

AUT Inspire Her: Te Whakatipuranga Wahine Scholarships

Closing date: 15 December

Auckland University of Technology (AUT) provides undergraduate scholarships to recognise student academic achievement and contribution to school and community. As well as recognising academic achievement, these scholarships also recognise potential leadership ability and contribution to the school, community or cultural pursuits or sport at a representative level.

In response to AUT's commitments to Te Tiriti o Waitangi and equity, the scholarships are available to Māori and Pacific wahine students who attend the Inspire Her: Te Whakatipuranga Wahine event in the year of application.

VALUE OF AWARD

- **First Year** – Stipend \$4,000.
- **Second Year** – Full tuition fees and compulsory student services fee plus a stipend of \$2,000.
- **Third Year** - Full tuition fees and compulsory student services fee plus a stipend of \$2,000.
- **Fourth Year** - Full tuition fees and compulsory student services fee.

NUMBER OF AWARDS

School of Engineering, Computer and Mathematical Sciences

- 3 scholarships for Māori or Pacific wahine

TENURE

- The scholarship is awarded for a maximum of four years (depending on the student's approved programme of study) subject to the student passing *all* papers in each year of study. Academic progress will be monitored each semester.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Applicants must have attended the Inspire Her: Te Whakatipuranga Wahine Event.
- Applicants must be domestic students (NZ Citizen or NZ Permanent Resident).
- 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 within the school of Engineering, Computer and Mathematical Sciences. A degree pathway study programme may be approved at the discretion of the relevant school.
- Applicants must be registered in the AUT student management system as Māori or Pacific ethnicity.
- 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.
- Applicants must enrol full-time (no less than 120pts per annum).
- Applicants will be expected to demonstrate potential for leadership

- Applicants will have, as a minimum, one of the following:
 - NCEA 220 rank score
 - CIE a minimum of 160 points on the UCAS Tariff
 - IB Principal's predicted score of 24

Information to assist in calculating the rank score is available from the on-line Scholarships Application Form and from [Secondary Schools Scholarships - AUT](#).

The rank score is calculated by taking the 80 best credits in University Entrance approved subjects (or in subjects leading to university approved subjects) studied in the year prior to application only and at Level 2 NCEA, AS (CIE) level or above. A maximum of 24 credits only may be used in any one subject. Students who have been accelerated may use relevant subjects from the year prior to this, providing only a total of 24 credits in each subject is used.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applications will open in October of the year prior to the commencement of study at AUT. Applicants must complete the *AUT Inspire Her: Te Whakatipuranga Wahine Scholarship Application* online through the [AUT Scholarships Database](#).

Applicants will be required to upload:

- A *one-page* personal statement explaining the reasons for wishing to attend AUT, the academic goals they hope to achieve and any career aspirations they have. Applicants should also state why they believe they merit the scholarship. The personal statement must also include an outline of the leadership positions or responsibilities the applicant has held within their school or community.
- A current 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.

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

CONDITIONS OF ACCEPTANCE

- The award of this scholarship is conditional on the student gaining entry to an AUT bachelor's degree programme (or approved degree pathway study) for Semester One in the year following application.
- 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. In such cases, the value of the scholarship will be reduced pro-rata.
- The first year of the award will be paid as a tax-free stipend allowance into the student's personal bank account in four instalments (two instalments each semester).
- The second and third years will be paid directly to the scholar's fees account with AUT plus a tax-free stipend allowance into the student's personal bank account in four instalments (two instalments each semester).
- The fourth year (if applicable) will be paid directly to the scholar's fees account with AUT

- The recipient may hold other non-AUT scholarships with the approval of the Scholarships Office.
- A condition of the Scholarship is that students agree to complete a progress report at the first mid-semester break in their first year of study.
- 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.
- Annual renewal of the scholarship is conditional upon the student passing all papers in each year of study. Academic progress will be monitored each semester by the Scholarships Office.
- Scholars may appeal if there are compelling reasons for not meeting these requirements. Such an appeal must be supported by the scholar's student advisor and Faculty and will be considered on one occasion only during the scholarship tenure. Should a scholar who fails a paper successfully appeal to have the scholarship reinstated, the scholarship will not pay for a resit of failed paper(s).
- 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 total value of the scholarship received.