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A warm welcome to the University of Auckland Property Department



I am delighted to introduce you to the most recent cohort of resourceful, articulate, well-trained and enthusiastic students from the University of Auckland Department of Property.

Ranging from mature students with earlier careers to those with local or overseas work experience, these students have the capacity to add value to your business, to the property industry and to society as a whole.

Alongside theoretical and practical concepts and widely applicable professional skills specific to the industry, they have developed important interpersonal skills in communication and personal relations. They also have a keen appreciation of real-world practice gained from the department's buddy programmes and from mentoring by industry professionals.

These successful graduates have completed their degree with the Department of Property, and are ready to move into the profession, confident in their knowledge of the industry and committed to succeeding within it.

In this brochure you will meet a number of these graduates; I encourage you to contact our students directly to discuss any work opportunities you may have.

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Professor Deborah Levy Head of the Department of Property The University of Auckland Business School







Top row, left to right: Professor Deborah Levy, David Clifton, David Wren, Dr Abdul-Rasheed Amidu, Dr Michael Rehm Middle row, left to right: Dr Jeremy Gabe, Dr Olga Filippova, Dr Zhi Dong, Dr Kiri Dell, Chris Farhi Bottom row, left to right: Mark Sigglekow, Dr Mark McConnell, Dr William Cheung, Myriam Benito, Noreen Garrad

The University of Auckland Department of Property

The Department of Property offers one of the most comprehensive undergraduate property degrees in Australasia.

Innovative research produced by the department's lecturers underpins the academic programme. In addition, close links with the property industry ensure the programme is relevant to industry requirements. The Bachelor of Property is currently recognised by the Property Institute of New Zealand, the Real Estate Institute of New Zealand, the Valuers Registration Board and the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors.

The Business School's mission:

- We inspire and enable people to develop ideas, knowledge and skills that shape their personal and professional development, advance Aotearoa New Zealand business, influence the global economy and enhance society.
- We will achieve our vision and mission by focusing upon four strategic research and education themes as we share knowledge and ideas developed through research; and as we educate students and businesspeople to become competent, confident and positive contributors to business.
 - Innovation and value creation
 - Succeeding in international markets
 - Productivity and sustainable business
 - · Leadership and governance

Subjects taught in the Bachelor of Property include:

- Building Construction
- Building Surveying
- Property Valuation
- Property Marketing
- Property Management
- Land-Use Planning and Controls
- Property Finance

- Plant and Machinery Valuation
- Property Economics
- Property Law
- Property Development
- Property Research
- Property Investment
- Māori Land Issues

In addition to a property degree, many of our graduates have completed conjoint degrees majoring in such areas as accounting, marketing, finance, law and science.

For further information on the department, visit www.property.auckland.ac.nz and to employ a graduate or current student, please contact Professor Deborah Levy on 09 923 7331 or email d.levy@auckland.ac.nz.



Janet Abigail

At the end of 2018, I completed my Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Property conjoint degree, majoring in Finance and Information Systems.

I have developed a wide range of skills through my university studies and extra-curricular activities, such as teamwork and communication skills.

During my studies, I had the opportunity to work in the Membership and Property team at Foodstuffs North Island. This experience helped me improve my understanding of the property industry as well as my ability to develop networks across the business.

I am a hardworking, organised and motivated individual who takes every opportunity to learn. I look forward to a career where I can further develop my skills.

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Mariam Baho

I have just completed my Bachelor of Property and Bachelor of Law conjoint degree. The two degrees complemented one another very well, and I have found my studies both interesting and incredibly beneficial.

I was privileged to have been awarded the Keystone Bayleys Property Scholarship in 2016, which provided me with the opportunity to work part-time at Bayleys, rotating across three of their departments.

Last summer I received a clerkship at Minter Ellison Rudd Watts and was given the opportunity to rotate in both their Property and Construction teams.

I am excited to be starting as a graduate in the Construction team at Minter Ellison Rudd Watts, in November 2018, and I look forward to combining my knowledge of both property and law throughout my career.

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Matthew Bailey

In July 2019 I am proud to say I will be completing my Bachelor of Property degree. The degree has taught me valuable lessons such as teamwork, problem solving and persistence, while also establishing a strong work ethic and making lifelong friends along the way.

My persistence led to industry experience alongside Michael Boulgaris of Boulgaris Realty for the first year of my university career. I spent the following two years as a research assistant with the awardwinning Research and Consulting team at Colliers International, resulting in more extensive experience and teaching me valuable skills at the same time.

The standout papers for me have been Construction and Building Surveying and I'm very excited to apply what I've learned in these fields to the real world. I intend to continue learning as much as I can to maximise my knowledge.

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Sophie Berry

In November 2018 I completed my Bachelor of Property degree. The last three years of study at the University of Auckland have delivered a whirlwind of experiences. During my first two years I worked at Bayleys Real Estate, where I was able to take the extensive theory learned at University and apply it in a practical environment and to a range of contexts. This depth of experience provided me with industryrelevant personal skills such as time management, creativity, motivation and determination. I was also fortunate to be a part of the Auckland Land Economy Society (ALES) committee.

For me, the next five years will involve fulfilling my industry aspirations, with an emphasis on property development and leasing.

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Jeriel Bijosono

The University of Auckland has provided me with an opportunity not only to study and improve my learning capabilities, but also improve the skills that will enable me to engage in the professional property world. My Bachelor of Property degree has given me an in-depth knowledge of the real estate market, as well as developing my interpersonal skills.

My interpersonal and time-management skills will be beneficial to my future employers. Since arriving in New Zealand, my English has improved a lot.

Lastly, I have a passion and fascination for residential property but I am also eager to explore other industries. My great adventure at the University of Auckland ended in November 2018 and I look forward to putting my years of study to practical use and making a difference in the world.

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Olivia Botica

In June 2019 I will complete a Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Property conjoint degree, majoring in Finance and Economics. Throughout my time at the University of Auckland, I have developed a passion for property and finance. This passion has been fostered through my involvement in University clubs such as the Investment Club and the property student association ALES.

I have aimed to balance my time between work, study, and social engagements. In my third year of studies, I started working at Telfer Young Property Valuers. This opportunity has provided me with valuable practical experience and exposure to the property industry.

I am a driven team player and I am looking forward to applying what I have learnt throughout my time at university in building a successful career.

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Matthew Brooke

I started out with a Bachelor of Science studying physics and geography, but job prospects looked rather slim. I decided to switch to property and fell in love with the variety of subjects that were offered in the Bachelor of Property.

I am looking forward to completing my degree in the middle of 2019, and moving into the workforce full time. Currently I am working as a building inspector and I would love to get into surveying, management or construction.

Studying property has really opened my eyes to what can be achieved. I want to be challenged in my work, having to think outside the box to find solutions or refine systems.

I am looking forward to working in the property industry full-time and meeting more fellow industry professionals. I encourage you to contact me and see what I have to offer.

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Koon Chakhatrakan

June 2019 will mark the completion of my Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Property conjoint degree, majoring in Information Systems and Marketing. I am a passionate digital marketer, always seeking opportunities to use my expertise in the real estate industry.

During my studies, I am fortunate to have been involved in the execution of marketing projects for various real estate companies, including Barfoot & Thompson, Ray White and Harcourts. This allows me to apply knowledge gained during the course of my degree into real-world contexts.

I am looking for opportunities that will allow me to use both my property and marketing experience. I am a creative, passionate and motivated individual who thrives when presented with new challenges.

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William Lee Cole

I am a very hard-working person and I am eager to learn and adapt to new work environments. I love working with people and dealing with problems within a group or independently. I particularly enjoy a work environment that is both challenging and rewarding, as this will benefit both the company and me in the future. I would like to work in a company that allows growth in character and experience as I think these will help me develop into a better person.

I have a Bachelor of Property degree from the University of Auckland and now wish to start a different journey. I would like to embark on this new chapter in my life with a great company that acknowledges my potential and gives me the opportunity to work with a great group of people.

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David Cooper

I completed my Bachelor of Property degree in November 2018. Throughout my time studying at the University of Auckland, my passion and appreciation for property has only grown. I have found my time studying property to have been a most rewarding experience.

I try to manage my time to find a balance between my social life, studying and extra-curricular activities and I have managed to achieve this, playing in Property sports teams such as the basketball and volleyball teams. Going to networking events has given me a glimpse into what the property industry is like and I look forward to joining it.

I am confident that my enthusiasm and eagerness to learn, combined with what I have learned throughout my studies, has given me what I need in order to excel.

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Daniel Crosswell

July 2019 marks the completion of my Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Property conjoint degree, majoring in Accounting and Finance. During the course of my university studies I have gained an in-depth understanding of the property industry and I feel this has equipped me to tackle the challenges of the professional world. In addition to my finance and accounting studies, I have gained a number of other skills during my time at university, including time management, teamwork and analytical and interpretative skills.

Beyond my university studies, I work part-time in a trade supply store, gaining exposure and experience into property development and construction, both from a managerial and building perspective.

I maintain a healthy work/life balance, spending a lot of my spare time riding and working with motorbikes. I am interested in all facets of property but have a particular interest in property finance, valuation and management.

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Diana Deyeva

In July 2019 I will complete my Bachelor of Commerce/ Bachelor of Property conjoint degree. My studies have provided me with an in-depth understanding of multiple aspects of the property industry.

Throughout my university career, I balanced my studies with working part-time for Tennis Auckland as Head Coach. This role also enhanced my people skills, specifically developing my teamwork and management skills while still maintaining my individual drive for success.

Outside of work and study, I have a strong sporting background and have represented Auckland and New Zealand in tennis, throughout New Zealand, Australia and Europe.

I am an outgoing, disciplined and motivated person who always strives to do her best. I am interested in all aspects of the property industry and see endless opportunities in the property profession. I am especially interested in property marketing, development, property management and project management.

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Jared Dixon

In June 2019, I will complete a Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Property conjoint degree, majoring in Accounting and Taxation. These qualifications have advanced my passion for property and its correlation with the business world.

My time at university has been both rewarding and insightful for me, both academically and as an individual. I have gained a high level of knowledge across all disciplines, which has been reflected in receiving two 'first in course' awards in property valuation and advanced finance and investment. These awards recognise not just my academic achievements, but also other qualities I have gained, including a strong work ethic, selfmotivation and teamwork.

Having had the pleasure to be a part of the Property Department, I am now prepared for and excited to take my next step in the property industry.

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Kelsey Elliot

I completed my Bachelor of Property in November 2018. While studying at the University of Auckland I have gained a broad knowledge and a determination to thrive in the property industry. I have worked part-time in the hospitality industry alongside my studies, which has developed my confidence and interpersonal skills massively, and given me a strong work ethic.

I have been involved in several clubs while at the University, including being the vice-president of the University of Auckland Football Club in 2018. Along with the leadership I developed by being a class representative, this role has enhanced my skill set immensely, and increased my potential as I enter the workforce.

I look forward to future opportunities working in a field that I have a genuine passion for.

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Dougal English

I completed a Bachelor of Commerce at the University of Otago, specialising in marketing, economics, and management, before moving to the University of Auckland to complete a Bachelor of Property. Throughout my studies, I worked in the marketing industry and have also spent time with a number of leading property companies.

This real-life work experience, combined with the knowledge I gained from the BProp, has put me in a strong position to enter the world of professional property. I am excited to complete my degree and get the next stage of my career underway.

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Adrian Goh

In July 2019, I will complete my Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Property conjoint degree, majoring in Finance and Commercial Law. I have leveraged my studies with property related part-time work that has provided me with invaluable insight into the breadth and depth of the property industry.

My first work experience was with Nawawi Tie Leung (previously Cushman and Wakefield Asia Pacific) as a Research and Consulting intern. Subsequently, I joined Beca Group and now hold the position of a Valuer Assistant. From these opportunities, I have acquired invaluable knowledge and practical experience in markets, economies and client management.

My working proficiency in Mandarin enables me to break cultural barriers and interact with a diverse group of clients. I am a focused and driven individual, always seeking to challenge and improve myself.

I have a particular interest in valuation, research and development projects. My aspiration is to contribute to the professional development of the property industry.

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Mark Gordon

At the end of Semester One 2019, I will have completed my Bachelor of Property degree. The University of Auckland has tested my academic abilities and has provided me with a solid foundation in property.

During my time at the University, I competed in interfaculty basketball for the Property Pirates for five seasons. I have also participated in Property case competitions.

I currently hold a job at Savills Auckland as a Database Manager. This has broadened my knowledge of the property market today. I look forward to building on my current career in property.

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Devon Grantley-Hogg

I am completing a Bachelor of Property at the University of Auckland and will graduate in 2019. I have been very fortunate to complete my university studies here in Auckland and I am thankful for all the opportunities I've gained and my personal growth during my time there.

In 2018 I started working in the property industry. It has been rewarding putting my knowledge to good use. The job has further advanced my learning and given me a greater understanding of the industry.

I look forward to starting my professional career in the property industry in 2019.

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James Guilford

In June 2019 I will complete my Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Property conjoint degree, majoring in Finance. Completion of the conjoint degree has equipped me with a strong knowledge base in two areas of great interest to me. I look forward to the opportunities ahead to further explore my interests in property and finance.

I am resilient, hardworking and a critical thinker. These are the qualities I have strived hardest to develop throughout my time at the University, approaching difficult concepts and theories with optimism and an ambition to learn. I believe these skills will benefit me in the future, along with my strong knowledge base in property and finance.

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Rana Hamida

In my Bachelor of Property degree I endeavoured to gain a broad understanding of all the facets of the property market. I aim to use the skills I acquired during my degree to add value to the existing market.

I believe the social and personal skills I have gained through my life experience and time at the University of Auckland is my main strength, as it shaped me to be a flexible, understanding, honest and fast-learning person. I find I can adapt to any environment by adopting a creative perspective and applying logical and analytical thinking to any challenge.

I have good marketing and social skills, as well as the ability, drive and determination to succeed in winning clients' trust and creating opportunities. I am an excellent communicator who can relate well to people at all levels and can work as part of a team or as an individual.

I am always looking for new and challenging roles with ambitious and authentic agencies, where I can apply my skills and add to them by working in a supportive environment.

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Olivia Heighton

June 2019 will mark the end of my time studying at the University of Auckland, completing a Bachelor of Property. The past three years have been incredibly rewarding, creating lifelong friends and great memories.

During my studies I have been heavily involved in the ALES committee and represented the Property Department as a sports captain. These extracurricular roles have helped me achieve a balance between studying, working and a social life.

I am fortunate enough to have gained work experience at Precinct Properties, where I will endeavour to establish my property career, taking particular interest in development, management and property marketing. I look forward to what the next chapter will bring.

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Griffin Hill

In July 2019 I will complete a Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Property conjoint degree, majoring in International Business and Management. The University has not only provided me with a strong grounding in both commerce and property, but has also led to lifelong relationships formed throughout my four and a half years in Auckland.

In 2018, I was fortunate enough to complete a semester at Victoria University of Wellington. This has provided me with an insight into different university cultures around New Zealand, while at the same time gaining credits towards my degree in Auckland.

During my time at the University, I have developed a passion for property and have learnt the importance of networking and building strong relationships.

I look forward to taking full advantage of the many opportunities outside of the University and hope to transition into a prosperous career in the property industry.

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Samuel Huang

I completed a Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Property conjoint degree majoring in Accounting and Finance in November 2018. My four years at the University of Auckland have been highly rewarding, allowing me to experience the multiple facets of both degrees through case competitions, insightful projects and events with key industry players.

Throughout my university years, I was given opportunities to work part-time in leading firms in both finance and property. Being a part of the research team at Macquarie Group and the Valuation and Advisory team at Colliers International has provided me with a strong foundation for my career.

Although I enjoyed many aspects of both degrees, I have strong aspirations to work in property, and am particularly interested in the finance-related roles within the industry.

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Tarek Ibrahim

In May 2019 I will be graduating from the University of Auckland with a Bachelor of Property degree. My studies have helped me to unlock my potential and achieve new skill sets, such as effective networking with people from many different backgrounds. I have also learned to work effectively and successfully with my peers on a range of team projects.

Being one of only a few Property students who is of Middle Eastern descent, I greatly pride myself on being given the opportunity to bring more cultural diversity and unique values into this already diverse and multicultural industry. In 2019 I hope to make my mark on the world and realise my potential.

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Emily Kai Fong

Studying for a Bachelor of Property has been a hugely rewarding experience. It has allowed me to develop organisational and teamwork skills along with gaining a broad knowledge of the property industry. While at university, I have funded my studies with a variety of one-off and part-time jobs including cocktail bartending, an EA role at JLL in the Hotels Valuation team and wedding photography.

I was lucky enough to be voted into the Property students' association ALES committee in my second year, and took on the role of ALES treasurer in my final year. As a committee member I helped to organise student-run events and fill in some spaces on the Property sports teams.

After I complete my studies at the end of 2018, I look forward to building a successful professional career in the property industry.

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Thivindu Kithulagoda

I am an enthusiastic, honest and reliable person, and a quick learner.

Studying a Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Property conjoint, majoring in Information Management and Operations and Supply Chain Management, has been one of the most fulfilling four years of my life. It has allowed me to gain a lot of knowledge, make lifelong friends and opened my eyes to areas in the industry that interest me, such as valuation and property management.

During my studies I have gained leadership, social and academic skills that I can use to make tasks easier and get them done efficiently.

I look forward to great opportunities in the next chapter of my career.

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Betty Lin

I completed my Bachelor of Property degree at the end of 2018. During the past three years of study, I've obtained a well-rounded and in-depth knowledge of the property industry from various perspectives. I believe my valuable study experience, along with the skills I've developed, will support me to pursue my interest in the industry.

I have developed excellent teamwork skills and the ability to work well independently through the projects I've worked on during my studies. I consider myself as a person who is reliable, enthusiastic and eager to learn, which makes me a great fit in any team.

My areas of interest are property investment, management, finance and development. I am looking forward to building a successful career and putting the knowledge discipline into practice.

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Katarina Mandic

In February 2019 I will have completed a Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Property conjoint degree, majoring in Accounting and Commercial Law. My time at the University of Auckland has been a rewarding experience and I have made lifelong friends and connections.

I strive to achieve a balance between employment, studies and extracurricular activities. This has helped to enhance my time management, organisational and communication skills. I have participated in University sports throughout my four years of tertiary education, representing both Property and Commerce. In 2016 I was nominated for the University of Auckland Interfaculty Sports Woman of the Year award.

During my studies I have gained an in-depth understanding of the industry, as well as practical and theoretical knowledge in numerous fields. Studying Property, alongside my commerce degree, I believe has laid the foundation for a successful career.

I am hard working, enthusiastic and eager to learn, and I look forward to applying these skills as a professional in the industry.



Hamish McDonald

As a commerce student, I didn't know that the property electives I took in my second year would alter my direction. Since then, I have immersed myself in many of the professional and social networking opportunities afforded by such a wellconnected department.

I have had great help from the department to develop and refine my skill set, leading me to employment opportunities at Landmass Technologies, Opteon, and now Hampton Jones.

At this point, I consider the commerce side of my degree as a complementary skill set, while the property side is the vehicle for my career.

Building surveying is the discipline which has captivated my interest, and I hope to go on to pursue membership with the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors.

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Kayla McKenzie

Throughout my time studying a Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor in Property conjoint degree (majoring in Accounting) I have developed a particular interest in the property industry. Studying a conjoint degree has allowed me to develop strong time management skills. I have managed to balance study, work, and extra-curricular activities. I have been actively involved in the property faculty playing a variety of inter faculty sports.

The property degree has taught me the importance of networking and has allowed me to build strong relationships with my peers and industry professionals. In my last year of study I have gained experience working in property analytics for Precinct Properties.

I look forward to graduating in June 2019, and applying the skills I have gained from my studies and work to build a successful career in the property industry.

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Keegan McLeod

My interest in the property market drove me to make the move from Wellington to Auckland to take up a conjoint degree in Property and Commerce. My studies have only confirmed my passion for property, especially management, brokerage, development and valuation. My commerce degree has proven to be complementary to these areas of interest.

As a person I am hard working, motivated and determined to execute a high standard of work, with a positive mindset towards any activity I am tasked with. Being open minded to diverse ideas and experiences, I have a passion for leadership positions and working as part of a team. Throughout my time at the University I have developed skills that I will incorporate into my career as a property professional - be it market-based knowledge or personal soft skills such as communication skills, self-motivation and time management.

University has also allowed me to find a field of work that ignites my passion and drive. I am eager to begin full-time work within the property market and look forward to what this future may hold.



Jack Miller

To a younger me, adding a Bachelor of Property to my commerce degree seemed like an afterthought, but in recent years it has become somewhat of a dream. The most rewarding part has been the amount of networking, personal growth and character development, which I never expected when signing up.

This unique degree allowed me to combine the business-focused mindset I wanted from the BCom with a culture and passion that resonates with who I am and want to be, while simultaneously allowing me to travel the world.

However, the real highlight of the programme for me has to be the lifelong bonds I've made and found along the way. Now that I have finished all of my BProp papers, I know that the field of property is where I want to be after finishing my conjoint degree in the summer of 2020.

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Savanna Muller

In July 2019 I will be completing a Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Property conjoint degree, majoring in Commercial Law and International business. Both degrees have expanded my knowledge and allowed me to develop many valuable relationships throughout my time at the University of Auckland. My studies have broadened my avenues and given me a solid foundation.

I have been lucky enough to work part-time within the industry at Bayleys Property Services, as an Assistant Property Manager assisting within the Augusta Portfolio. This has given me a unique opportunity to create some key connections, gain insight into the industry and challenge my understanding while still at university.

With a passion for property, I am excited to work towards a successful career in the industry.

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John Murphy

My time studying at The University of Auckland towards a Bachelor of Commerce/ Bachelor of Property conjoint, majoring in International Business and Commercial Law, has provided me with challenges, enjoyment and satisfaction.

I have been exposed to practical and theoretical knowledge in many property fields. As well as gaining an understanding of the industry, I have developed a passion for property, and am excited at the prospect of being able to work in the property industry.

From studying to participating in extracurricular activities and doing part-time work, I was taught the value of time management and finding balance. I also formed a great network with people in graduate roles, those about to graduate or property professionals who have had some time in the industry.

I eagerly await new opportunities and challenges, and applying what I have learnt at university in the property industry.

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Poppy Owen

Three years ago, I decided to follow my passion and pursue a Bachelor of Property. Throughout my time at the University, I have developed invaluable skills that have given me a strong foundation for a successful career.

My ability to work well with others, efficiently coordinate and show initiative in challenging and fast-paced environments has allowed my employers to place a significant degree of trust in me. I am highly motivated, and my positive work ethic, desire to learn and be successful are assets I will bring to any organisation.

My main areas of interest are property management, development, valuation and building surveying. However, I would welcome any opportunity in this profession.

I am eager to begin my career in this exciting industry. I look forward to discussing any future employment opportunities.

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John Paki

In November 2018 I completed my Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Property conjoint degree, majoring in Accounting. Throughout my time at the University I have been involved in a number of groups including the Commerce Association for Pacific Island and Māori Students and the Property student association ALES. I have also been a mentor for the Staple Scholarship, which is helping a first year Dilworth student settle into their first year of University.

While at the University I have also been fortunate enough to have a part-time job at Savills, working in the valuation team. This has increased my interest in the valuation sector and I would like to be registered when I finish my studies.

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Daniel Park

In July 2019, I will complete a Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Property conjoint degree, majoring in Accounting and Finance. The two degrees have provided me with a solid skillset to tackle issues in a commercial environment.

My first taste of the property industry resulted from a brief stint at JLL as a vacancy surveyor. I proceeded to work at BCA Limited as an assistant property administrator, managing body corporates. After nine months at BCA Limited, I was fortunate enough to secure a position at Sonn Group as a project assistant.

As a project assistant, I am assisting the functions of full-time managers/directors in property development through project management, stakeholder management and financial analysis. The position has also given me the responsibility of various property functions such as agency work (private sales and leasing) and asset management.

My other interests include Muay Thai, football and music. I appreciate the guidance that the University of Auckland has offered and I look forward to the opportunities that lie ahead.



Pooja Parshottam

I will be graduating in May 2019 with a Bachelor of Property. I have previously graduated with a Bachelor of Commerce, majoring in Accounting and Commercial Law, in 2016. I am currently working part-time at Gribble Churton Taylor as a property analyst, and I will be commencing my new role at Maynard Marks as a building surveyor in January 2019.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as a property student through field trips, networking events, guest lecturers and property site visits. The Property Department has been very supportive over the past few years. I would highly recommend attending the networking events. They are vital in establishing long term relationships in the industry.

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Urvashi Patel

In June 2019 I will have completed a Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Property conjoint degree, majoring in Economics and Commercial Law. Throughout my time at the University of Auckland I have maintained a balance between studying, working, sports and maintaining my social life. This has taught me to be hardworking, reliable and committed.

The property degree itself has taught me a lot about the industry and I look forward to applying my knowledge. Studying has not only been a rewarding experience but I have made lifelong friends and connections.

I have been fortunate enough to work at JLL in the agency and facilities management team during my last year which has exposed me to the industry. I look forward to what the next chapter in my property career holds.

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Thomas Patton

November 2018 marked the completion of my time at the University of Auckland studying a Bachelor of Property. It was an extremely rewarding experience where I learnt to better balance my study, work and social life with all my extracurricular activities.

Over the last two years I have been highly involved with the ALES committee, firstly as Sports Leader and this year as President. I have also worked part time at JLL and Bayleys. I am passionate about serving and leading and these roles have proven invaluable. I have enjoyed the teamwork and have enhanced my organisational, critical thinking and communication skills.

I am excited to step into a commercial agency at the end of this year with Bayleys where I will continue to be eager to learn and enthusiastic about this next chapter in my life.

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Giancarlo Perano

In November 2018, I completed my Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Property conjoint degree, majoring in Information Systems and Marketing. These two degrees have complemented each other and have given me invaluable knowledge of current business methods and ways to integrate technology into many different property-related fields.

While studying, I have been fortunate enough to gain experience in the real estate industry, working as a database manager for operations at Bayleys' Manukau Office. This experience has taught me personal skills such as being proactive and supportive to many different team members.

I have always had a passion for real estate, and gaining this experience has allowed me to pursue my passion. I am very eager to learn the commercial and industrial agency side of real estate and to develop syndications for worldwide clients in my future career.

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James Petherick

In November 2018, I completed a Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Property conjoint degree, majoring in Accounting and Marketing.

I have received four First-in-Course awards and in 2017 was named Property Student of the Year. I have also been heavily involved with Property Case Competitions at the University. My team placed third in 2017 and second in 2018 at the Australasian Real Estate Competition, qualifying for the Global Finals held in New York for both years.

I have worked at Kiwi Property since 2015, across the Development, Commercial, Facilities, Retail and Leasing teams.

I am a hard-working and organised person, who is quick to learn new things. I look forward to my career in the property industry.

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Jonathan Ranford

Studying a conjoint degree in Commerce and Property has enabled me to develop a wide skill set and a passion for property valuation, development and investment.

While at the University I have been privileged to intern with Deloitte and Colliers International, which has given me a strong foundation in property and professional services.

I have always had a passion for New Zealand business, which led me to become heavily involved in the Management Consulting Club. As a result, I was selected to represent the University in the Los Angeles Real Estate Case Competition where our team was commended for presenting a unique development strategy for a complex real estate problem.

I look forward to using my knowledge base to make a positive impact on New Zealand property projects.

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Vincent Sacay

After leaving St Peter's College with a scholarship, 14 leadership roles and studying Cambridge examinations, I pursued a Bachelor of Commerce/ Bachelor of Property conjoint degree, majoring in Commercial Law and Marketing. June 2019 marks the point that I complete this very rewarding degree.

I am proud to have been awarded Silver in the MCC Property Case competition. I was treasurer of the Filipino Student Association Club and an active member of the ALES Property Student Association. My talent to play the violin has provided the opportunity for me to perform at various Property graduation ceremonies. My hobbies include playing tennis and dancing to stay active.

My strong work ethic and people skills will make me an asset to any organisation and will surely benefit my future employer. I am self-motivated and focussed on attaining professional and personal success.

I am ready to start and progress my career in the property industry.

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Jessica Shen

The University of Auckland has provided me with the skills to thrive in the property world. My Bachelor of Property degree has allowed me to pursue my passion for property while being introduced to a range of challenges which has shaped me for the better.

I have the interpersonal skills to bring value to my future employers and I am a well-rounded individual. I speak basic Mandarin and have worked in different industries such as retail which has taught me adaptability, communication and the ability to work effectively in a team.

I am interested in all sectors of property, particularly commercial property management and consultancy. I completed my studies in November 2018 and I look forward to using the invaluable knowledge that I have gained to help further shape New Zealand's property industry.

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Yuxin (Susan) Shen

I have recently completed my Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Property conjoint degree, majoring in Finance and Marketing. Throughout my time at the University, I have gained a solid foundation of property knowledge both theoretically and practically through various project showcases and report presentations.

I was nominated a class rep for the Advanced Property Finance and Investment class (PROPERTY 351) in 2018. I have achieved a work-study balance by managing both university study and part-time jobs.

I keep my career options broad, with particular interests in commercial valuation, finance and property marketing. The fact that I am fluent in both Mandarin and English would certainly help when interacting with the diverse client base and international market of the real estate industry.

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William Silk

My passion for the property industry lead me to studying for a Bachelor of Property degree, which I will be completing in June 2019.

I have always been interested in property and have thoroughly enjoyed all the content covered in the degree. I am most passionate about property development, especially intensified residential redevelopment projects and am particularly keen to work as closely as I can on these when I finish my degree.

Before returning to the University to complete my studies, I worked as a retail manager, managing operations, sales and teams, which are additional skills I will be able to bring to my property career.

I am keen to have conversations about future opportunities and career pathways to pursue when I complete my degree.

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Cooper Spiller

I have thoroughly enjoyed studying property, and look forward to developing it in a more practical sense in the future.

I have established many qualities and skills that will continue to assist me in my future. I am passionate, articulate, thorough and have excellent timemanagement skills. I am also social, sporty and fit and healthy. I am a good listener and believe this allows me to really understand what my potential future clients are after.

With a strong family background in property, I have grown up in an environment filled with property discussions, allowing me to develop a great understanding of the commitment required.

In the future I aspire to build a property portfolio, using the knowledge I have accrued both in my degree and throughout my prior property experience.

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Lauren Stretton

In June 2019, I will complete a conjoint degree in Property and Commerce (Accounting and Marketing). I decided to do the BProp after attending the University's Open Day. It sounded really interesting and a great complementary degree.

I received the JLL Property Scholarship in my second year of studies. I then proceeded to work there for a year as a research assistant, where I undertook three vacancy surveys and continuously updated the development pipeline. In addition to gaining this industry experience, I have also been a committee member on ALES, the Property Student Association, for the past three years and last year I held the position of Secretary.

I have gained valuable skills and work experience throughout my time at the University. I am a diligent, organised and honest person, and am looking forward to working alongside a great team.

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Annaliese Thomsen

Completing the Bachelor of Property at the University of Auckland has not only equipped me with the knowledge I need to succeed in the industry, but it has taught me a number of important lessons that I feel are crucial to thrive.

Throughout my studies, I have spent time with industry-leading property companies, which has helped me apply theory to real-life situations. In addition to this, I have acquired a variety of leadership skills through previous education, which I intend to bring into the professional workforce.

I have a keen interest in the property industry and hope to bring the knowledge I have learnt, along with my experience, into my professional career in 2019.

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Johnson Wang

I began my journey towards a Bachelor of Property three years ago but I have always had an interest in this industry. Property investment was a common topic amongst my parents and their circle of friends. Looking back, listening to these discussions planted a seed in my mind that eventually grew into a strong interest in property.

I am currently working at Bayleys and have been there for over a year now. The majority of my work experience in property is in facilities management, more specifically, commercial and industrial building compliance. In the future, I see myself working in an agency.

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Cameron Whittaker

I will be graduating with a Bachelor of Property in May 2019. My passion for property has grown considerably since starting at the University of Auckland. Finding a balance between study, work, social life, and sporting activities is important to me.

A highlight of my University career was representing Property students on the Auckland Land Economy Society (ALES) committee. I took charge of sporting competitions and some social events and found this to be a great way to give back to students studying a property degree.

I've been fortunate enough to be working at JLL as Executive Assistant for over a year. During this time, I've made many valuable connections and gained an insight into the property industry.

I consider myself a hard-working team player who is always eager to learn. I look forward to graduating and working in the property industry full-time.

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Alan Ye

Looking back, my time completing the Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Property conjoint degree has been by far the most rewarding time I have spent thus far in my life. I feel very fortunate that I have been able to emerge with a skillset and knowledge that I can apply in my post-university career.

Throughout my time at the University I have had the privilege of working for the likes of Colliers and JLL, and the honour of winning the 2016 Property Case Competition and the 2017 Engineering Case Competition. These experiences have given me real world insight into the nature of work in the property industry. With this I hope to develop a successful property management career.

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Boxuan (Allan) Zhou

I completed my studies at the end of Semester 2, 2018. My Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Property conjoint degree, majoring in Commercial Law and International Business, has provided me with the knowledge for a career in the property industry. My Commerce majors will complement my interests in property management and property valuation, through an understanding of commercial contracts and leases as well as international markets.

I have made the most of my time at the University by participating in extracurricular activities such as the Property Case Competitions (which we won in 2016), and networking events.

I have worked for the University as a student fundraising representative for the Alumni Campaign in 2018, as well as being an inbound call operator at the Student Contact Centre.

I look forward to the opportunity to make a lasting difference to the New Zealand property industry.

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Darren Park

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The Bachelor of Property provides a great foundation for all careers within the property industry, with initiatives such as the "Buddy Programme" giving students practical experience and early insights into the various opportunities the industry has to offer.

Through these initiatives, I was able to gain part-time work during my studies, which ultimately evolved into a full-time job in research, and then in commercial valuation. Having spent close to seven years in valuation and gaining registration, this provided me with an excellent platform to move into a role at one of New Zealand's leading listed property companies, and more recently into my current role at PwC.

For me, valuation (whether you are a career valuer or it is just a starting point) provides a strong and deep understanding of property and property fundamentals. When I look around the industry today, it's great to see so many industry leaders with backgrounds in valuation, regardless of whether they are now in agency, consulting, development or other property professions.



Martin Boys

Director - Structured Transactions and Advisory Services, CBRE

I was fortunate enough to graduate in 2005 when the market was strong and a number of firms were hiring. I started out as a graduate valuer at CBRE and eventually gained Registered Valuer status in 2008 before heading off to Canada for a couple of years of travel and downtime in the mountains.

Upon my return to NZ, I was able to find employment again through connections I had made in my early years of work, before ultimately heading back to CBRE for a slightly different opportunity – where I remain today. The team I work in provides advisory and agency services for both the public and private sectors, typically focussing on development land or assets with a development angle. I love that the work is both challenging and varied and it pushes me to continually learn in order to keep up with current trends.

Looking back, it was the Bachelor of Property degree that gave me the opportunity to get my foot in the door with a leading organisation straight out of university. That has ultimately allowed me to learn from and work with some of the best people in the industry and make a number of great contacts along the way.



Melody Richards

Registered Valuer, TelferYoung Limited (Northland)

The Bachelor of Property degree from the University of Auckland gives you the flexibility to choose a wide range of property-related careers. There are so many avenues of property and the degree helps to foster the entrepreneurial spirit.

After graduating I took a role in commercial and residential property valuation at a small firm in Whangarei. This was a great base to learn practical valuation skills and how to relate to clients. I then relocated to Auckland and took a role as a commercial valuer with Colliers International. This role involved large-scale valuation work for private individuals and public bodies along with specialist areas such as land development and feasibility projects. Now back in my home town of Whangarei I am working with TelferYoung Northland and have obtained experience in arbitration work, ground rental assessments and local council asset valuations.

The Bachelor of Property degree is an allencompassing degree which has been invaluable to me. I have enjoyed staying in contact with my fellow BProp graduates and would highly recommend the degree to anyone with an interest in property.



Kimberley Richards

Director - Investment Management and Capital Transactions, Goodman

Property as an asset class always interested me and I discovered a real passion for the industry early in my degree at Auckland.

After completing my BCom/BProp in 2004 I travelled to the UK and continued my study undertaking a Masters in Real Estate Finance at The University of Cambridge. My undergraduate degree had prepared me well and reinforced that Auckland University, and the courses it provides, are world class.

Being overseas provided lots of opportunities. First working for Cushman & Wakefield I was exposed to the London and European markets, which were booming at the time. Moving from consultancy to investment, I joined Europa Capital, an opportunity fund, and spent the next 4 years buying real estate across Europe.

On my return to Auckland in 2010 I joined Goodman, a global property investor and fund manager. I have worked in both the property and investment management teams since then and now head up capital transactions for the business.

I have gained valuable experience throughout my career working with some of the worlds largest property investors. New Zealand is certainly on the map in terms of global investment and it is an exciting time to be entering the industry.







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