



## Student Guidelines - Woolf Fisher First-in-Family AUT Scholarship

**Closing date 1st September (for first-year study commenced Semester 1 in year of application)**

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### **Purpose**

The *Woolf Fisher First-in-Family AUT Scholarship* was established in 2014 by the Woolf Fisher Trust to 'break the cycle' and encourage students from families with no history of degree level study and for whom university study is a challenge for family for financial and/or cultural reasons to enable them to participate in university education.

### **Value and Tenure**

- Up to thirteen scholarships will be awarded annually, however this number may vary from year to year.
- Scholars eligible for the Government's fees free, during the term of their scholarship:
  - Enrolled in the first and second year of study, of a three year degree, will receive the full amount of the tuition fee and the compulsory student services fee for full-time study for the first and second year of enrolment.
  - Enrolled in their first, second and third year of study, on completion of semester 1 papers each year, will be awarded a Woolf Fisher First in Family AUT scholarship of \$2,500 in their first, second and third year of enrollment.
- Scholar's who do not qualify for the Government's fees free, during the term of their scholarship:
  - Enrolled in their first, second and third year of study, of a three year degree, will receive the full amount of the tuition fee and the compulsory student services fee for full-time study for their first, second and third year of enrolment.
- The tenure of the scholarship is for three years of full-time study. Consideration will be given for a fourth year for applicants enrolling in a four year degree programme.

### **Eligibility Criteria**

1. Applicants for a *Woolf Fisher First-in-Family AUT Scholarship* must be the first-in-family to seek to complete a degree. First-in-family normally means that neither of the applicant's birth parents has successfully completed a degree level qualification.
2. An applicant with brothers or sisters enrolled in, or with a degree, will be eligible to apply for a *Woolf Fisher First-in-Family AUT Scholarship*, however, priority may be given to an applicant who is the first child in the family to enrol in a degree.
3. Applicants must be able to demonstrate financial hardship.
4. Applicants must have university entrance or equivalent and meet the AUT programme entry requirements.
5. An applicant must be a New Zealand citizen and have attended a secondary school in New Zealand for at least two years.
6. Preference will be given to applicants from South Auckland who can demonstrate a commitment to bringing about change in their community

## Application requirements

Applicants will apply through the AUT Scholarships on-line portal and must apply for admission prior to applying for this scholarship. The following documentation needs to be uploaded in the portal:

- Certified copies of academic records to date including NCEA results or equivalent and grades from study in semester 1 at AUT.
- A list of academic achievements, leadership positions, sporting and cultural involvement and community involvements;
- A statement of the applicant's determination to succeed in their chosen course of study and to contribute to their community.

Applicants will be asked to declare in their application:

- Neither of the applicant's birth parents has successfully completed a degree level qualification.
- Any current or past degree programme enrolments of their brothers and sisters.
- Their willingness to act as a mentor to future first year Woolf Fisher First in Family AUT Scholars.

## Selection

- Applications will be considered and shortlisted by a selection panel [appointed by](#) the AUT Foundation after Semester 1 academic results are released.
- The *Woolf Fisher First-in-Family AUT Scholarship* will be awarded by the AUT Foundation.
- The decision of the AUT Foundation is final. If, in the opinion of the AUT Foundation, no applicant of sufficient merit has applied for the *Woolf Fisher First-in-Family AUT Scholarship* in a given year, no scholarship shall be offered that year.

## Conditions of award

- The scholarship is for full-time study only, such that the recipient may complete their degree in the minimum time stipulated for that degree (normally three years, and on occasion four years).
- A *Woolf Fisher First-in-Family AUT Scholarship* may not be held in conjunction with any other fees scholarship. The recipient may hold additional non-tuition fee based scholarships with the approval of the AUT Foundation.
- Annual renewal of the *Woolf Fisher First-in-Family AUT Scholarship* is conditional upon the student passing *all* papers during the tenure of the scholarship, thereby completing the degree in the minimum time. In exceptional circumstances this condition may be waived.
- Students will be required to have regular contact and meetings with their designated AUT Student Services support centre staff member (Student Advisor).
- The AUT Foundation may at any time suspend or terminate the *Woolf Fisher First-in-Family AUT Scholarship*, or require the forfeiture of such proportion of the scholarship as the AUT Foundation may determine, if it is not satisfied that the recipient is diligently pursuing the approved program or if the recipient has failed to comply with any of the terms and conditions on which the scholarship was awarded.
- The *Woolf Fisher First-in-Family AUT Scholarship* must be taken up for the year for which it was offered and may not be deferred to a later year.

- The *Woolf Fisher First-in-Family AUT Scholarship* may not be deferred nor suspended during the tenure, except under special circumstances.