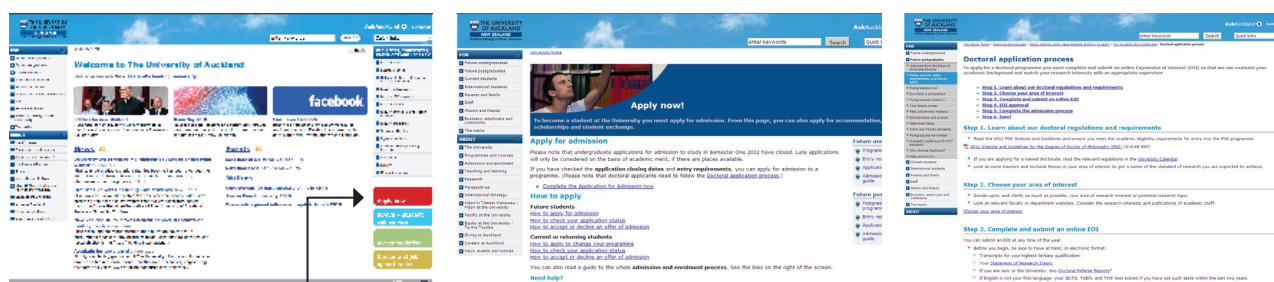


How to apply for a PhD at The University of Auckland

To apply for a doctoral programme, you need to complete an online Expression of Interest (EOI), which may be submitted at any time during the year. Completing an EOI will allow us to pre-assess your eligibility for doctoral study. It will also assist us to identify potential supervisors who may be available to supervise your research in your chosen field of study.

To complete your EOI, go to The University of Auckland website at www.auckland.ac.nz



- Click on Apply Now
- Click on Doctoral Application Process
- Follow the steps

Step 1: Learn about doctoral regulations and requirements

Familiarise yourself with the regulations and requirements of doctoral study and ensure you meet the academic requirements for entry into your doctoral programme.

Step 2: Decide upon your area of research

Look at the relevant faculty or department websites, and consider the research interests and publications of academic staff members to help you decide on your area of research.

Step 3: Complete and submit an online Expression of Interest (EOI)

When submitting your online Expression of Interest (EOI), you will need*:

- Academic transcripts
- IELTS or TOEFL scores**
- Statement of your research intent - an outline of your intended topic and areas of interest; use the faculty template
- Two letters of academic recommendation - use the doctoral referee's report form on the website
- Your CV or résumé

If your EOI is approved, you will be invited to apply for a PhD.

More details can be found at www.auckland.ac.nz/doctoralapplications

*Your department may request you to provide additional information in order to process your EOI

**IELTS 6.5 overall,
minimum of 6 in all bands

TOEFL 575 paper + TWE
4.5, 90 IBT + writing 21

(Some programmes
require higher scores)

Apply for a Scholarship (optional)

For information on The
University of Auckland
Scholarships refer to:

[www.auckland.ac.nz/
scholarships](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/scholarships)

For information on New
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Scholarships (NZIDRS) refer
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[www.newzealandeducated.
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What is a PhD?

The PhD is an advanced research degree requiring a thesis based on original work. Directed by an appointed supervisor, it usually takes three to four years of full-time research. The resultant research is embodied in a thesis that is then assessed by external examiners appointed by the University's Senate.

A PhD will help you to pursue an academic or research career. The degree is offered in all faculties and departments of the University, provided appropriate supervision is available.

Why New Zealand?

Studying in New Zealand offers you the opportunity to obtain a world-class qualification in one of the world's safest and most beautiful countries.

One great advantage is that new international PhD students pay the same fees as New Zealand students*. The annual PhD tuition fee for 2012 is NZ\$5,782 (US\$4,726**).

After graduation, you may apply for a twelve-month Graduate Job Search Visa. If you are able to find a suitable job in your chosen field, you can then apply for a two-year work permit. Visit www.immigration.govt.nz to find out what it is like working and living here in New Zealand.

Why Auckland?

Auckland is a vibrant, multi-cultural hub with a population of around 1.5 million people, and is the country's main centre of business and industry. Enjoy the Auckland lifestyle, which was ranked 3rd in the world in the 2011 Quality of Living Survey (Mercer Consulting Quality of Living Survey 2011).

Auckland is a modern city with a magnificent harbour setting offering a host of outdoor recreational opportunities, as well as art, cultural and sporting events. New Zealand is made up of diverse cultures, including European, Māori, Polynesian and Asian.

The cost of living in Auckland is considered cheaper than in other big cities such as Sydney or London. Generally, you will need to allow approximately NZ\$20,000 - NZ\$25,000 (US\$16,200 - US\$20,250**) per year (or NZ\$385 - \$480 (US\$312 - US\$390**) per week) per person for general living costs, including accommodation, food and transport.

Why choose The University of Auckland?

The University of Auckland was established in 1883 and has grown into an international centre of learning and academic excellence. We currently have a student roll of more than 40,000, including over 4,700 international students from over 90 countries.



Being the leading research university in New Zealand, and ranked among the top 100 universities in the world by the QS World Rankings of Universities (2011), we are committed to the quality and excellence of all our degree courses, including our graduate and doctoral programmes.

QS World Rankings of Universities 2011:

- Overall ranking 82
- Ranked 55 in the world's top Arts and Humanities faculties
- Ranked 41 in the world's top Social Sciences and Management faculties
- Ranked 50 in the world's top Life Sciences & Biomedicine faculties
- Ranked 62 in the world's top Engineering and Information Technology faculties
- Ranked 73 in the world's top Science faculties

Research

The University of Auckland supports the work of over 50 Research Units, centres and institutes.

The Centres of Research Excellence Fund (CoRE) was established by the New Zealand Government in 2001 to encourage world-class research contributing to New Zealand's development. The University of Auckland is host to four of the eight Centres of Research Excellence:

- The Maurice Wilkins Centre for Molecular Bio-Discovery

- The New Zealand Institute of Mathematics and its Applications
- Nga Pae o te Maramatanga (Horizons of Insight) The National Institute of Research Excellence for Māori Development and Advancement
- The National Research Centre for Growth and Development.

The University of Auckland is also a partner in the Allan Wilson Centre for Molecular Ecology and Evolution, hosted by Massey University.

As New Zealand's only member of Universitas 21, the Association of Pacific Rim Universities, and the Worldwide Universities Network, The University of Auckland maintains over 100 active bi-lateral exchange agreements with major research universities around the world.



"I'm a keen sailor so doing my PhD with the Yacht Research Unit is a great opportunity to combine my academic and sporting interests – I enjoy sailing in the Hauraki Gulf.

I'm looking at how forces produced by the sails – lift and drag – can be predicted when a yacht tacks or pitches and rolls. Research like this is useful for syndicates like Team New Zealand looking for a competitive edge in the Americas Cup.

The skills and understanding of aerodynamics I'm developing here are not limited to yachts. I'll be able to use them in the marine industry or a related field like wind turbine design.

I came here from Germany to do my PhD because this is one of the few places in the world doing sailing-related research. This project has a good mix of theoretical and experimental investigation."

Frederik Gerhardt is studying for a PhD in Mechanical Engineering.

You will have the choice of doing research across eight faculties:

- Faculty of Arts www.arts.auckland.ac.nz
- Business School www.postgraduate.business.auckland.ac.nz
- National Institute of Creative Arts and Industries www.creative.auckland.ac.nz
- Faculty of Education www.education.auckland.ac.nz
- Faculty of Engineering www.engineering.auckland.ac.nz
- Faculty of Law www.law.auckland.ac.nz
- Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences www.fmhs.auckland.ac.nz
- Faculty of Science www.science.auckland.ac.nz

The University of Auckland has the largest university library in New Zealand, and specialist libraries for some faculties. The library holds 2.2 million print volumes and access to over 58,000 electronic journals, 500+ online research databases, audio-visual materials, manuscripts and newspapers.

We also have a wide range of student services, from the Graduate Centre, iSPACE (for international student activities and workshops), IT facilities, International Student Support Team and Postgraduate Students' Association, to careers and employment services, childcare facilities, Health Centre and spiritual support for students from diverse backgrounds.

Visit www.postgrad.auckland.ac.nz/prospectivestudents for more details.

Fee and visa arrangements for spouse and family

Since 1 January 2006, new international PhD students have been accorded domestic status for the purpose of tuition fees. Dependent children are also classified as domestic students in New Zealand primary and secondary schools.

Your spouse or partner will be able to apply for an open work permit valid for the duration of your course of study, while you can be in paid employment for up to 20 hours a week.

On completion of your PhD, you can apply for a twelve-month Graduate Job Search Visa through New Zealand Immigration. If you are able to find a suitable job in your chosen field, you can then apply for a two-year work permit.

Entry requirements

Acceptance into a PhD is based on academic merit, but you must also demonstrate a proven ability to carry out research independently, and possess a high level of critical research skills and theoretical understanding.

In general, acceptance is based on a Bachelors (Honours) degree with First Class or Second Class (Division I) Honours, or a Masters degree with First Class or Second Class (division I) Honours, or its equivalent. Acceptance is also subject to the availability of staff for supervision, and appropriate facilities.

If English is not your first language, you will need to supply evidence of your English language proficiency.

For details, visit www.auckland.ac.nz/international/englishrequirements.



Accommodation

Postgraduate students are invited to contact Accommodation Services at accom@auckland.ac.nz for assistance with accommodation requirements. Suitable University-managed accommodation may be available for single students, couples or families in selected residences. You can apply online for places. We can refer you and your family to an appropriate real estate agent for assistance with family housing. Visit www.auckland.ac.nz/accommodation.

International scholarships

We have a number of scholarships specifically for international students wishing to pursue postgraduate study. International students are also able to apply for The University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarships. Visit www.auckland.ac.nz/ioscholarships.

**To be eligible, students must reside in New Zealand for the duration of their doctoral programme. However, students may undertake research activities overseas during their doctoral programme for a cumulative total of no more than 12 months.*

***Exchange rate as of January 2012:
\$NZ1.00 = US\$0.81*

