

## ***Council***

### ***Student Hardship Grants Policy***

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Council policy is to provide funds (up to the limit set in the budget for the year) for a ***STUDENT HARDSHIP GRANT SCHEME***.

The Vice-Chancellor, in consultation with AUTSA, will from time to time determine and review the processes and criteria for administration of the scheme. These will be attached to this policy.

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**ATTACHMENT****CRITERIA FOR APPLICATION FOR STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE****1 Equalisation**

The University has provided funds to help students who may be experiencing short-term financial hardship. Students should apply for grants only as a last resort. Funds are administered by the Student Services & Administration (SSA) Division, through the Student Hub Offices.

**2 Grants Assistance**

Students may receive emergency cash grants, assistance to pay specified accounts, or food, meal or travel vouchers.

**3 Criteria**

- a) All students experiencing short-term financial hardship are eligible to apply, this includes both full-time and part-time students.
- b) Preference will be given to students who
  - i) are from a group which is under-represented at AUT
  - ii) have exhausted all other suitable avenues of financial support
  - iii) face a real prospect of discontinuing their studies on a result of financial hardship.

**4 Eligibility**

To be eligible students will need to have paid their fees in full on enrolment.

**Students making application for assistance must seek the assistance of the Student Financial Advisor.**