

AUT UNIVERSITY BLUE AWARDS SPORTS AWARDS

A. General Eligibility Criteria:

Must be a student at AUT University enrolled in 2nd Semester 2023 and/or 1st Semester 2024 academic year, studying (and passed) at least half-time (i.e. 30 points per semester, or currently enrolled in Masters or a PHD. Permanent staff are not eligible for an award). The judges may consider exceptional circumstances when sporting or cultural commitments do not allow the athlete to complete this study load. A recipient must be of good academic standing.

1. The sports, officials or arts/design/cultural achievement information provided must relate to the period September 1 2023 to August 31 2024
2. The achievement must fall within the period of enrolment at AUT.

The following is a list of guidelines to be used by the AUT University Blues Panel as a **guide** for awarding an AUT Blues Awards. The Panel's decision is final.

SPORTS JUDGING CRITERIA

B. Specific Award Criteria:

SPORTING BLUE:

AUT University students are eligible to be awarded an AUT Sporting Blue if they have achieved at least one of the following as an athlete or coach.

1. Competed for a Senior National Representative team or as an individual in a significant International Event.
 - a) A senior National Representative team or individual and is not limited to New Zealand representative teams includes Samoa, Tonga or any other country.
2. Competed for a Senior Provincial Franchise Team**, such as;
 - a) Cricket; A playing member of Auckland Aces, Auckland Hearts or equivalent in other regions
 - b) Water Polo; A playing member of Delfina NZWP Premier League team
 - c) Netball; A playing member of a Mystics or equivalent in other regions
 - d) Rugby Union; A playing member of Super 15 franchise team
3. Competed for a Senior Regional Representative Team** in a significant National event and achieved a top 3 placing, such as
 - a) Hockey. A playing member of the Auckland, Counties, North Harbour team or equivalent in other regions and placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd at NZ National League.
 - b) Volleyball; A playing member of an Auckland, Counties, North Harbour or equivalent in other regions and placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd at National Championships.
 - c) Archery; A playing member of an Auckland, Counties, North Harbour or equivalent in other regions and placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd at National Championships.
4. A top 3 senior placing in a significant national individual event similar to the New Zealand Championships or National equivalent.
5. Selected and competed for New Zealand or International representative country team as a playing member in an age group team or individual international competition or as part of a National representative University team, such as;
 - a) 3x3; A playing member of the National University of Samoa team at an international event

** Students must be playing members of the team, i.e., making a regular contribution to the team.

OFFICIALS SPORTS BLUE:

AUT University students are eligible to be awarded an AUT Officials Sporting Blue if they have achieved at least one of the following as an official.

1. Officiated in a Senior International Event.
2. Officiated for a Senior Franchise Competition**, such as;
 - i. Cricket; Plunket Shield, Ford Trophy or equivalent league
 - ii. Football; A-League
 - iii. Rugby League; NRL Competition
 - iv. Netball; ANZ Netball
 - v. Rugby Union; Super Rugby
3. Officiated at the Senior National Competition in a semifinal or final. The event must be recognized by the governing body as a significant National Event such as:
 - i. Hockey. Selected to officiate in the semifinal or final of the National Hockey League (NHL).
 - ii. Rugby; Selected to officiate in the semifinal or final of at National Provincial Championships (NPC).
4. Officiated in at the peak International Age Group or World University Event.
 - i. World University Games: Officiated as Diving Judge
 - ii. FIBA Youth Olympics: Officiated at this event
 - iii. FIFA U20 World Cup: Officiated at this event

Recipients of an AUT University Blue will automatically become eligible for the following major awards:

AUT MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

This Major sports award is presented to the male student-athlete who in the opinion of the judging panel has the most outstanding performance record in their sport during the stated period.

AUT FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR:

This Major sports award is presented to the female student-athlete who in the opinion of the judging panel has the most outstanding performance record in their sport during the stated period.

MALE SPORTS SCHOLAR OF THE YEAR

The most prestigious sports award presented within the University to the male student-athlete who in the opinion of the judging panel has demonstrated high academic achievement outstanding athletic performance and community contribution, during the stated period.

FEMALE SPORTS SCHOLAR OF THE YEAR:

The most prestigious sports award presented within the University to the female student-athlete who in the opinion of the judging panel has demonstrated high academic achievement, outstanding athletic performance and community contribution, during the stated period.

JUNIOR ATHLETE OF THE YEAR:

The sports award presented within the University to the male or female athlete who in the opinion of the judging panel has demonstrated high academic ability, outstanding athletic performance, and community contribution, during the stated period in an international age group team or individual under the age of 23.

MAORI ATHLETE OF THE YEAR:

This sports award is presented to the Māori student-athlete (iwi must be identified in details section of nomination) who is judged to be supreme in their achievements in sport while also demonstrating high academic ability.

OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR:

This award is presented to the umpire/referee/judge who has had the greatest contribution to their chosen sport in the year. This person must be a current AUT student. Level of officiating and qualifications will be considered.

* The panel will endeavor to select up to 4 finalists and one overall winner for each of the above major awards.

(Note: The AUT Blue panel has the right to not present any of the above major award if no athletic or officials' performance is deemed significant enough or combine awards.)

CULTURAL ARTS AND DESIGN JUDGING CRITERIA

CULTURAL, ARTS AND DESIGN BLUE:

To be eligible for an AUT Blue Award in Culture, Arts or Design students must have achieved at least one or more of the following criteria at a regional, national or international level.

1. Performed at International
 - iv. Artifact/Work/Performance accepted and presented in an International Festival, Exhibition or Gallery
 - v. Acceptance into an international competition with entry by audition, selection or an equivalent competitive entrance process
 - vi. Any prize-winning in an international competition
 - vii. Other successes on the international stage

Such as;

 - a) Photography accepted and displayed in the Biennale award exhibition.
 - b) 2nd in the Mega-Crew division at Hip Hop Internationals.

2. National
 - a) Artifact/Work/Performance accepted into National festival, Exhibition or Gallery
 - b) Finalist in National competition with entry by audition, selection or an equivalent competitive entrance process
 - c) Placing with National Organisation
 - d) Perform or play a key role in a national performance, exhibition or gallery

Such as;

 - a) Supreme Award Winner for the New Zealand Student Craft Design Awards – Friends of The Dowse Fashion Design Award Winner.
 - b) Performed at Te Matatini (Kapa Haka Nationals), becoming a finalist and placing 3rd overall.

3. Regional
 - i. Winner regional competition with entry by audition, selection, or an equivalent competitive entrance process
 - ii. Perform or play key role in a regional performance

Such as;

 - a) Selected and performed as part of the Auckland Symphony Orchestra in the Domain

Recipients of an AUT University Cultural /Art Blue will automatically become eligible for the following major awards:

AUT CREATIVE, ARTISTIC OR DESIGN INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE OF THE YEAR

The creative, performing arts, art or design achievement of individual performance of the year is presented to the student who in the opinion of the panel has performed outstandingly at their creative, performing arts, art or design practice during the year in question.

CREATIVE, ARTISTIC OR DESIGNER GROUP OF THE YEAR:

The creative, performing arts, art or design group performance of the year is presented to a student group who in the opinion of the panel have performed outstandingly at their creative practice during the year in question.

Considerations for this award include but are not limited to:

- Level at which the group is practicing (local, national, international)
- Status of performances
- Standard of competition
- Group unity, commitment, pride
- Contribution to AUT University

Māori AUT CREATIVE, ARTISTIC OR DESIGN PERFORMANCE OF THE YEAR

The creative, performing arts, art or design achievement of individual performance of the year is presented to a Māori student or group who in the opinion of the panel has performed outstandingly at their creative, performing arts, art or design practice during the year in question.

** The AUT Blue panel has the right to not award a major award if no performance is deemed significant enough.*