

Previously AUT Creativity and Innovation Scholarship

Closing date: 15 August

PURPOSE

[Previously Unavailable](#) (PU) believes the best way to predict the future is to create it. As a branding, innovation and venture studio, they work with ambitious leaders and businesses who are inventing, or reinventing, to create impact both here in Aotearoa New Zealand and around the world.

The future that Previously Unavailable wants to create involves helping build a creative industry with young people from more diverse backgrounds, ethnicities and cultures. PU believes the entrepreneurs, researchers, strategists and designers of tomorrow will thrive best as a more inclusive community and industry.

Previously is delighted to invest in a scholarship package to support Māori and Pacific students at Auckland University of Technology (AUT) on a pathway to a creative industry (design, branding, innovation, creative).

AMOUNT AND TYPE OF AWARD

- One scholarship is available annually.
- Each scholarship covers tuition fees and compulsory student fees (domestic equivalent) for full-time study in Year 2 and Year 3 of a bachelor's degree programme at AUT focussed on design or innovation.
- In addition to the scholarship the successful scholar may be assigned a mentor from Previously Unavailable and be employed on a part-time basis with Previously during semester breaks as mutually agreed under a separate employment contract.

TENURE

- Two years of full-time study in the second and third years of the approved bachelor's degree programme at AUT.
- The successful scholar must pass all papers in their first academic year of study and each subsequent academic year to retain the scholarship.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applicants for these scholarships must:

- Be a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident of Māori or Pacific descent and declare this ethnicity and whakapapa when applying for admission to AUT.
- Be a full-time student at AUT enrolled by the closing date in the first year of a bachelor's degree programme focussed on a creative industry (design, branding, innovation, creative).
- Students with family, work or community commitments outside of study who are enrolled in at least 30 points per semester may apply.

- Demonstrate personal interest in the creative industry.
- Demonstrate all-round ability and leadership potential.
- Eligible students who can demonstrate financial or other barriers to study are encouraged to apply.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applications will open in July. Applicants must complete the application online through the AUT Scholarships Database and will be required to upload:

- A personal statement (maximum 1 page) or 1–2-minute video outlining career aspirations, interest in the creative industry, why the applicant would benefit from the scholarship, barriers to study (if any) and connection to their Māori or Pacific culture and whakapapa.
- If applying for support for part-time study the barrier to full-time study must be outlined in the applicant's personal statement.
- A brief CV (no more than two pages)
- A current copy of their NCEA, CIE, IB or other educational record of achievement. IB students must obtain a predicted IB grade from their Principal or Principal's nominee.
- Applicants who have completed their first semester of study at AUT will have their AUT academic record uploaded by the University Scholarships Office.

REFERENCE: Applicants must nominate one character reference in support of their application. The application will send the nominated referee an email from the application portal. The referee may be from their secondary school, cultural group (e.g. a Kaumātua), religious group, sports club, workplace or a community organization.

CONDITIONS OF SELECTION

- Applicants will be shortlisted and interviewed by a scholarship selection panel comprising Previously Unavailable representatives and an AUT Head of School or designates.
- The decision of the scholarship selection panel is final.
- If the panel is of the opinion that there is no applicant of sufficient merit, the scholarship will not be awarded.

CONDITIONS OF ACCEPTANCE

- The award of this scholarship is conditional on the recipient gaining entry to and enrolling full-time in the approved bachelor's degree programme at AUT.
- The recipient must enrol full-time in no less than 120pts during each year of tenure of the scholarship.
- The award will be paid as tuition fees and compulsory student fees to the recipient's AUT fees account.
- The recipient may hold other non-tuition fee scholarships with the approval of the University 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 during the year of award. Suspension requests must be made in writing to the University Scholarships Office and will be approved only for compelling medical or personal circumstances.
- If the recipient fails to make satisfactory progress in their studies or fails to meet the conditions of the scholarship, AUT Foundation and the donor following joint consultation may terminate the scholarship.