

Kanu Patel Undergraduate Scholarship

Opening: 27 October 2025

Closing: 05 December 2025

JOURNEY OF GIVING

Kanu Patel embodies a lifelong commitment to community service and visionary leadership. Over three decades of voluntary service with the Auckland Indian Association, he has led transformative projects - including the conversion of a disused bakery into a vibrant Community Centre admired by international visitors. Inspired by his father's temple-building legacy in Leicester, England, and Matwad, India, Kanu led the construction of a new temple and continues to drive future development. His leadership spans roles such as Treasurer, Chairman of Finance and Resources, President, and Chairman of the Mahatma Gandhi Charitable Trust. Kanu now aims to help others reach their potential and thrive through financial support.

PURPOSE OF SCHOLARSHIP

Although university education can pose financial challenges, its benefits are far-reaching. Enhancing not only the lives of individual students but also contributing positively to their families, communities, and the broader society. This scholarship has been established to help remove financial barriers and to support students in achieving their academic and professional goals.

It is awarded based on academic merit, as well as other distinguishing attributes, which may include active participation in community service, or notable achievements in extracurricular activities and personal development.

TENURE

The scholarship supports one year of full-time study (120 points) in an undergraduate degree programme at AUT.

AMOUNT AND TYPE OF AWARD

The total value of the scholarship is \$7,000, which is allocated towards course fees.

NUMBER OF AWARDS OFFERED

Three x \$7,000 scholarships.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Must be a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident.
- Have an offer to study an undergraduate programme at AUT.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must apply through the on-line AUT Scholarship application portal and will be required to upload the following:

- An explanation of the applicant's financial hardship and its impact on their education.
- A personal statement (up to 500 words) should be provided, detailing the applicant's motivation for applying for the scholarship, the potential impact it would have on their academic development, and their aspirations following the completion of their degree.
- A 2-page curriculum vitae highlighting employment or volunteering experiences and achievements.
- Applicants are required to provide their GPA results when applying for the scholarship.
- If applicable, include certificates and other relevant documents that demonstrate extracurricular involvement and personal achievements.

REFERENCE

Applicants must provide the name of one character referee to support their application. The nominated referee will receive an email from the application portal with instructions for submitting their reference.

The referee may be a teacher or school nominee, other mentor or person of standing in the community or employer. A close family member may not provide the reference.

Applicants are requested to ensure that their referees are aware of the scholarship deadline.

CONDITIONS OF SELECTION

- Applicants will be reviewed by the university scholarships office who will confirm eligibility.
- Once applicant eligibility has been confirmed, the scholarships office will provide the list of eligible candidates to the selection panel for final consideration and recipient selection.
- Decisions of the selection panel are final.
- Applicants will be formally notified of the outcome of their application by the scholarships office.

- 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 student being enrolled in an undergraduate programme at AUT in the year of award.
- The recipient may receive another type of scholarship with the approval of AUT's scholarships office.
- Except in cases where there are unanticipated 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 unanticipated 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 sponsor following joint consultation may terminate the scholarship and at their discretion require repayment of the full value of the scholarship received.