

Eric and Kathy Hertz Māori and Pacific USA Exchange Scholarships

Closing date: 15 November (for exchange in Semester 1) and 15 May (for exchange in Semester 2)

In conjunction with a generous donation from the Trilogy International Foundation AUT Business School are pleased to be able to offer a scholarship to provide students in their undergraduate Bachelor of Business Studies, the opportunity to undertake an international exchange at a business school in the U.S.A. The aim of the Eric and Kathy Hertz USA Exchange Scholarships is to offer financial assistance for Māori or Pacific students that may find hardship in funding an exchange.

AMOUNT AND TYPE OF AWARD

- There are five Eric and Kathy Hertz USA Exchange Scholarships offered per year to Māori and Pacific students currently studying the Bachelor of Business programme.
- For Semester 2, 2024 the scholarship consists of up to \$8,000 (depending on the current US/NZ exchange rate) for each recipient to be used to support the travel and accommodation costs associated with their approved international exchange.
- The exchange must be taken within the US partner schools.

TENURE

- The tenure of this scholarship is for one semester only.

CRITERIA

All applicants for these scholarships must:

- Be New Zealand citizens or permanent residents.
- Be of Māori or Pasifika descent
- Be enrolled full-time in an undergraduate programme in the AUT Business School.
- Demonstrate a satisfactory academic record normally with a minimum B grade average.
- Be nominated or accepted for an international exchange by an AUT Business School approved business school partner.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must complete the AUT on-line scholarship application form and upload:

- A written statement outlining (1) which business school the applicant has been accepted into and why they chose that school; (2) how the international exchange experience will benefit the applicant; (3) the financial circumstances that would make it difficult to undertake an overseas exchange; and (4) the ability to fund the balance of the costs associated with the exchange if their application is successful (a one semester exchange generally incurs a cost of \$10,000- \$12,000 depending on the destination).

Applicants must nominate two referees' in the application portal who can support their application. At least one referee must attest to the applicant's financial position

CONDITIONS OF SELECTION AND ACCEPTANCE

- Recipients will be selected by the scholarship selection panel, comprising the Business School Deputy Dean and the Associate Dean International.
- The decision of the scholarship selection panel is final.
- If the panel is of opinion that there is no applicant of sufficient merit, the scholarship will not be awarded.
- Recipients must complete the exchange as approved.
- Recipients must write a report and submit the report to the Business School Associate Dean International on their exchange experience and the outcomes from it within one month of the completion of their exchange.
- Recipients must complete a video testimonial before and after the exchange.