 recipient of the Linton Giles Memorial Cup

For 2020 award recipient Reginal Naidu, Jackie's generosity means more than money.

"I have nothing but appreciation for the Giles family for being award donors for the last 20 years," says Reginal, who recently completed his Master of Information Security and Digital Forensics and is now working for Fisher & Paykel Healthcare. "I've told my mum that if something ever happens to me, I want my savings to be used to help students, in a similar way to what the Giles family has done."

The Cup has benefitted me in so many ways. Having such an award on my resume and LinkedIn makes me stand out and provides a talking point as to why I won the award."

The Cup contributes to AUT's celebration of student success, according to Senior Lecturer Stephen Thorpe.

"This prize speaks volumes to a student that valued his educational experience with us. It's a symbol of determination, of guts and of the partnership that we play as educators in helping students with significant health challenges to succeed," Stephen says.

Although Linton was never given the opportunity to graduate, his legacy will continue to inspire technically minded students for many years to come.



Linton and his wife
Adrienne.



Primary researcher and practising midwife Adrienne Priday hopes the research will inspire health practitioners.

GENEROUS GRANT FACILITATES UNIQUE IMMUNISATION STUDY

A new AUT research trial – made possible thanks to a \$35,000 grant from Middlemore Clinical Trials and Kidz First Children's Hospital – could help lift poor rates of maternal immunisation in New Zealand's lowest socio economic areas.

The study aims to understand why so many women in high deprivation communities struggle to have access to, or opt out of, having free – and recommended – Boostrix and flu vaccines during pregnancy.

According to Counties Manukau Health statistics, in the year to March 2021, just 41.4% of pregnant women were vaccinated for pertussis and 44.7% for influenza.

Primary researcher Adrienne Priday has been a practising midwife in South Auckland for 26 years and believes a lack of meaningful communication around how the vaccine is transmitted to the unborn child is a big part of the problem.

"I know from first-hand experience that if you take the time to explain the science around how maternal immunisations actually work, women are far more able to make informed

decisions," she says. "You see the light go on, and women say to me, 'If I'd known that I would have said yes the first time'."

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Adrienne hopes the research will inspire GPs, practice nurses and maternity health service providers to pay more attention to their communications so pregnant women have a clear understanding of how vaccines protect their infants in their first months of life.

Adrienne has a research team of Māori (Teresa Krishnan, Stacey Gillard- Tito) and Pākehā (Janine Clemons, Judith McAra-Couper) midwives, helping her conduct the study – 'Women's knowledge,

attitudes and access to maternal immunisation (vaccinations) in pregnancy'.

While some research has been undertaken by the Pharmacy Guild and the Immunisation Advisory Centre, this is the first time a study of this sort

has focused on Counties Manukau. "There are a lot of people extremely interested in this study because of the low uptake of maternal vaccinations in high deprivation areas across New Zealand."

The trial results are expected by the end of 2021. In the meantime, Adrienne is hatching new ideas for further research. "A bigger study may be worthwhile. I'd also be interested in developing a tool that can be used in antenatal waiting rooms ... This could be just the beginning!"

NEW PRIZE A TRIBUTE TO CHAMPION OF EDUCATION



George Broad with daughter Helen on his 90th birthday.

At 91, George Broad's inquisitive mind, passion for social justice and belief in the power of education to improve lives are enduring qualities. In pursuit of improving his own future, he trained in accountancy as well as architecture. But it was as an educator in the '60s at the institution now known as AUT that he found his calling.

"One of the things we pushed for was that anybody who started in education, which is everyone in New Zealand, should have the opportunity to go as far as their abilities could take them," says George, whose name is now attributed to one of AUT's newest academic prizes.

The George Broad prize of \$500 is an annual award for a student who has demonstrated a commitment to engaging with issues of social justice and was a gift from George's family to honour him on his 90th birthday.

His daughter Helen says it is a fitting tribute for a man who dedicated a lifetime of service to education, embraced new ideas and championed apprenticeships and trade training as well as equity in the workplace.

"Both my parents worked for social justice their whole lives, and also believed in limiting consumption and minimising our impact on the planet," she says. "Therefore, we knew that Dad didn't want more 'things' to mark his birthday."

At Seddon Memorial Technical College George had taught trades at night school – he specialised in boiler making. Then, as a founding staff member of the Auckland Institute of Technology, he became one the first to teach courses dedicated to full-time adult education. He was also committed to encouraging women into the trades.

"One of the things we pushed for was that anybody who started in education, which is everyone in New Zealand, should have the opportunity to go as far as their abilities could take them."

His architecture skills came in handy as the institute developed. George provided architectural drawings for the first AIT workshops and buildings in which he taught.

Helen says George is delighted that this prize will recognise the efforts of students to promote the wellbeing of our society. "He was deeply touched and thought it was a wonderful idea, as he is very proud of his service to education."

The first recipient of the George Broad Prize has recently been named as Melita Foster, a 2020 Bachelor of Arts graduate who majored in Social Sciences.



AUT RESEARCHERS TEAM UP FOR CHILD WELFARE

A new risk stratification tool developed by the AUT Centre for Social Data Analytics (CSDA) is helping protect the welfare of vulnerable children and families more than 10,000 kilometres away.

Working closely with US-based data and research collaborative, the Children's Data Network (CDN) AUT researchers have built a risk stratification model (RSM) that alerts frontline staff at the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) – America's largest child protection agency – to the most complex child maltreatment cases currently under investigation.

The model provides agency staff with an effective way of looking at child welfare data, and gives them a quick snapshot of family history, including any prior referrals. By deciphering which cases are the most complex, DCFS staff can increase their involvement, and offer additional support to the highest risk families.

Several other universities are also collaborating on the wider CDN-led project, including the University of Southern California, University of North Carolina, UC Berkeley and Carnegie Mellon University. AUT's involvement has been assisted by the AUT Foundation's aligned US charity Friends of AUT Inc, and a US\$50,000

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donation from Reissa Foundation – a family foundation committed to addressing social problems and improving the lives of vulnerable populations in California and Texas.

“We hope the model will help improve the safety of children, reduce racial disparities and create more data informed child protection practice,” says CSDA director Rhema Vaithianathan, who has spent the past six years working with CDN on other predictive risk modelling tools and models for US health and human services agencies.

This latest project, which kicked off in June 2020, has involved several members of the CSDA team, with technical work led by Senior Data Scientist Diana Benavides Prado. Three LA County Departments of Children and Family Services offices are about to start trialling the new model and, if successful, this trial may be followed by a full rollout across LA County.

Forging closer ties between AUT and its USA-based alumni is a top priority for non-profit organisation Friends of AUT Inc. Not only does Friends of AUT explore educational and research partnership opportunities, but it operates a programme for charitable organisations to make themselves known to potential donors within the USA philanthropic community and acts as a custodian for donations to AUT in the USA.

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Student Advisor Rachel McLauchlan assists a student in the Student Hub in the City campus.

SUPPORTING STUDENTS BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Students in financial hardship have been thrown a lifeline thanks to a unique Student Support Fund launched after lockdown.

Offering one-off payments to students who have exhausted all other financial support, the fund hopes to help alleviate the monetary stress experienced in the wake of COVID-19.

Student Hub Advisor Rachel McLauchlan says in the past 18 months the number of people needing assistance has skyrocketed – in 2019 just 438 students accessed the Hub's financial services, compared to a whopping 1,427 in 2020.

"Often students are living week to week from the limited income they receive, so when unexpected events or costs arise, it can be very overwhelming for them to figure out how they're going to pay for their groceries or transport," says Rachel.

The new fund has been made possible through the generosity of AUT staff, who can contribute via one-off donations or more regularly through payroll giving.

Already 32 employees have made donations, including AUT Art and Design Professor Welby Ings, who says it's an easy yet meaningful way to contribute to student success.

Instead of slipping a struggling student some money, food or petrol vouchers, the fund provides a hassle-free yet high impact way for staff to truly make a difference.

"During the COVID lockdown, some colleagues and I encountered students in really difficult circumstances. I mean *really* difficult."

AUT art and design professor Welby Ings

"During the COVID lockdown, some colleagues and I encountered students in really difficult circumstances. I mean really difficult," says Welby, who has been contributing via payroll giving for the past year.

"Originally for me it was going to be just a short-term thing to help out during the crisis, but the situation continues, so the fund enables me to easily renew a small percentage of my income as a contribution that's taken out at source."

"People help in lots of different ways. Some people gift time, some emotional support, some help by assisting students navigate networks. The Student Support Fund is just easier for me because I am a bit 'time poor'. It's a win-win!," adds Welby.

You can find more information or donate on aut.ac.nz/giving/ssf



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Viiga Alapati

Bachelor of Business
Woolf Fisher First-in-Family AUT
Scholarship

Vinci Sharma

Master of Information Security and
Digital Forensics
Chillisoft-ESET Cyber Security
Scholarship

Whitney Amadia

Bachelor of Health Science
(Midwifery)
Women on Campus Millennium
Scholarship

Yufei Wang

Bachelor of Architecture and
Future Environments
Keir Trust Study Award

Zach McKenzie

Bachelor of Business
Keir Trust Study Award

Zane Kelbrick

Bachelor of Creative Technologies
Fuji Xerox AUT Undergraduate
Scholarship

* These are scholars who have received an externally funded scholarship facilitated by the AUT Foundation. AUT also provides a wide range of other scholarships that are reported on separately.

LOOKING AHEAD

LEAVING A LEGACY FOR SUSTAINABLE CHANGE

Each year at AUT, programmes, departments, staff and students are supported – and uplifted – through the incredible generosity of donors.

Not only does their benefaction finance projects, fund research and support scholars, but each contribution plays an invaluable role in cementing AUT's place as one of the world's best modern universities.

Bequests make up a significant portion of these donations, and according to Director of Advancement Chris Klaassen, are a powerful way to create a lasting legacy.

"A bequest can only be made through a will and is often referred to as a legacy gift because it allows funding of certain programmes, people or initiatives in perpetuity when the corpus funds are invested well," Chris says.

A bequest's potential to keep giving long after the donor has gone is a strong motivator. But there are many other reasons people choose to leave something in their wills to organisations like AUT.

"They may want to promote their values, support issues they're passionate about, or honour a loved one. They may be giving back to an organisation that's been of value to them or are inspired by the work it does to change or save lives. Some donors feel they're only trustees of their money and find it fulfilling to use it to help those in need."

Whatever their driving force, the impact is significant – and AUT's Planned Giving Programme helps

encourage and facilitate the process. It also brings big benefits not just to the institution, but to the donors themselves.

"Our Planned Giving Programme is an intentionally and proactively managed programme that encourages supporters of AUT to consider leaving us something in their will. Most New Zealanders don't have a will, so in addition to asking them to make a bequest, we can also be proactive in encouraging people to consider the future of their estate. Many donors don't realise the benefits they can receive during their lifetime as a result of planning a gift now."

Have you considered a legacy bequest gift to be managed by AUT Foundation?

We welcome you to get in touch with the AUT Foundation to discuss how your legacy can support AUT's mission of creating great graduates and an exceptional inclusive future for New Zealand.



Taalolo (right) with her family in Samoa.

SUPPORTING STUDENTS TO SOAR

The late Nita Parke never met Taalolo Lino, but you can bet she would have been proud of her.

“Any scholarship, whether big or small, leaves a positive imprint, and is a constant reminder that there are wonderful strangers in the world who are blessings in disguise.”

Doug Parke Memorial Scholarship recipient Taalolo Lino

Taalolo was the 2019 recipient of AUT’s Doug Parke Memorial Scholarship, a Business School scholarship made possible thanks to Nita’s generosity and desire to honour her late husband Douglas – a man who enjoyed a rewarding career as an accountant, and eventually became Assistant Commissioner, Taxation.

By bequeathing an endowment to create the scholarship, Nita has been supporting AUT accounting students in need of financial assistance since her death in 2006. For mum of two and Bachelor of Business graduate Taalolo, it’s been a godsend.

“The scholarship was our saving grace while going through a rough patch,” explains Taalolo, who moved from Samoa to New Zealand in 2005.

“I was working 40 hours a week and studying full-time, taking naps in my car between shifts and classes.”

The schedule was unsustainable – something had to give.

“It was a really tough choice. I chose to continue with my studies but that decision came with so much sacrifice. The money I’d been earning helped pay our bills, put food on the table and looked after our children. The scholarship took an enormous financial weight off our shoulders and made such a difference in our lives.”

Now Taalolo has a job she loves as an assistant accountant and has just embarked on AUT’s Master of Business pathway specialising in accounting. Her ultimate goal is to become a Chartered Accountant – and thanks in part to Doug and Nita Parke, she’s on track to achieve it.

“We all go through different hardships and these scholarships are life-changing. Any scholarship, whether big or small, leaves a positive imprint, and is a constant reminder that there are wonderful strangers in the world who are blessings in disguise.

“The Doug Parke Memorial Scholarship has helped me get where I am today and motivates me daily. I work hard not just for myself and my family, but for the kind strangers who wanted to make a positive difference in someone’s life – someone who didn’t have the financial means to take that next step but had the potential to soar.

“Thanks so much Doug and Nita Parke – your wealth has not gone to waste. We did it!”

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE REVENUE AND EXPENSES

For the Year Ended 31 December 2020

	2020 \$	2019 \$
Donations, Grants & Bequests Received	954,162	1,268,514
Other Revenue	46,422	22,349
Total Revenue	1,000,584	1,290,863
Distributions and Grants	876,301	856,255
Operating Expenditure	12,130	11,768
Total Expenses	888,431	868,023
Total Comprehensive Revenue and Expenses	116,600	422,840

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the Year Ended 31 December 2020

	2020 \$	2019 \$
Accumulated Funds at the Beginning of the Year	1,950,319	1,527,479
Total Comprehensive Revenue and Expenses	116,600	422,840
Accumulated Funds at the End of the Year	2,066,919	1,950,319

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 31 December 2020

	2020 \$	2019 \$
AUT Foundation Equity at the End of Year	2,066,919	1,950,319
Represented by:		
Current Assets	2,041,871	1,886,807
Non Current Assets	217,313	212,866
Current Liabilities	192,265	149,354
Net Assets	2,066,919	1,950,319

These summary financial statements have been extracted from the AUT Foundation's 2020 audited financial statements but are themselves unaudited. They are provided to give interested persons a succinct overview of the AUT Foundation's financial performance.

The full and audited financial statements (which give a more complete understanding of the financial performance, financial position and cash flows of the AUT Foundation) are available from the Charities Commission or can be requested by emailing foundation@aut.ac.nz.



GET INVOLVED

If you are interested in supporting AUT's mission, we'd love you to join us.

You can support AUT in many ways by directing generosity into something you care about, for example:



Student awards, scholarships and prizes



Support for students through contributions to living costs, and tutoring



Academic programmes and positions



Resources and equipment



Capital projects

You can make a difference by donating through your business, making one-off or regular donations or by leaving a gift in your will to extend your support well beyond your lifetime.

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