

AUT Ki Uta Ki Tai – Aspire Scholarship

Closing date: Available until all spaces are filled

University education can be financially demanding – but the benefits are considerable. At AUT, we want to encourage students who are facing financial barriers to undertake tertiary studies by offering a unique scholarship package that includes both financial and other support that is aimed at helping students to succeed in their studies.

AUT is helping to break down these financial barriers by offering 200 scholarships to those who are new to study at AUT in Semester 1, 2025.

TENURE

The scholarship is awarded for a maximum of two years.

VALUE OF AWARD

An award of over \$8,000.00 to support full-time study (120 points per year) in a bachelor's degree programme at AUT, paid as follows:

- **First Year** – a contribution towards fees of \$4000.00
- **Second Year** – a contribution towards fees of \$4000.00
- **Third Year** – anticipating fees free if your studies are successfully completed (paid by NZ Government at the end of the year)

OTHER BENEFITS INCLUDED WITH THIS SCHOLARSHIP:

- AUT branded hoodie
- One-to-one course and career counselling and tour
- AUT Wallet - \$25.00 credit p/week for AUT outlets, printing, South/ City shuttle
- Gym – free membership (all campus access)
- Library workshops including, but not limited to, academic writing, APA referencing, time management
- Regular career and employability sessions, financial support, money coaching and mental health counselling.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Applicants must be domestic students (NZ Citizen, NZ Permanent Resident or Resident Visa).
- Applicants must be new to tertiary study and enrolling for the first time in a bachelor's degree programme at AUT
- Applicants will be asked to provide their AUT Student ID in the box provided on the application form. This can be obtained by applying to at AUT.
- Applicants must enrol or have applied to enrol full-time (no less than 120 points per annum).
- Applicants must have a minimum rank score of NCEA 120. CIE 120, or 24 for IB Information to assist calculating the rank score is available from the online Scholarships Application Form and from [Secondary Schools Scholarships](#).

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.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must complete the *AUT Ki Uta Ki Tai – Aspire Scholarship* application online through the [AUT Scholarships Database](#).

Applicants will be required to:

- Upload a *one-page (up to 500 words)* 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 should receive the scholarship including any financial hardship or other barriers to tertiary study they may face.
- Provide 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.

Endorsement: Applicants must nominate one person to confirm that the circumstances they have outlined in their personal statement are true and that they support their application for

this scholarship. The nominated endorser will be sent an email from the application portal and be requested to tick a box to confirm the applicant's situation.

- The endorsement should be from the school, cultural group (e.g. a [Kaumātua](#)), religious group, sports club, workplace or a community organisation.

All documentation must be received by the closing date, inclusive of the endorsement, 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 for Semester 1, 2025.
- Where an applicant has applied for an undergraduate degree, but they are advised by AUT to enrol in a pathway programme, we will review your eligibility for the Scholarship on a case-by-case basis.
- Scholars will enrol in no less than 120 points each year during the tenure of the scholarship. Permission to study less than 120 points will only be given in exceptional circumstances. In such cases the value of the scholarship will be reduced pro-rata.
- The recipient may hold other non-AUT 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.
- 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 at least 50% of their courses in each year of study. Academic progress will be monitored each semester.
- Annual renewal of the scholarship is conditional upon the student engaging with support services as encompassed in the scholarship offering, including one meeting per semester in Year 1 with an assigned case manager and attendance at assigned library workshops to support academic progression

- 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 course successfully appeal to have the scholarship reinstated, the scholarship will not pay for a resit of failed course(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 full value of the scholarship received.