



DOCTORAL STUDY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND

The University of Auckland is New Zealand's pre-eminent research-led University. Established in 1883, it has grown into an international centre of learning and academic excellence and is New Zealand's largest university. The University of Auckland's degrees are recognised internationally, and the University's alliances and links are testimony to the high regard in which the University is held throughout the world.

The Performance-Based Research Fund review, released in 2004 by the New Zealand Government's Tertiary Education Commission, concluded that: "On virtually any measure, The University of Auckland is the country's leading research university. Not only did it achieve the highest quality score of any Tertiary Education Organisation, but it also has by far the largest share of A-rated researchers in the country."

Graduates of The University of Auckland occupy leading positions in business, law, medicine, politics, education and other professions within New Zealand and overseas.

Teaching and research

The University of Auckland supports the work of 12 Research Units, 36 Research Centres, and six Research Institutes. These centres enable cross-disciplinary, cross-faculty research initiatives. Teaching and research is conducted in eight faculties:

- Arts
- Business and Economics
- National Institute of Creative Arts and Industries
- Education
- Engineering
- Law
- Medical and Health Sciences
- Science

In addition to the faculties, there is the School of Theology, and numerous interdisciplinary research

clusters in the University ranging from small units to large institutes, which conduct research in emerging fields that cross knowledge boundaries.

Some examples are:

- The Liggins Institute, a multi-disciplinary medical research institute.
- The Bioengineering Institute

Centres of Research Excellence

- The National Research Centre for Growth and Development covers subjects ranging from human genomics, biomedical science, neurobiology, mammalian physiology, cell biology, endocrinology, systems biology and agricultural biotechnology.
- Nga Pae o te Maramatanga has the vision of transforming NZ society such that Maori participate fully in all aspects of society and the economy.
- The Centre for Molecular Bio-Discovery addresses the challenges and opportunities of this genomic revolution in the biological sciences.
- The New Zealand Institute of Maths and its Applications (NZIMA) facilitates access to new developments internationally in the mathematical sciences.

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

The PhD is an advanced degree that provides a qualification for students who intend pursuing an academic or research career. The degree is offered in all Faculties and departments of the University provided adequate supervision is available. The PhD is directed by an appointed supervisor and an academic committee and usually takes three to four years of full-time study.

Domestic Status for New International PhD Students

From 01 January 2006, new international PhD students will be accorded domestic status for the purposes of tuition fees. Tuition fees for the PhD are charged on a per-year basis.

Dependent children of all international PhD students will be classified as domestic students in New Zealand state schools from 1 January 2006. Partners of all international postgraduate students are able to apply for an open work permit valid for the duration of the student's course of study. International students who have graduated from a course that would gain points under the Skilled Migrant Category will be eligible for a six-month open work permit. Once graduates have gained work this way, they can go on to apply for either a post-study 2 year work permit or proceed directly to apply for residency under the Skilled Migrant Category.

Admission

You are able to apply for admission to The University of Auckland online, after consulting the relevant PhD Advisor. To apply, please contact Institut Ranke-Heinemann (www.ranke-heinemann.de)

Please note that in addition to applying for admission, doctoral applicants must be recommended for registration by the relevant Head of Department. The recommendation is forwarded to the University's School of Graduate Studies for approval.

Doctoral Scholarships

The University of Auckland International Doctoral Scholarship

The University of Auckland International funds a small number of Scholarships for high achieving international students from all countries who wish to pursue doctoral studies. The Doctoral Scholarship covers tuition fees and provides an annual allowance of NZ\$25,000.00, in the form of a fortnightly stipend. For more information, please contact the Scholarships Office by email:

scholarships@auckland.ac.nz

NZ International Doctoral Research Scholarship

These Government-funded scholarships are awarded for three years of full-time study for a doctoral degree. The scholarship funding covers tuition fees, a monthly living allowance (\$1,500 per month), a travel allowance (up to \$2,000), a health insurance allowance (\$600), an establishment allowance (\$500), and a book and thesis allowance (\$800). The average value of the scholarships is approximately NZ\$40,000 per year. For more information, please contact:

scholarships@educationnz.org.nz or visit www.newzealandeducated.com/scholarships

Living in Auckland

Auckland is New Zealand's largest city, with a population of 1.3 million people – a colourful and vibrant mix of European, Maori, Polynesian and Asian cultures. It is the country's main centre of business and industry.

Auckland is a modern city with a magnificent harbour setting offering a host of outdoor recreational opportunities as well as providing an array of sporting and cultural events.

The cost of living in Auckland is considered much cheaper than it is in Sydney or in London, yet with the highest quality of living. Generally, an individual student will need to allow approximately NZ\$15,000 -NZ\$18,000 per year (or NZ\$350-\$450 per week) for general living costs, including accommodation, food and transport.

Part-Time Work

Under present immigration regulations international students on long-term student permits (1 year or longer) are entitled to work up to 20 hours per week during the term time.