

Guide to PhD Journey IN NEW ZEALAND



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NEW ZEALAND
EDUCATION
Manapou ki te Ao

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WHY NEW ZEALAND?

Choose New Zealand for a world-class education, globally recognised qualifications, and skills that will last a lifetime.

NEW ZEALAND IS THE #1 ENGLISH-SPEAKING COUNTRY AT PREPARING STUDENTS FOR THE FUTURE.

— THE WORLDWIDE EDUCATING FOR THE FUTURE INDEX (2019), ECONOMIST INTELLIGENCE UNIT.



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ALL NEW ZEALAND UNIVERSITIES ARE RANKED IN THE TOP 3% UNIVERSITIES IN THE WORLD.

— GIACCHIARELLI SYMONDS (QS) WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS 2019.



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NEW ZEALAND IS RANKED THE SECOND MOST PEACEFUL COUNTRY IN THE WORLD.*

— GLOBAL PEACE INDEX 2019.



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*OUT OF 163 NATIONS

STUDENT WELLBEING

New Zealand was the first country in the world to have an international student wellbeing strategy.



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OUR UNIQUE CULTURAL VALUE

New Zealand's unique cultural value of kaitiakitanga — care for the world around us for future generations — influences our education system and way of life.



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WE ARE WORLD LEADERS IN SOCIAL CHANGE

New Zealand was the first sovereign nation to grant women the right to vote in 1893.



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New Zealand is an unbeatable place to live and study

New Zealand is world-famous for its friendly people, spectacular landscape and relaxed lifestyle. Explore New Zealand cities and regions through this link:

<https://www.studywithnewzealand.govt.nz/why-new-zealand-/living-in-new-zealand/cities-and-regions>

We care about international students

Use our student website NauMai NZ (<https://naumainz.-studyinnewzealand.govt.nz/>) to find more information to help before you arrive and once you're studying and living in New Zealand.

NEW IS PREPARED FOR TODAY AND READY TO CREATE TOMORROW.



OVERALL ABOUT PhD STUDY IN NEW ZEALAND

If you're ready to pursue a research passion, New Zealand offers world-class doctoral research opportunities and a life experience like no other.

A PhD gained in New Zealand will be recognised around the world, identifying you as an expert in your specialty.

The structure of PhD's programmes in New Zealand are similar to programmes in other countries. You'll work under supervision to carry out your own original, in-depth work into an approved subject, and will present your findings in a thesis.

The research for a PhD usually takes 3 or 4 years of full-time study.



NEW ZEALAND'S PHD BENEFITS



Pay the same fees as New Zealand domestic students (PhD tuition fees range from \$6,500 to \$9,000 per year for most subjects).



Enrol your children as domestic students in New Zealand's state schools.



No limit on the hours you can work while studying.



Eligible for a 3 year post-study work visa.



Your partner or spouse can apply for an open work visa for the duration of your studies.

NEW IS A
CITIZEN OF
THE WORLD.



HOW TO APPLY

- To be accepted to study for a PhD, your academic qualifications must show that you have sufficient knowledge of your chosen subject area.
- You must also have experience in independent research.
- Your work will be expected to make a significant contribution to understanding in your field of study.
- You may need to gain the support of a research supervisor before you can apply.
- To find out more, contact your preferred university directly.



UNIVERSITY OF
AUCKLAND
Waipapa Taumata Rau
NEW ZEALAND

The University of Auckland

<https://www.auckland.ac.nz/en.html>



Auckland University of Technology

<https://www.aut.ac.nz/>



UNIVERSITY OF
CANTERBURY
Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha

University of Canterbury

<https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/>



**LINCOLN
UNIVERSITY**
TE WHARE WĀNAKA O AORAKI

Lincoln University

<https://www.lincoln.ac.nz/>



MASSEY UNIVERSITY
TE KUNENGA KI PŪREHUROA
UNIVERSITY OF NEW ZEALAND

Massey University

<https://www.massey.ac.nz/>



UNIVERSITY
of
OTAGO
Te Whare Wānanga o Ōtāgo
NEW ZEALAND

University of Otago

<https://www.otago.ac.nz/>



THE UNIVERSITY OF
WAIKATO
Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato

The University of Waikato

<https://www.waikato.ac.nz/study/qualifications>



VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF
WELLINGTON
TE HERENGA WAKA

Victoria University of Wellington

<https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/>

THE UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND

Founded in 1883, Auckland is New Zealand's largest university with over 40,000 students, nearly 10,000 of whom graduate annually.

The University of Auckland conducts teaching and learning within eight faculties, two large-scale research institutes, and other institutes and centres:

[Auckland Law School](#); [Faculty of Arts](#); [Business School](#); [Faculty of Creative Arts and Industries](#); [Faculty of Education and Social Work](#); [Faculty of Engineering](#); [Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences](#); [Faculty of Science](#); [Liggins Institute](#); [Auckland Bioengineering Institute](#); [Research institutes and centres](#)

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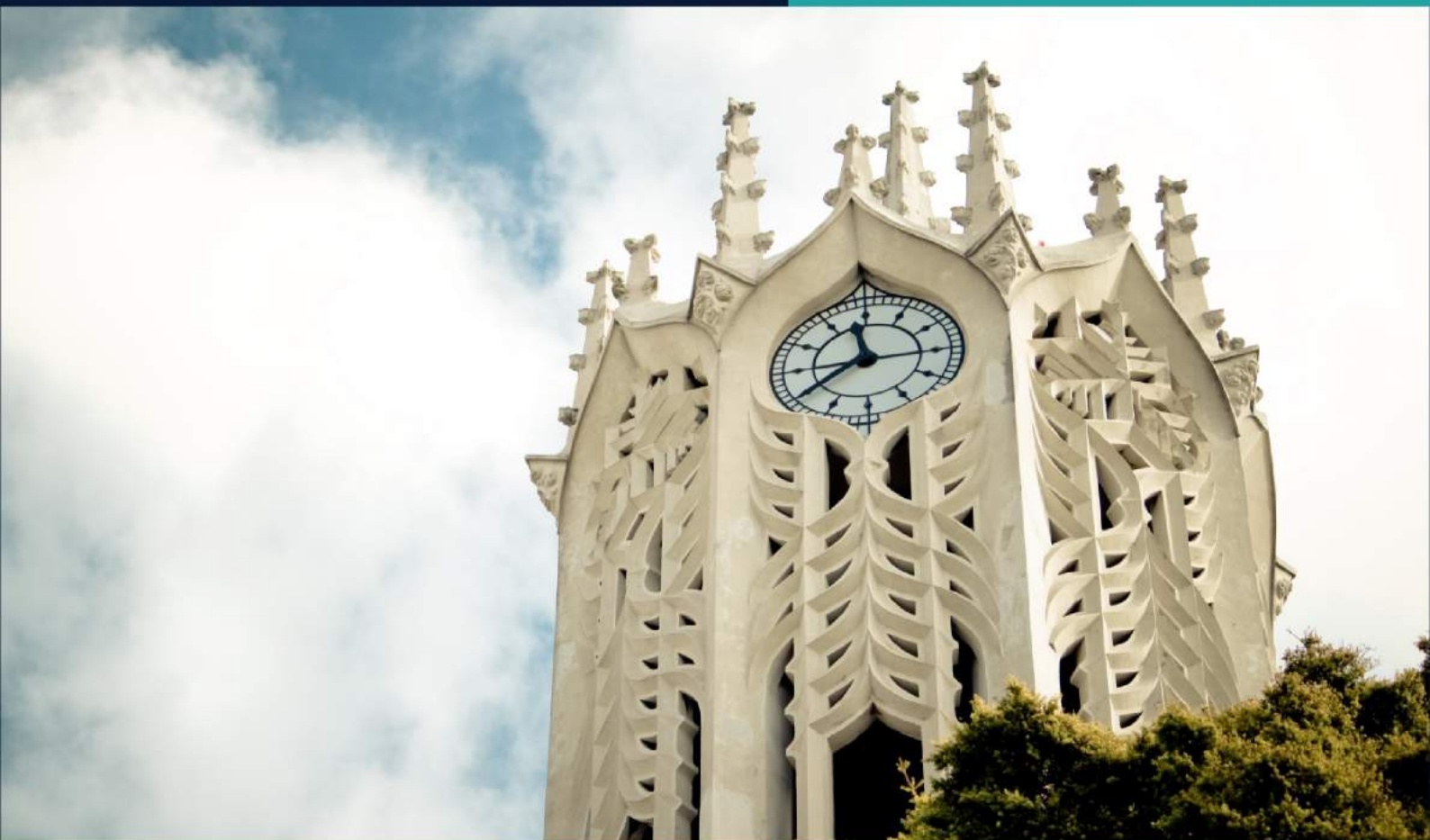
in the Global Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings 2023

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in QS World University Rankings 2024

The University of Auckland ranked

within the top 50 for a range of subjects in the QS World University Subject Rankings 2023: Anthropology, Archaeology, Education, Engineering – Civil, English Language, Geography, Pharmacy, Sports-related Subjects



→ Learn more about Doctoral programmes for international students:
<https://bom.so/DxVVfnI>

DOCTORAL PROGRAMMES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND

| Major | Programmes | Duration | Reference Link |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|---|
| Science | Doctor of Clinical Psychology | Full-time: 3 years | https://bom.so/LtFBfQ |
| Education and Social Work | Doctor of Education | Part-time: 4 to 6 years | https://bom.so/j13EaLl |
| Creative Arts and Industries | Doctor of Fine Arts | Full-time: 3 to 4 years Part-time: 6 to 8 years | https://bom.so/iKdNnhI |
| Medical and Health Sciences | Doctor of Health Sciences | Part-time: Varies | https://bom.so/VicphVl |
| | Doctor of Medicine | Full-time: 3 to 4 years | https://bom.so/rAB4lp |
| Various | Doctor of Philosophy | Full-time: 3 to 4 years Part-time: 6 to 8 years | https://bom.so/fhl5eq |

SCHOLARSHIPS AT UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND



Number on offer: Varies

Value: Varies

Applicable study: PhD, MD, DClínPsy, DocFA, EdD or DHSc

Opening date: anytime

Closing date: 1 March, 1 June, 1 September, 1 November

Tenure: Up to 36 months FTE

How to apply: You do not need to apply for this scholarship, award or prize or complete an online application form. It is awarded on the recommendation of the relevant faculty or University of Auckland committee.

→ For more information about the awarding process for this scholarship, award or prize, download a copy of the regulations in:

<https://bom.so/ve9cBe>

→ Search and filter Doctoral scholarships by specific subject or faculty in this page:

<https://bom.so/cGrmP5>

AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY (AUT)

We're proud to be one of the world's best modern universities – Times Higher Education has ranked us in the top 50 universities under 50 years of age and among the top 1% of universities in the world.

AUT has five faculties and 16 schools:

Faculty of Business, Economics and Law;
Faculty of Culture and Society; Faculty of
Design and Creative Technologies; Faculty of
Health and Environmental Sciences;
Faculty of Māori and Indigenous Development
(Te Ara Poutama)

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in the world for its international outlook
(Times Higher Education World
University Rankings 2023)

QS World University Subject Rankings 2023:

- Sports-related Subjects – top 41
- Hospitality & Leisure
- Management – top 100
- Nursing – top 180
- Art & Design – top 200



→ Learn more about the university: <https://bom.so/RVAZLZ>

DOCTORAL PROGRAMMES AT AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

| Major | Programmes | Duration | Reference Link |
|-----------------|----------------------------|---|---|
| Education | Doctor of Education | 2 years P/T (coursework – research portfolios), plus 3 years (thesis) | https://bom.so/8T4KTi |
| Health sciences | Doctor of Health Science | 3.5 years full time, part-time available | https://bom.so/roSmsg |
| Various | Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) | 3 to 6 years | https://bom.so/MDKKz8 |

SCHOLARSHIPS AT AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

| Programmes | Value | When to apply | Reference Link |
|---|---|---|---|
| Vice-Chancellor's Doctoral Scholarships | NZ\$30,000 plus tuition fees and student services levy | Any stage during the year apart from between 1 December to 15 January | https://bom.so/4T1OTw |
| AUT Doctoral Scholarship | 2 funded options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Full Fee Scholarship • Full fees plus an annual stipend equivalent to at least \$20,000 | Three closing dates in 2023 – 1 March, 15 July and 1 November | For information on faculty doctoral scholarships https://bom.so/ZpL1vW |

UNIVERSITY OF CANTERBURY

Studying at University of Canterbury prepares you to find your path, live your dreams, and change the world. Here, education goes far beyond the classroom, giving you a truly holistic learning experience enriched by our unique place on earth.

Faculties:

Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences; UC Business School; Education; Engineering; Health; Law; Science

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in QS World University Rankings 2024

QS World University Subject Rankings 2023:

Top 100 in the world for Engineering
- Civil & Structural, Linguistics,
Geography



→ Learn more about PhDs and Doctoral degrees at the university:
<https://bom.so/EuFw6d>

DOCTORAL PROGRAMMES AT UNIVERSITY OF CANTERBURY

| Major | Programmes | Duration | Reference Link |
|-----------------|----------------------------|---------------------|---|
| Education | Doctor of Education | 4–6 years | https://bom.so/hy1MM7 |
| Health Sciences | Doctor of Health Sciences | 4–6 years full-time | https://bom.so/IObZIT |
| Arts - Music | Doctor of Musical Arts | 3 years full-time | https://bom.so/oMaUuw |
| Various | Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) | 3–4 years full-time | https://bom.so/FjBOgp |



SCHOLARSHIPS AT UNIVERSITY OF CANTEBURY

The UC Doctoral Scholarship and associated scholarships are now considered as part of the application-to-enrol process. Therefore, an application to study in a doctoral degree programme at UC is regarded as an application for most of our doctoral scholarships.

| Core Doctoral Scholarships | Prestige Doctoral Scholarships |
|---|---|
| UC Doctoral Scholarship (\$28,000 p.a. stipend + tuition fees) | Brownlie Scholarship (\$5,000 p.a. stipend top-up to Core Scholarship) |
| UC Connect Doctoral Scholarship (\$28,000 p.a. stipend + tuition fees) | |



→ To start your application for enrolment (and consequently your application for the UC Doctoral Scholarship and associated scholarships) please click:

<https://bom.so/EDYRka>

→ Please search our scholarships database for all scholarships currently available:

<https://bom.so/VV6qID>

LINCOLN UNIVERSITY

Lincoln University exists to provide excellent research and education to grow the knowledge of our students and help shape a world that benefits from a greater understanding of the relationships between land, food and ecosystems.

Faculties: Teaching and research at Lincoln University is delivered through three faculties. These are supported by a specialised division that prepares students for university education.

- [Faculty of Agribusiness and Commerce](#)
- [Faculty of Agriculture and Life Sciences](#)
- [Faculty of Environment, Society and Design](#)
- [University Studies and English Language Division](#)

Top 401 - 500

universities globally by Times
Higher Education World University
Ranking 2023

1st

equal on balance of male/female ratio
by Times Higher Education World
University Ranking 2023

Ranked 17th

best small university in the world



→ Learn more about PhDs and Doctoral degrees at the university:

<https://bom.so/r1RIXO>

SCHOLARSHIPS AT LINCOLN UNIVERSITY

Please find the currently available Lincoln University PhD supervisors here:
<https://bom.so/k1HDkc>

SCHOLARSHIPS AT LINCOLN UNIVERSITY

| Programmes | Value | When to apply | Reference Link |
|--|---|--------------------|---|
| Lincoln University Doctoral Scholarships | The value of the scholarships shall be determined by the Vice-Chancellor. Note: The value of the emolument as at 1st January 2020 is \$28,000 per annum. | 2023: by 1 October | https://bom.so/ut17bj |



MASSEY UNIVERSITY

Massey has a long, proud tradition of breaking new ground in all our areas of expertise – business, creative art, health, science, humanities and social science.

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in QS World University Rankings 2024

QS World University Subject Rankings 2023:

- Veterinary Science - 28th
- Developmental Studies - 29th



→ Learn more about PhDs and Doctoral degrees at the university:

<https://bom.so/vPsaqj>

SCHOLARSHIPS AT MASSEY UNIVERSITY

| Programmes | Value | When to apply | Reference Link |
|---|--|--|---|
| Massey University Doctoral Scholarships | \$90,000 plus fees for Three years' duration | Applications open: 1 April 2024 Closing date: 1 July 2024 | https://bom.so/mzcTQI |

Find more scholarships and awards: <https://bom.so/fqJdTj>



THE UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO

The University of Otago is New Zealand's top university for educational performance. The University of Otago's Central Library (one of nine libraries at Otago) has been ranked 13th in the world as an absolute must to visit. Being a residential university, Otago offers dozens of on-campus support services. These range from our modern student health centre (with subsidised medical and counselling services), to a superb disability support service, specialised IT support, and a careers service to prepare you for the graduate job market.

Academic departments and schools at the University of Otago are divided into four academic divisions: [Division of Health Sciences](#); [Division of Humanities](#); [Division of Sciences](#); [Otago Business School \(Division of Commerce\)](#)

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in QS World University Ranking 2024

#26

best online MBA globally (QS, 2022)

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worldwide in Dentistry subject



→ Learn more about PhD programme at the University of Otago:
<https://bom.so/7CSTKI>

SCHOLARSHIPS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO

| Programmes | Value | When to apply | Reference Link |
|--|--|------------------------------|---|
| University of Otago Doctoral Scholarship | NZ\$30,696 stipend per annum plus a domestic tuition fees waiver for 36 months (excludes student services fee and insurance) | Applicants can apply anytime | https://bom.so/IY3hvD |

Learn more about the university here: <https://bom.so/IIMrMg>



THE UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO

The University of Waikato is committed to delivering a world-class education and research portfolio. With around 13,000 students and 1,500 staff, we offer a distinctive and rewarding university experience, while pursuing strong international links to advance knowledge.

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in QS World University Rankings 2024

QS World University Subject Rankings 2023:

- Sports-related Subjects (101-140)
- Geography (151-200)
- Education (201-250)
- Communication & Media Studies (201-250)



→ Learn more about the university:
<https://bom.so/IIMrMg>

SCHOLARSHIPS AT UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO

At the University of Waikato, you can apply at any time of the year to study towards:

- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)
- Doctor of Health Science (DHSc)
- Doctor of Education (EdD)
- Doctor of Musical Arts (DMA)
- Doctor of Juridical Science (SJD)

Open vacancies:

The University of Waikato has a wide range of PhD research opportunities available and new vacancies are added regularly. Browse open vacancies here:

<https://bom.so/Ww42dm>

SCHOLARSHIPS AT UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO

| Study Level | Value | Subject Area | Closing Date | Reference Link |
|-------------------------|---|--------------|-------------------|---|
| Postgraduate (Research) | Up to \$27,500 pa + domestic tuition fees and Student Services Levy | Any | 30 September 2023 | https://bom.so/8WDZkG |



VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON

Victoria University of Wellington, originally known as Victoria College, was founded in 1897, the year of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee celebrations. Victoria University of Wellington is one of New Zealand's oldest and most prestigious tertiary institutions with a proud tradition of academic excellence.

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in QS World University Rankings 2024

Top 100 universities in the world for 10 subjects:

Development Studies, English Language and Literature, Geography, Hospitality and Leisure Management, Law, Library and Information, Management, Linguistics, Performing Arts, Politics and International Studies, Psychology.



→ Learn more about the university:
<https://bom.so/9kgzmB>

DOCTORAL PROGRAMMES AT VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON

| Major | Programmes | Duration | Reference Link |
|--------------|----------------------------|-------------------|---|
| Education | Doctor of Education | 3 years full-time | https://bom.so/NVtf6i |
| Health | Doctor of Health | 3 years full-time | https://bom.so/9aa7yp |
| | Doctor of Midwifery | 3 years full-time | https://bom.so/LCyolo |
| | Doctor of Nursing | 3 years full-time | https://bom.so/Do8lm1 |
| Arts - Music | Doctor of Musical Arts | 3 years full-time | https://bom.so/bBnuQo |
| Various | Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) | 3 years full-time | https://bom.so/1as07n |

SCHOLARSHIPS AT VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON

| Programmes | Value | When to apply | Reference Link |
|--|---|---|---|
| Wellington Doctoral Scholarships | \$29,500 stipend annually plus tuition fees | Three rounds each year closing 1 March, 1 July and 1 November. | https://bom.so/n1zhIQ |

Other scholarships:

- Depending on your research area, there may be other scholarships available to support your PhD studies. You can search our scholarships database by category, study area, and study level: <https://bom.so/Gf7GmK>



SELF-FUNDING & OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS OPPORTUNITIES



Finance for self-funding PhD in New Zealand:

Tuition fee: NZ\$7,000- \$10,000/ year

Living cost: NZ\$20,000/ year

[NZ Government Scholarship] MANAAKI NEW ZEALAND SCHOLARSHIP

The Tertiary Scholarships Selection 2023 application portal closed at midday on the 28 February 2023. Applications are now being processed. The next selection round will open in 2024 for study commencing in 2025.

[NZ Government Scholarship] Quyết định số 89/QĐ-TTg của Thủ tướng Chính phủ:

Phê duyệt Đề án Nâng cao năng lực đội ngũ giảng viên, cán bộ quản lý các cơ sở giáo dục đại học đáp ứng yêu cầu đổi mới căn bản toàn diện giáo dục và đào tạo giai đoạn 2019 - 2030

TESTIMONIALS



"Khi lựa chọn học tiến sĩ, tôi quan tâm tới tên tuổi của giáo sư hơn là tên tuổi của trường. Bởi nếu được làm việc với những giáo sư có thâm niên trong nghề thì mình sẽ học hỏi được nhiều hơn. Tôi hiện được làm việc với nhà khoa học đầu ngành trong lĩnh vực này, Giáo sư Holger Regenbrecht. Trong quá trình nghiên cứu, Giáo sư đã giúp tôi kết nối với những mối quan hệ của ông trong giới học thuật, đồng thời theo sát hướng dẫn tôi trong đề tài nghiên cứu của mình."

Phạm Minh Hoa

University of Auckland
- PhD in Education



"Môi trường học thuật New Zealand đã tạo điều kiện để mình nuôi dưỡng đam mê nghiên cứu, cũng như xác định được hướng nghiên cứu và phát triển bản thân rõ ràng hơn. Hai Giáo sư hướng dẫn của mình là người đồng hành không thể tốt hơn. Chính vì thế nên mình có các xuất bản khoa học liên tục, sử dụng các phương pháp nghiên cứu mà mình sẽ không bao giờ nghĩ tới chuyện thử sức nếu như không học Tiến sĩ tại New Zealand."

Phan Ngọc Quỳnh Anh

PhD, University of Auckland
- Lecturer at Da Nang University



"Tôi rất may mắn khi các giảng viên tại AUT luôn tích cực hỗ trợ người học, nhất là những khi khó khăn. Đặc biệt, các nghiên cứu sinh còn được tạo điều kiện tham gia các dự án nghiên cứu của các Giáo sư. Trong quá trình học, tôi đã được tham gia dự án của Giáo sư Danh dự Elaine Rush, người đã có đóng góp hơn 30 năm trong ngành Dinh Dưỡng và Khoa học Thực phẩm. Đây là một dự án được tài trợ bởi tập đoàn Bayer và Quỹ dinh dưỡng New Zealand (New Zealand Nutrition Foundation)."

Diệp Thanh Tùng

Auckland University of Technology
- PhD in Food Science

UNIVERSITIES IN NEW ZEALAND.

1 Auckland University of Technology

Auckland University of Technology (AUT) is New Zealand's second-largest and fastest-growing university. It reflects the changing world, and emerging environments and industries.

e: international.centre@aut.ac.nz
w: aut.ac.nz

2 The University of Auckland

The University of Auckland is New Zealand's largest university. It is also New Zealand's highest ranked university with many subjects ranked in the top 50 by the QS World University Rankings.

e: int-questions@auckland.ac.nz
w: auckland.ac.nz/international

3 Massey University

Massey University is distinctive among New Zealand universities in its ability to deliver research-led teaching and research in the cities of Auckland, Palmerston North and Wellington.

e: international@massey.ac.nz
w: international.massey.ac.nz

4 University of Waikato

One of New Zealand's leading research universities, the University of Waikato is made up of seven faculties and schools. It has more than 12,000 students, including around 2,000 international students.

e: international@waikato.ac.nz
w: waikato.ac.nz/international

5 Victoria University of Wellington

Victoria University of Wellington is in New Zealand's vibrant, entrepreneurial capital city. Students benefit from the university's connections to industries, government and research organisations.

e: international@vuw.ac.nz
w: wgtn.ac.nz/international

6 University of Canterbury

The University of Canterbury was founded by scholars from Oxford and Cambridge universities in 1873. It has an international reputation for academic excellence in teaching and research.

e: international@canterbury.ac.nz
w: canterbury.ac.nz

7 Lincoln University

Founded in 1878, Lincoln has made a key contribution to New Zealand and the global economy. Highly connected to industry, it teaches agriculture and life sciences, environment, society and design, and commerce.

e: international@lincoln.ac.nz
w: lincoln.ac.nz

8 University of Otago

The University of Otago is New Zealand's oldest university and is famous for its academic excellence and outstanding student experience. It offers more than 195 undergraduate and postgraduate programmes.

e: international.admissions@otago.ac.nz
w: otago.ac.nz



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Meet 8 New Zealand Universities at the New Zealand Education Day 2023

The biggest educational event of the year
organized by the New Zealand government.



Scan the QR code to register

Ho Chi Minh City

🕒 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM | Saturday, October 14, 2023

📍 Sheraton Hotel

88 Dong Khoi, District 1, HCMC

Hanoi

🕒 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM | Sunday, October 15, 2023

📍 Meliá Hanoi Hotel

44 Ly Thuong Kiet, Hoan Kiem District,
Hanoi

