



# Postgraduate Orientation 2012 Invitation and Welcome

## Welcome from the Dean of Graduate Studies

On behalf of the School of Graduate Studies I am delighted to welcome you as you take the first steps of your postgraduate career at The University of Auckland – New Zealand’s premier research-led university.

The University of Auckland has consistently ranked as the top university in New Zealand and is also in the top one percent of universities internationally. With its commitment to research and excellence in teaching, this means that there are many opportunities for the University’s 10,000-plus postgraduate students.

Orientation helps you discover all the facilities and support services which the University has to offer to help you succeed, as well as providing opportunities for you to meet other new and existing postgraduate students.

We are very fortunate at the University to have a vibrant postgraduate environment. I encourage you to make the most of the opportunities for professional development so that upon completion you will be a successful, confident, global citizen.

**Associate Professor Caroline Daley**  
Dean of Graduate Studies

## Important contact details

### School of Graduate Studies The Graduate Centre

**Phone:** 373-7599 ext 86899.

**Email:** [postgradinfo@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:postgradinfo@auckland.ac.nz)

East Wing, ClockTower,  
22 Princes Street, City Campus.

### Postgraduate Students’ Association (PGSA)

**Phone:** 373-7599 ext 89176. [www.pgsa.org.nz](http://www.pgsa.org.nz)

**Email:** [pgsamanager@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:pgsamanager@auckland.ac.nz)

Level 4, Student Commons, 2 Alfred Street,  
City Campus.

## Main events

All students new to postgraduate study at The University of Auckland this year are warmly invited to an orientation organised specially for you.

### Monday 20 February

#### Nursing

8.30am-12.30pm

#### Library sessions

The Library information session will provide you with the resources required to access the University catalogue and databases.

MDCL, Room 504-336, Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences, Park Road, Grafton.

(repeated on Thursday 23 February)

### 1.15-5pm

#### Library skills

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Grafton Information Commons Training Room,  
Ground Floor, Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences, Park Road, Grafton.

(repeated on Thursday 23 February)

#### Student learning sessions

Room 502-001, Ground Floor, Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences, Park Road, Grafton.

(repeated on Thursday 23 February)

### International Office

#### 10am-12noon

Fisher & Paykel Appliances Auditorium, Level 1,  
Owen G Glenn Building, 12 Grafton Road, City Campus.

Official welcome: information and advice for students. Morning tea will be served.

Visit the International Student Information Centre (G23, Old Choral Hall) for all upcoming international student events.

### Tuesday 21 February

#### Pōwhiri and welcome by Vice-Chancellor

9-10.15am

Waipapa Marae, 16 Wynyard Street (below Human Sciences Building), City Campus.

You are invited to assemble at the gate on

Waipapa Marae in front of the ancestral meeting house Tāne-nui-a-rangi. Morning tea will be served after the formalities. Please do not take food into the meeting house as the house is considered tapu (sacred).

### Postgraduate Architecture, Planning and Urban Design students

9.30am-2.30pm

Room 311, Exhibition Studio, Level 3, Building 421, School of Architecture and Planning, 26 Symonds Street, City Campus.

Welcome and introduction to postgraduate study, information sessions to find out more about your courses, a tour of postgraduate facilities and the opportunity to meet other postgraduate students. If you have any inquiries contact the Call Centre on 0800 61 62 63 or email [info-creative@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:info-creative@auckland.ac.nz)

### Seminars

10.30am-12.30pm

#### Rapid reading, recall and memory by Nick Read

Room OGGB4, Level 0, Owen G Glenn Building, 12 Grafton Road.

You will never read as much as you do during your university years. You will never study as much, nor be asked to recall so much as you do now. Using the principles of Power Reading you can easily double your reading speed and improve your comprehension. Couple this with some easy note-taking and memory techniques, and your retention and recall will also markedly improve. This short workshop will provide some tips to improve your reading, comprehension and recall.

Nick Read facilitates a number of programmes at The University of Auckland Business School.

Please register to attend at <http://rapidreading2012.eventbrite.com>

## 5-7pm

### Delivering professionally by Roseann Gedye

Room OGGB4, Level 0, Owen G Glenn Building, 12 Grafton Road.

- Essential presentation skills
- An introduction to the three keys to getting your message across clearly and concisely
- Structuring your presentations to have maximum impact
- Making sure you engage with your audience in order to get them to take action.

Roseann Gedye is the founder of her own communication advisory service known as Roseann's Principles. She is a sought-after consultant in communication, leadership, change and motivation. Roseann presents numerous Short Courses at The University of Auckland Business School.

Please register to attend at <http://deliveringprofessionally2012.eventbrite.com>

## Science

### 1-2pm

SciSpace, Room G16, Science Centre (Building 303), 38 Princes Street.

New and returning postgraduate students to the Faculty of Science are warmly invited to our welcome function. Come along to SciSpace, meet up with old friends and perhaps make some new ones! This is your chance to meet the Associate Dean (Postgraduate) and the faculty's postgraduate advisers. Please register your intention to attend to [r.holmes@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:r.holmes@auckland.ac.nz) for catering purposes.

## Wednesday 22 February

### Meet and greet

#### 11.15-11.30am

Lecture Theatre 029, ClockTower, 22 Princes Street, City Campus.

Hear from the key people who can assist you with your studies, including representatives of the School of Graduate Studies, PGSA, Careers Services and more.

### Seminar: The transition from taught learning to research

#### 11.30am-12noon

Lecture Theatre 029, ClockTower, 22 Princes Street, City Campus.

Dr Susan Carter, Centre for Academic Development.

## NICAI international students

### 11.30am-1pm

#### "Meet and greet" lunch for NICAI international students

Architecture and Planning courtyard, 26 Symonds Street.

An informal free lunch to welcome you into the faculty, where you will have the opportunity to meet your NICAI buddy and the NICAI international advisers.

## PGSA student panel

### 12noon-12.30pm

Lecture Theatre 029, ClockTower, 22 Princes Street, City Campus.

The PGSA student panel is an opportunity for new postgraduate students to ask questions about everything they would like to know about being a student at The University of Auckland.

## Lunch - Picnic on the green

### 12.30-1.30pm

Graduate Centre, East Wing, ClockTower, 22 Princes Street, City Campus.

Enjoy one of the many great public spaces on campus and join us for a free lunch in the garden outside the Graduate Centre. Take the time to network with key staff and other postgraduate students in a relaxed environment. Also, the Information Fair is on hand for any questions you may have on postgraduate study and support services. Plus, enjoy a free coffee from Coffee a Go Go for the first 50 students.

## Information fair

### 12.30-1.30pm

Graduate Centre, East Wing, ClockTower, 22 Princes Street, City Campus.

Do you have questions about postgraduate study or support services available for postgraduate students at the University? Come along to the Information Fair where we have stalls staffed by key people from:

- Careers Services
- DELNA and ELE – English Language Enrichment
- PGSA
- Scholarships Office
- Student Learning Centre
- AUSA Advocacy.

## Arts

### 1-2pm

#### Postgraduate welcome

Whare Kai, Waipapa Marae, 16 Wynyard Street.

Faculty of Arts postgraduate students, both international and domestic, are warmly invited to a faculty welcome. You will be introduced to the services, facilities and support available to Arts postgraduate students, including the faculty's own Arts Graduate Study Centre. You can also meet with the Assistant Dean (Postgraduate), the Associate Dean (International), departmental graduate advisers and other postgraduate students. Light refreshments will be provided.

## International Office

### 1-3pm

#### Seminar: Living in Auckland

Fisher & Paykel Appliances Auditorium, Level 1, Owen G Glenn Building, 12 Grafton Road, City Campus.

Information about transport, accommodation, places to shop, Kiwi lingo, and dealing with culture shock.

## Seminars

### 1.30-2pm

#### The rhetorics of academic discourses

Lecture Theatre 029, ClockTower, 22 Princes Street, City Campus.

Dr Barry White, Centre for Academic Development

### 2-2.30pm

#### Matching your skills to employer needs

Lecture Theatre 029, ClockTower, 22 Princes Street, City Campus.

Presented by Careers Services

## Mature students' orientation

### 3.30-4.30pm

#### Assistance for your journey to success

Lecture Theatre OGGB4, Owen G Glenn Building, 12 Grafton Road.

We recognise that as a mature student you face some unique challenges, which can make the transition to university life more difficult. During this hour-long session we will put your fears and concerns to rest with practical information on student support services.

**Thursday 23 and  
Friday 24 February**

## School of Population Health

**9am-4pm**

Building 730, Tāmaki Innovation Campus

### International student induction

Welcome and introduction to postgraduate study for School of Population Health international students: includes information sessions on negotiating academic cultures and expectations, managing the transition to postgraduate study, and advanced research and writing skills.

**Thursday 23 February**

## Nursing

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(also on Monday 20 February)

## Engineering

**9am-1pm**

### Faculty of Engineering Postgraduate Orientation

ALRI, Architecture and Planning Building, 26 Symonds Street.

Welcome to new postgraduate students.

Meet our key staff and find out useful information on postgraduate study at the Faculty of Engineering, as well as resources, facilities and services available to students.

**10.30-11am**

### Morning tea

Conference Centre Catering Room 340, Building 423 on 22 Symonds Street.

Light refreshments will be provided.

**2pm**

### Departmental welcome

Please reconvene here at 2pm at the lecture theatre (Room 342, Building 423, 22 Symonds Street) and the departmental representatives will direct you to their respective presentations.

## Doctoral morning tea

**10-11am**

Strata Postgraduate Lounge, Level 4, Kate Edger Information Commons, 2 Alfred Street, City Campus.

A monthly event for all doctoral students, the doctoral morning tea allows you to meet and mingle with other doctoral students in a relaxed environment, keep up to date on applicable information, as well as informative guest speakers who present on topics relevant to the life of a doctoral student.

For catering purposes, please register at <http://februarydmt12.eventbrite.com>

## The PhD Movie

**4.30pm**

Fisher & Paykel Appliances Auditorium, Level 1, Owen G Glenn Building, 12 Grafton Road, City Campus.

Piled Higher and Deeper by Jorge Cham is brought to you by PGSA, University of Auckland.

Limited seats and tickets will be sold on a first come first served basis. Get more information and reserve your ticket at:

<http://phdmovie12-uoapgsa-owk.eventbrite.com>

## Education

**5-6.30pm**

### Postgraduate orientation

Room A201a, A Block, Gate 3, 74 Epsom Avenue, Epsom (parking available at Student/Visitor Car Park, Gate 2, 76 Epsom Avenue).

Faculty of Education postgraduate students are invited to attend this orientation evening and

- Meet with other Faculty of Education postgraduate students and talk with student representatives
- Meet the Graduate Adviser, Doctoral Adviser and Associate Dean (Postgraduate)
- Find out about student support opportunities on the Epsom Campus and the City Campus.

Light refreshments will be provided. Please register to attend by email at [foed-postgraduate@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:foed-postgraduate@auckland.ac.nz) by Tuesday 21 February.

**Friday 24 February**

## Tāmaki Innovation Campus (for Tāmaki students)

**8-8.30am**

### Registration

Room 220, Building 730.

**8.30-8.45am**

### Welcome

Lecture Theatre 732.201.

**8.45-9.45am**

### Student Learning Centre session 1

Lecture Theatre 732.201.

Succeeding in your postgraduate studies.

**9.45-10.15am**

### Morning tea

Room 220, Building 730.

**10.15am-12noon**

### Library session

Level 2, Building 730.

Includes an introduction to the Library: website overview, resources, services, finding tools, referencing and reference management, accessing the University's electronic environment, email and CECIL - the electronic learning system.

**12noon-1pm**

### Lunch

Building 730 courtyard.

A light lunch will be provided.

**1-2pm**

### Student Learning Centre session 2

Lecture Theatre 732.201.

Introduction to academic writing.

**2-2.15pm**

### Afternoon break

**2.15-3.15pm**

### Student Learning Centre session 3

Lecture Theatre 732.201.

What is your best writing strategy?

Please register to attend the Tāmaki Postgraduate Orientation by emailing your departmental administrator or [tamaki-info@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:tamaki-info@auckland.ac.nz)

Please find map of the Tāmaki Innovation Campus at <http://web.env.auckland.ac.nz/public/maps/tamaki.pdf>

## School of Environment

**11am**

### Postgraduate orientation morning

Room 370, Human Sciences Building, 10 Symonds Street.

This morning is compulsory for all students enrolling for the first time in any of the school's postgraduate programmes in Geography, Geology, Environmental Science and Environmental Management at the masters, honours and postgraduate diploma levels. Learn about the school, its staff and facilities. The morning will conclude with a pizza lunch in the school's staff common room – a wonderful opportunity to meet the staff and socialise with your fellow students.

## National Institute of Creative Arts and Industries

12noon

### NICAI welcome BBQ

Large Chemistry Lecture Theatre 23 Symonds Street.

All NICAI students are invited to attend a welcome by the Dean, followed by a BBQ. Come along and meet staff, listen to music, enjoy good food, mix and mingle, make new friends or catch up with old ones.

## Business and Economics

12.30-1.30pm

### Business and Economics orientation

Lecture Theatre OGGB5, Level 0, Owen G Glenn Building, 12 Grafton Road, City Campus.

The Business School welcomes new postgraduate students to the faculty. Meet the Associate Dean Postgraduate and key staff from the Postgraduate Office. Find out about important dates, postgraduate facilities, services and support available to you. The session will be followed by a light lunch.

Some departments follow this with a meeting in the afternoon to welcome their postgraduate students.

## Postgraduate Music students

3-4pm

Music Theatre Foyer, School of Music, 6 Symonds Street.

An informal catered gathering to welcome new and returning students to postgraduate study with Associate Head of Postgraduate Music Studies, Associate Professor Dean Sutcliffe. If you have any inquiries contact the Call Centre on 0800 61 62 63 or email [info-creative@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:info-creative@auckland.ac.nz)

## PGSA orientation party

5pm until late

Cheap drinks and free food! Strata (café), Postgraduate Commons, Level 4, Kate Edger Information Commons, 2 Alfred Street, City Campus. For more information please visit: [www.pgsa.org.nz](http://www.pgsa.org.nz)

The Postgraduate Students' Association (PGSA) invites all new and current postgraduate students to its first party of the year with loads of free food, cheap drinks and live music. This is an awesome opportunity to meet other postgrads from faculties across the University and have a fun evening.

Monday 27 February

## Postgraduate Dance Studies students

4-6pm

Postgraduate Common Room, Level 5, Building 421, 26 Symonds Street.

Welcome and introduction to postgraduate study with Dance Studies Postgraduate Adviser Alys Longley. If you have any inquiries contact the Call Centre on 0800 61 62 63 or email [info-creative@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:info-creative@auckland.ac.nz)

Monday 5 March

## Postgraduate Fine Arts students

During the first week of semester postgraduate students will be welcomed, and introduced to staff and their programme of study.

If you have any inquiries contact the Call Centre 0800 61 62 63 or email [info-creative@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:info-creative@auckland.ac.nz)

## Student services

Get involved to get the most out of your university experience! Join the PGSA to become a part of the postgrad community and find out about the opportunities available.

## City Campus map

