

Universitas 21 Visiting Postgraduate Research Student Protocol

The University of Auckland recognizes the Shanghai Declaration on Universitas 21 Student Mobility and that student mobility programs are an important activity through which international engagement can be fostered.

The University of Auckland makes a formal commitment to encourage and facilitate postgraduate research student mobility and will actively promote opportunities for, and the advantages of, U21 mobility to research students.

To this end we will:

- Communicate our university's research strengths to U21 members, by providing 'hot links' between university and U21 web sites to facilitate access to information about:
 - institution research profile;
 - research student support programs and services; and
 - our U21 Visiting Postgraduate Research Student Protocol.
- As part of the Postgraduate Research Experience Scheme, establish and promote U21 travel scholarships (including travel and health insurance costs) to support outgoing U21 Visiting Postgraduate Research Student visits.
- Develop administrative routines to monitor the profile of U21 research student mobility (e.g., numbers and duration by discipline, home, and host institution).

As a host university for visiting students we will:

- Establish consistent with New Zealand legislation, effective administrative procedures for visiting students, including appropriate identification as "Universitas 21 Visiting Postgraduate Research Students."
- Appoint a University liaison person for visiting U21 postgraduate research students
- Provide incoming U21 Visiting Postgraduate Research Students with:
 - local supervision and reasonable access to resources;
 - honorary visitor status for the period of visit, including access to library, laboratory, supervision, coursework and other resources comparable to locally-enrolled students;
 - advice and reasonable practical assistance re accommodation;
 - appropriate induction opportunities to learn about the activities and culture of our institution, to present their work to an appropriate audience whilst visiting, and to act as ambassadors for their home institution.

The University of Auckland expects that:

- Before submitting an application for a scholarship students wishing to visit the University should, in the first instance, make direct contact with the potential host department.
- Visiting students will remain enrolled at their home institution and thesis supervision remains the principal responsibility of the home institution
- Direct research project costs will be negotiated directly with the student's home institution and agreement reached before the student commences their visit.
- U21 Visiting Postgraduate Research Students will accept our university research policies and protocols including intellectual property and research ethics. Where a student's work is already subject to IP and/or confidentiality arrangements, it will be necessary for these to be the subject of formal negotiation between our university and student's home institution.

Endorsed on behalf of the University of Auckland:

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