



Seeun's story

From Korea and USA to New Zealand: A scholar's story

Student profile

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Programme: AUT Certificate in Foundation Studies (level 3)

Can you introduce yourself?

Hello, my name is Seeun Park. I was born and raised in Korea and also attended high school in the United States. I am now continuing my studies in New Zealand through the AUT Foundation Fast-track programme.

What inspired you to apply for the AUT Foundation Scholarship, and how has receiving it influenced your study plans in New Zealand?

When I was preparing for my studies in New Zealand, I learned about the AUT Foundation Scholarship programme. Receiving this scholarship eased my financial burden and created an environment where I can fully concentrate on my studies. It has also motivated me to take on greater responsibility as a scholarship recipient and to be involved in activities that have a positive impact on the school.



Although you studied in the U.S., you chose New Zealand for your next academic journey—what led to that decision?

My academic experience in the United States helped me broaden my perspective. However, as an international student, what stood out to me about New Zealand was its safety and student-centered educational environment. In particular, I chose New Zealand for its peaceful living environment and the opportunity to interact with students from diverse cultural backgrounds, which I believe will support both my personal and academic growth.



What are you most excited about as you begin your journey at UP International College?

I am most excited about studying alongside students from all over the world and sharing diverse cultures and perspectives. In addition, through UP International College's curriculum, I hope to

build the academic foundation required for university entry and further strengthen my academic English skills. I believe this will help me adapt quickly to New Zealand's university teaching style and give me the confidence to successfully pursue my future major.



Do you have any long-term goals or dreams you hope to achieve through your studies in New Zealand?

My long-term goal in studying in New Zealand is to become a specialist by majoring in Nursing or Biosciences. In particular, I aim to provide patient-centered care integrated with advanced biotechnology in the global healthcare environment. During my studies, I plan to gain in-depth knowledge and strengthen my practical skills through a master's degree by participating in clinical practice and research projects.