

AUT Find Your Greatness Scholarships - School Leaver

Closing date: 1 September

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.

CATEGORY OF AWARD

AUT Find Your Greatness Scholarships are available to high achieving secondary school students who are intending to enrol in bachelor's degree study at AUT in Semester One of the year following application. Applicants will be considered in four categories:

- **Academic Excellence** – Students demonstrating leadership through academic excellence
- **All Rounder** - Academically able students demonstrating leadership through achievement at a high level in school, sporting, cultural pursuits or community involvement
- **Kiwa** - Academically able students demonstrating leadership potential who register with either Māori or Pacific ethnicity in the AUT student management system (Arion)
- **Hiki Ake (Lift Up)** - Academically able students demonstrating leadership potential and who are also experiencing significant financial hardship or other barriers making it difficult to undertake tertiary study.

TENURE

- The scholarship is awarded for a maximum of three years subject to the student passing *all* papers in each year of study. Academic progress will be monitored each semester.

VALUE OF AWARD

The scholarship is to support full-time study (120 points per year) in a bachelor's degree programme at AUT, paid as follows as determined by the recipient's fees free entitlement:

Third Year Fees Free

- **First Year** – paid as either:
 - Option 1:** Full rent rebate at Te Ahuru Mayoral Drive student accommodation facility for the academic year. The scholarship *does not contribute to* accommodation application fee, student residential life fees or other costs related to living in student accommodation; *or*
 - Option 2:** A contribution towards fees of \$8,000.
- **Second Year** - A contribution towards fees of \$4,000.
- **Third Year** - \$2,000 paid into the student's personal bank account in two equal instalments throughout the academic year (one instalment each semester).

OR

No Fees Free Entitlement

- **First Year** – paid as either:
 - Option 1:** Full rent rebate at Te Ahuru Mayoral Drive student accommodation facility for the academic year. The scholarship *does not contribute to* accommodation application fee, student residential life fees or other costs related to living in student accommodation; *or*
 - Option 2:** A contribution towards fees of \$8,000.
- **Second Year** - A contribution towards fees of \$4,000.
- **Third Year** - A contribution towards fees of \$2,000 (if the student requests that it is paid to fees due to not being eligible for fees free).

NOTE: *Programme specific awards funded by faculties or schools have a first-year value of a contribution to fees of \$8,000 only. Programme specific awards cannot be used for accommodation.*

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Applicants must be domestic students (NZ Citizen, NZ Permanent Resident or Resident Visa).
- 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.
- 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 250 rank score
 - CIE a minimum of 200 points on the UCAS Tariff
 - IB Principal's predicted score 28

Information to assist 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 June of the year prior to commencement of study at AUT. Applicants must complete the *AUT School Leaver Scholarship Application* online through the [AUT Scholarships Database](#).

Applicants will be required to state the following:

- their reasons for wishing to attend AUT.
- any career aspirations they have.
- why they believe they merit the scholarship.
- an outline of the leadership positions or responsibilities the applicant has held within their school or community.
- If the applicant identifies as Māori or Pacific, they should also outline their cultural involvement.
- If the applicant has indicated that they are facing significant financial hardship or personal circumstances which make it difficult to undertake tertiary study, they will be required to outline their situation and asked to request a reference attesting to the student's circumstances.
- 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.

REFERENCES: Applicants must nominate two character references in support of their application. Nominated referees will be sent an email from the application portal.

- One referee should be from the school, cultural group (e.g. a Kaumātua), religious group, sports club, work place or a community organization. If the applicant has indicated that they are facing significant financial hardship or personal circumstances which make it difficult to undertake tertiary study, this reference request will need to be sent to someone who can also attest to the student's circumstances.
- The second must be from their Principal or Principal's nominee. If the applicant is studying IB this should include the Principal's predicted IB score.
- Applicants should not send both reference requests to the same person.

All documentation must be received by the closing date, inclusive of reference statements, 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 One of 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 award will be paid in accordance with the option selected by the recipient, either as rent rebate for a room at Te Āhuru Mayoral Drive student accommodation facility, or as a contribution to fees direct to the scholar's fees account with AUT.
- The second and third year will be paid as a contribution to fees direct to the scholar's fees account with AUT.
- Where the scholar is entitled to third year fees free then the third year of award will be paid to the student's personal bank account in two instalments (one instalment each semester).
- Recipients choosing the option of a rent rebate must be willing to be fully vaccinated should NZ Government health orders, AUT or Accommodation Provider require vaccination. They also must reside in AUT's Te Āhuru Mayoral Drive Student Accommodation during the 40-week accommodation block in the first year of the scholarship. Failure to do so will result in termination of the scholarship and could result in the recipient being required to pay back the full value of the scholarship received.
- This scholarship may not be held with any other AUT Scholarships. The recipient may hold other external scholarships only with the approval of the Scholarships Office. Students who receive more than one scholarship will need to email the Scholarships Office to seek approval for co-tenure.
- 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. Other circumstances where a deferral would be considered include Volunteer Service Abroad, playing sports (or other cultural or community activity) at a representative level or family circumstances (such as medical reasons).
- 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.
- 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-thirds of their degree study at AUT may be required to pay back the full value of the scholarship received.