**DEPARTMENT OF PROPERTY** GRADUATE PROFILES





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# A warm welcome to the University of Auckland Department of Property



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 Raewyn Hills, 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
- · Property Economics
- Property Law
- · Property Development
- · 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 og 923 7331 or email d.levy@auckland.ac.nz.



### Joseph Bradshaw

Studying the degrees of Property and Commerce was a decision I made four years ago because I didn't really know what I wanted to do when I left school. Choosing Property was a leap of faith you could expect from an 18 year-old and throughout my studies, I found that the field of Property complements and invigorates a whole lot of my core skills.

Understanding people, finding a way to stand out, being competitive and having skills in a business and personal context are all central to the real estate industry. Short-term, I'm working towards becoming a registered valuer. Long-term, I know I'll be striving to become a market leader in whichever field I eventually choose.

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# Joyce Chen

Throughout my studies in the Bachelor of Property at the University, I have gained a solid foundation knowledge and comprehensive understanding of the property industry.

I have developed excellent teamwork and critical analytical skills from the many previous property projects and case studies I have done. I consider myself a person who is honest, reliable, and eager to learn. I believe that my valuable learning experience will support me in establishing a rigorous work attitude.

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

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#### Kai Chen

In November 2019 I completed my Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Property conjoint degree, majoring in Accounting and Finance. My studies at the University have broadened my knowledge of the business world, equipping me with the essential skills to thrive in the real estate market. I have developed a passion for financial analysis and valuation of various property assets.

Throughout my studies I worked part-time in my family's property development business. I was given the opportunity to collaborate with clients on new build residential developments and gain insight into the residential space. Ultimately, this experience bridged the gap between theory and practice.

I am excited about the challenges ahead as I embark on my journey in the property industry. I am motivated to succeed, and to that end I have adopted a strong work ethic paired with a determination to keep on learning.

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#### **Bianca Cornforth**

My passion for property brought me to the Bachelor of Property degree, following a career in IT consulting built on my Bachelor of Computing Systems degree. The BProp has given me a solid grounding in property law, economics and construction theory.

My IT consulting career in the UK and New Zealand has given me experience in many industries, including central government, insurance, banking, and energy. My expertise in process design, problem-solving, and project management aligns well with my new property knowledge. My voluntary activities with Auckland Transport and my local primary school have developed my networking skills, as have the University's networking events.

In 2019 I worked at Woolworths NZ, applying my skills to solve real business problems while expanding my understanding of the property industry. I look forward to working in this industry that I have a genuine passion for, and in which I believe I can excel

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#### **Jackson Cropp**

I will be graduating with a Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Property conjoint degree, majoring in Accounting and Taxation, and specialising in Property. I am also employed in a diverse role at Cyclone Computer Company Limited, a New Zealand-owned IT company. Until recently, I was also a competitive swimmer at the North Shore Swimming Club.

The combination of swimming competitively for over 15 years, two degrees from the University of Auckland, and working in the IT sector since leaving school, has given me a great theoretical and practical understanding of many areas of commerce and property, as well as the ability to work diligently and effectively. I look forward to seeing where my Commerce and Property conjoint takes me next.

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#### **Benjamin Crosland**

In July 2020 I will complete a Bachelor of Property/ Bachelor of Commerce conjoint degree, majoring in Accounting and Finance. My studies have equipped me with a strong base knowledge spanning both of my disciplines, and helped me to establish lifelong relationships along the way.

Additional to my studies, I have been fortunate enough to have spent the past three years working part-time in property valuation at both North Harbour Valuers and CBRE, as well as completing a summer internship in audit at EY. More recently, I have accepted a 2019/20 summer internship at EY working in transaction advisory services to further broaden my knowledge base.

I am hardworking, driven and look forward to a prosperous career ahead.

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# **Meghan Crowe**

I completed my Bachelor of Property degree In November 2019. During my time studying Property at The University of Auckland, my interest in the industry has grown into a passion which fuels my expectations of a future property career. The Bachelor of Property has taught me essential practical and theoretical skills, and I am confident these skills will enable me to be successful in the property industry.

While studying, I have worked part-time as a Commercial Assistant Valuer at JLL. This work experience has not only been enjoyable but has provided me with valuable insights into numerous areas of the property industry.

I believe the passion I have gained for property during my degree, coupled with my determination, has armed me for a long and successful career in the industry.

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#### **Ankur Dakwale**

In July 2020 I will complete a Bachelor of Property/ Bachelor of Commerce conjoint degree, majoring in Finance and Management. The combination of these degrees has given me the skills and knowledge required, as well as a unique perspective on the property and financial markets.

My time at the University has been challenging yet extremely rewarding, from classroom activities to representing the department at interfaculty cricket. I have gained a high level of knowledge along with qualities like a strong work ethic, self-motivation and teamwork.

I have been fortunate to gain experience working in the Research team at CBRE where I assist the team in vacancy surveys, consultancy reports and data analysis.

My interests in the property industry include finance, consulting and strategic advisory.

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#### Joshua Ellis

In November 2019 I completed a Bachelor of Commerce /Bachelor of Property conjoint degree, majoring in International Business and Management. With these qualifications, the University of Auckland has equipped me with the necessary skills to enter the property industry. Studying has been an insightful experience, but also has enabled me to build a strong network and gain lifelong friends.

During my time at the University, I have balanced my work experience, studies and extracurricular activities to develop a broad range of skills.

The Department of Property has provided me with the ability to gain relevant experience. My role as a commercial property analyst for Absolute Value has exposed me to a wide range of commercial assets. This role has enabled me to apply key learnings from my studies to enable practical outcomes.

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#### **Colette Fong**

November 2019 marked the completion of my Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Property conjoint degree, majoring in Management and Marketing.

I was exposed to the property industry from an early age. At university, the integration of the two degrees has allowed me to combine the best of both worlds and pair two different fields that I am equally interested in. Studying in the Department of Property has helped me gain both the practical and theoretical skills required in the industry, thanks to the hands-on nature of the courses. I enjoyed the teamwork components and feel they have enhanced my organisational and critical thinking skills.

With the next chapter of my life beginning, I look forward to building my professional career.

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# Ming Li (Flora) Foo

After finishing a Bachelor of Psychology and Business (majoring in Marketing) at Monash University, I joined a small property investment firm as a Property Manager Assistant, overlooking a mixture of residential and industrial tenants. This has spiked my interest in property, and I look forward to completing my Bachelor of Property at the University of Auckland in July 2020.

During my studies, I was awarded "First in Course" for some subjects and have gained an in-depth understanding of the local industry. I have also been fortunate enough to work part-time as a research assistant with the Research and Consulting team at Colliers International, assisting with the residential projects database.

I am a resilient, hardworking and organised person with a strong desire to learn. I particularly enjoy property finance, investment, marketing and management. This degree has been a truly rewarding experience and I look forward to the opportunities that lie ahead.

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#### Zoe Hall

I will be a happy graduate of 2020. I have had the best time studying Property and Commerce at the University and I couldn't be more excited about immersing myself in the industry full-time. Property has always been an interest of mine, which through this degree has developed into a strong passion. I work hard, have a real drive to succeed and bring lots of enthusiasm to the subject. My plan is to develop my knowledge and skills in retail property, aspiring to be a broker at Colliers International.

I feel very lucky to be surrounded by likeminded professionals from both my cohort and the industry, who all make me want to be my best. I absolutely love connecting with people, learning anything I can from others, and hearing about property opportunities.

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#### **Courtney Harrison**

In November 2019 I completed my Bachelor of Property degree. Over the past three years of study I have attained many valuable skills (academic, personal and professional) that will underpin and support a successful career in the property industry.

Throughout my studies, I developed a particular interest in commercial valuation and was fortunate enough to work in this field at Absolute Value. Balancing studies, work and extracurricular activities has taught me excellent time management and prioritising skills. Working in the property industry for the past 18 months has enabled me to build on the knowledge my studies have provided me with, as well as building relationships and further market knowledge.

Upon completing my studies, I look forward to continuing my professional career and broadening my skillset in the property industry.

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#### James Harwood

June 2020 will mark the completion of my Bachelor of Commerce/ Bachelor of Property conjoint degree, majoring in Economics and Finance. I have leveraged my studies with property-related work that has provided me with valuable insight into the industry.

During 2019 I spent several months working for Build Wellington at Wellington City Council, where I worked on multimillion-dollar property deals, contributing to Wellington's development as a vibrant and world class city. Following this I have been working at Seagars as an assistant valuer.

I have also made the most of other opportunities at the University. I've received University Blues, spent time doing pro-bono charity consulting work, and led the Fencing Club to secure upwards of \$30,000 in funding.

I am looking forward to opportunities within the property industry, and I am excited to see what the future holds

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#### 'Aisake Havea

As the only male Pacific student and only Tongan student of the class of 2019, I pride myself on being a rare emerging Pacific property professional.

I have always had a passion for property. Studying for a Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Property conjoint degree has enabled me to gain specialised knowledge of the industry. Both perspectives allow me to think critically and apply complementary skills in real-life situations.

During my studies, I was awarded the Vice-Chancellor's scholarship for Top Pacific Students. I have been an employee of the Schools Partnership Office and Office of the Pro-vice Chancellor Pacific, where I have been able to demonstrate exceptional attention to detail, adaptability and a good work ethic.

November 2019, will mark the completion of my Bachelor of Property studies. I am looking forward to the opportunity to infuse my Pacific heritage and make my mark.

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#### Karen Ho

In July 2020, I will complete my Bachelor of Commerce/ Bachelor of Property conjoint degree, majoring in Accounting and Management. My time at the University of Auckland has been rewarding and insightful. I've gained an in-depth understanding of the property industry and I am passionate about pursuing a property-related career.

In addition to my studies, I've gained teamwork, time management and analytical skills, and more. I'm hard-working, a fast learner, friendly, and driven to achieve the best results adaptable to any working environment. I've also gained personal skills and can comfortably interact with people from various backgrounds.

I have a strong interest in property management, marketing, valuation and development and am ready to enter the property industry as a working professional.

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#### Megan Huang

Looking back on the past four years at the University of Auckland, studying a Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of conjoint degree in Marketing and Management, I have been provided with the opportunities to develop an in-depth knowledge and gain the essential skills to thrive in New Zealand's real estate industry. My degrees have broadened the scope of my knowledge of the business and real estate world

I have the interpersonal and time management skills to deliver value to my future employers and clients. I am fluent in English as well as Mandarin, and I have worked with a diverse range of customers and stakeholders

I am interested in all sectors of the property industry, particularly property management, project management and valuation. I will complete my studies in February 2020 and look forward to using the skills and knowledge I have acquired to help shape New Zealand's property market.

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# **Brittany Johnson**

I am graduating from the University of Auckland as a proud and well-versed Pacific Island woman. I have been able to make my mark with another milestone of graduating, with many more awaiting me after this. I have grown not only as a student, but also as an individual. This degree is a representation of all the support I have had to get me here. I owe it to my family.

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#### Aliyah Khan

November 2019 marked the completion of my Bachelor of Property degree at the University of Auckland, and over the course of this degree my interest in property has become a passion, particularly for research, property management and marketing.

This degree has allowed me to expand my knowledge base both theoretically and practically, and has equipped me with skills such as time management, adaptability, effective communication, and a strong work ethic built on by both study and work.

The most rewarding part of this unforgettable experience has been gaining an insight into my future career, along with my personal growth, and the lifelong friends I have made, which have made my degree so much more valuable.

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#### **Rommel Layco**

In November 2019, I completed a Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Property conjoint degree, majoring in Information Systems and Operations and Supply Chain Management.

While attending the University, I had the privilege to work in the property and information system industry. I was lucky enough to gain work experience at CBRE, Redvespa and the Dilworth Trust Board. These experiences taught me the importance of balancing personal and technical skills, such as understanding when to be friendly, and when to execute.

I understand how property can influence lives.
This understanding has driven my passion for this industry. I am excited about the future of the property industry and look forward to my role in it.

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#### **Emilio Miguel**

November 2019 marked the completion of my conjoint degree in Commerce and Property (majoring in Information Systems and Operations and Supply Chain Management). When selecting what to study at the University of Auckland I thought carefully about how I could gain knowledge which will remain relevant throughout my life.

I thought of the following philosophy which applied to my fields of study. Everyone is in contact with land, everything is a process and technology is everywhere. The Property degree has allowed me to obtain jobs at Bayleys and Housing New Zealand (now Kainga Ora), which have been valuable to my growth.

I see myself as someone who wants to address real world issues and create positive outcomes for the people I work with and for. I also want to be remembered as an honest, humble and empathetic team member.

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#### Taraani Mohammed

Studying a Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Property conjoint degree is one of the best decisions I have ever made. It has been academically stimulating and has led to many connections amongst my peers and those in the industry.

My majors in Accounting and Finance have complemented Property extremely well, and the overlap between the two degrees has broadened my critical thinking. Exemplifying this, I received two first in-course awards for Stage 2 and 3 Property Valuation, particularly enjoying the core financial concepts intertwined with qualitative property aspects.

Alongside my studies, I have gained work experience at Goodman Property, Deloitte and DDL Homes - spanning accounting, commercial and residential property sectors. This summer I will be interning in Infrastructure Advisory at EY.

I look forward to seeing where our careers take my peers and myself in property and beyond.

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# Tafadzwa Mudapakati

The Bachelor of Property degree has offered me the opportunity to gain knowledge of the property industry and learn about the various roles that are available to me after graduation. As we are offered a wide range of courses, I have gained extensive insight into the industry. Additionally, throughout my studies I have worked in a finance lending role that has enabled me to improve my customer service skills and analytical skills, which I believe are key to professional success.

I feel confident that my eagerness to learn has positioned me for a great career in the property industry. My interests are in property development and property finance and my aim is to network with people in these roles to begin a career path in these two areas.

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# Campbell Ng

In June 2020 I will conclude my journey in achieving a Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Property conjoint degree, majoring in International Business and Marketing. These qualifications, although I thought the subjects are completely different, actually turned out to complement each other yery well.

During the course of my study I have been given an introduction to the cohort of aspiring professionals I may work with and gained an academic insight into the property world. Coming from a football background, I have always emphasised teamwork as an individual value, as well as adaptability to any environment. University has given me an eagerness to be out in the professional world and do my part to achieve in something bigger than myself.

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# Aakanksha Sanghavi

I will graduate in May 2020 with a conjoint degree in Commerce (majoring in Accounting and Commercial Law) and Property. At the University, I focused my academic coursework on harnessing practical skills by working in management restructuring and then in a finance role at Colliers International. I attribute the critical thinking skills and disciplinary knowledge I've learnt to the BProp degree.

I was fortunate to be one of the few individuals chosen to embark on the Prime Minister's Scholarship to Shenzhen, China, where I undertook a real estate advisory internship. My host company was closely affiliated with the Hilton Group, which helped me expand my network throughout East Asia. The opportunities presented to me have grown my interest in strategic approaches, using capital in property that can be used for social good. This is what I hope to be doing in my next role.

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#### **Megh Shah**

Opportunities are like heartbeats; you can't afford to miss a single one. This was my mantra throughout my time at the University. Studying a Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Property conjoint degree has set the foundation for my future in the property industry, while enabling me to complete the prerequisites for CA/CPA.

Alongside my studies, I have been actively involved with the University, industry and wider community. I am humbled to have received the Balmoral Asset Management Scholarship, Housing New Zealand Scholarship and to have been placed in the 'top three' for Property Student of the Year 2019.

My work experience includes working for CSD NZ, a not-for-profit organisation, and a summer internship at Housing New Zealand. In these roles I was part of teams such as Property Development Strategy, Acquisitions/Divestments, Project Management and Community Development.

I am always happy for a chat and can be contacted at the email below.

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# Jimmy Shi

I will be completing my Bachelor of Commerce/ Bachelor of Property conjoint degree (Majoring in Accounting and Information Systems) midway through 2020. Some of my notable achievements lie in property finance and valuation, which I have thoroughly enjoyed and developed a strong passion for.

Alongside my studies, I am extremely grateful to have been able to work in JLL's Research & Consultancy team, which has allowed me to develop a solid foundation of knowledge and core skills for further specialisation. This opportunity has enabled me to gain in-depth understanding of the wider property market and various commercial property markets in New Zealand, in terms of vacancy rates and yield movements, key transactions and new developments. I look forward to using my education, experience, skills and passion and further enhance them through practical experiences.

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### Jin Woo (Jason) Song

In November 2019, I completed my Bachelor of Property degree. My time at the University was a fantastic journey, expanding my passion for the industry. Apart from the diverse knowledge I gained throughout the property degree, it taught me to be an effective communicator, and to be competent and agile under pressure.

During my degree, I was very fortunate to gain exposure in both the banking and property industries, working for ASB and at JLL as a vacancy surveyor. These valuable experiences allowed me to build foundations in different areas of the industry and develop professionalism in my work.

I aspire to contribute to the development of the property industry and broader New Zealand. I also look forward to all the great opportunities that are to come in the next chapter of my career.

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#### **Laura Storey**

In November 2019 I completed my Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Property conjoint degree, majoring in Accounting and Marketing. I have gained a passion for property along with a strong work ethic, good time management and teamwork skills during my five years at the University.

Part-time work at a development management firm has been rewarding as I have been able to apply knowledge learnt at university and gain a greater understanding of the industry.

I am looking forward to starting my career within the property industry in an exciting, challenging role in 2020.

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# **Chanelle Stoyanov**

Completing my Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Property conjoint degree has opened the door to an exciting and successful career. These two degrees are complementary and have provided me with a breadth of knowledge, sparking my interest in property tax.

While studying, I gained invaluable experience in the accounting services industry working for a SME and Deloitte. I have endeavoured to strike a balance between work, study and extra-curricular activities, achieving academic merit across my degree and being rewarded with a First in Course award for Property Management. Studying a conjoint degree has most definitely strengthened my organisational and time management skills.

The BProp has educated me about the industry to a great extent and I look forward to applying my knowledge as a professional in property in the foreseeable future.

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#### Stephanie Su

November 2019 marked the completion of my Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Property (Accounting and Finance) conjoint degree. My time at the University of Auckland has been an incredibly rewarding experience and has provided me with invaluable knowledge and skills across all aspects of the property industry.

While at university, I was fortunate to have worked part-time in the area of commercial property management. This experience has enabled me to apply knowledge learnt throughout my university studies, further develop my teamwork skills, and gain an in-depth understanding of how the property industry operates.

I believe the combination of my conjoint degree and work experience has helped build a strong foundation for my future career. I look forward to the new and exciting opportunities and challenges that lie ahead.

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# **Michael Tracy**

I completed my Bachelor of Property degree in November 2019. Studying for this degree has given my passion for property depth, and developed my perspective of the industry and its influence in the business world.

The multi-disciplinary model of the Property degree has given me an insight into all facets of property, both domestic and international. The University has provided me with invaluable skills, expertise, and experiences, which I am eager to apply and further develop in an industry setting.

I have worked part-time in the hospitality industry alongside my university studies. These roles greatly advanced my self-discipline, communication, and interpersonal skills, and solidified my strong work ethic.

I am now determined to take the next step towards realising my aspirations for a successful career in the property industry.

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#### **Anh Tran**

Born in Vietnam and raised in New Zealand, I have a diverse background and am fluent in Vietnamese and English. I am a diligent and dedicated individual and team player who is self-motivated and goal-driven.

I will be graduating in May 2020 with a Commerce and Property conjoint degree majoring in Management and Marketing.

I will be graduating with one year of experience as Residential Assistant to a successful real estate agent as well as diverse experience in the food and hospitality industry over two years. This experience has made me well versed in people skills and customer service. I have also gained invaluable experience in working with the Microsoft Office suite, company programs and platforms as well as knowledge and experience in the residential property sector.

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#### **Mario Tyrdeich**

As a Commerce/Property conjoint student I am now seeking employment in the property industry to use the knowledge and skills I have attained in working towards my degrees.

I have the ability to connect with any individual at all levels, and pride myself on my competency in communicating with colleagues and customers. I understand what it takes to deliver the best possible customer service, evidenced by taking personal responsibility, being humble and genuine.

I am a friendly and a motivated individual who is happy to work autonomously or as part of a team. I enjoy a challenge and believe I bring with me a solid work ethic and can contribute to a shared vision using my education and work experience.

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# Ke (Coco) Wang

I completed my Bachelor of Property degree in November 2019. Three years ago, signing up to study property was a big decision for me, and now I am happy that I made the right choice.

During my studies, I have gained an in-depth understanding of multiple aspects of the property market. The University of Auckland has tested my academic skills and provided me with a concrete foundation in property.

I am an enthusiastic, motivated and hardworking person. I look forward to applying all the skills, experience and knowledge I have gained to build a successful career in the real estate industry.

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#### **Alan Wong**

November 2019 saw the end of my four-year journey at the University of Auckland, completing a Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Property conjoint degree, majoring in Accounting. My studies have equipped me with in-depth knowledge of these complementary disciplines, and given me skills that will be useful as I venture my way into the property industry.

I believe that the industry has high growth potential and my particular interests are in property finance, valuation, and management. I am outgoing, highly motivated and a quick learner. I have worked in various part-time jobs ranging from customer service to IT administration to accounts assistance. These roles have developed my interpersonal and time management skills.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at the University and look forward to fulfilling my passions and gaining valuable experiences in the property sector.

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# Tingting (Nicole) Yao

I completed my Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Property conjoint degree in November 2019 (majoring in Accounting and Finance). While studying at the University of Auckland, I have gained a broad understanding of all facets of the property industry.

During my studies I have been heavily involved in several student clubs. I played a pivotal role in the New Zealand Chinese Student Association as the fundraising manager, and in AIESEC as a Customer Experience Team Leader. These roles have enhanced my leadership, teamwork and interpersonal skills.

Outside of study and extra-curricular activities, I worked part-time in a property management firm, which gave me a glimpse into what the property industry is like.

I am an outgoing, passionate and motivated individual who strives to achieve excellence. Lam interested in all aspects of the property industry, particularly property management, leasing and sales.

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#### Jhanica Ye

I am a fourth-year student studying towards a Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Property conjoint degree, majoring in Information Systems and Marketing. As I plan to complete my studies at the end of June, I am open to all opportunities within the industry where I can apply the skills and knowledge I have obtained over the past four years. Throughout my time at the University, I have developed a particular interest in consulting, marketing and management. I believe this interest allows me to use the strengths I have gained from both degrees.

Being able to help people by identifying their needs, and finding ways to add value to their business or product is something I would like to be a part of. It is a rewarding experience when my input, whether directly or behind the scenes, is reflected in the end product.

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# Pene Jackson

#### Commercial Optimisation Manager, Auckland Airport

Four years after completion of a Bachelor of Property in 1994, I headed to London. I soon realised that without a professional qualification I wasn't going to go far, so I took a job in a national valuation firm and did a postgraduate diploma (the BProp wasn't then accredited as it is now) and became MRICS. In the UK, I gained experience across a number of property disciplines, especially valuation, which is at the core of most decisions. The UK has a training culture, so you learn how to do things properly.

The most memorable job I did was a valuation of 10 Downing St – it's like a museum in itself. I subsequently worked in a global role where I travelled all over

Europe and to places like Tunisia and Egypt to sort out commercial property on behalf of regional clients. I returned to New Zealand after 11 years away, and it took some adjustment to reacclimatise to the work culture and a smaller market.

My advice to graduates is to be open to anything, understand that nobody knows everything and remember that every experience is worth something. And to female graduates especially – put your hand up and make sure people know what experience you want to gain.



# **Edward Washer**

#### Director, Head of South Sydney, Industrial and Logistics at Savills Australia & New Zealand

My Bachelor of Property degree from the University of Auckland assisted me in being able to enter the property industry with part-time work at JLL in Auckland while I finished my studies. This led to being offered a full-time agency role in the JLL Industrial Auckland team upon completing my studies in 2011.

Once I'd cut my teeth in Auckland, the BProp helped lay the foundation to continue my career in Sydney where I have been in for the past six years. I now have more than nine years' experience in commercial and industrial property across both the Australian and New Zealand markets.

I joined Savills Australia in February 2019. As Director and Head of their South Sydney office, I manage a full client service on a day-to-day basis, and run the agency business for the South Sydney market.

I enjoy working in the South Sydney market, as it is the premium industrial market in Australia. The landscape has changed dramatically over the years, which has given me extensive exposure to multiple asset classes. It is my vision that Savills becomes the market leader in the industrial sales and leasing space.



# **Adina Thorn**

#### **Adina Thorn Lawyers**

I hold degrees in both Property and Law (Honours) from the University of Auckland. I am a current member of the Auckland District Law Society Property Disputes Committee.

Obtaining a Bachelor of Property was amazing for me. I really enjoyed my time at University, made lots of friends and now am the principal of a property-based law firm. I have always had a strong interest in property – and studying property only helped with that.

I have specialist skills in property construction and commercial litigation and extensive experience in leaky building disputes, having previously worked for law firms acting for both home owners and for defendants (including councils). I have also been involved in bringing multi-million dollar actions funded by litigation funders. I have appeared before all of the Courts in New Zealand (and the Weather tight Homes Tribunal and as counsel in the landmark Supreme Court decision concerning barristerial immunity.

My knowledge of property valuation has assisted me in ensuring land owners receive appropriate compensation in Public Works Act land compensation disputes.

I would encourage anyone who likes property, maths or valuation to give it a go! The BProp is a great degree to do alongside law.



# **Campbell Stewart**

# National Director, Valuation & Advisory Services and Head of Business Strategy CBRE | New Zealand

I graduated with a Bachelor of Property in 2001, which set me on my career path as a commercial property valuer. I was fortunate to get a job at CBRE in 2001 as a valuer. After I was registered in 2004, I was made a director of CBRE in 2007. In 2012 I was appointed as National Director of CBRE's Valuation & Advisory business.

My experience during my career has encompassed a wide range of commercial and retail property, with specific valuation experience in CBD office buildings, shopping centres, multi-tenanted commercial formats, carpark buildings, office and retail development assets and leasehold property. I have provided due

diligence valuation advice for some of the country's largest transactions; feasibility analysis for major office developments; strategic advice for asset repositioning; and I provide ongoing value risk mitigation advice to a range of clients in listed, institutional and private sectors.

It has been incredibly rewarding, in my role as National Director, to have employed countless high calibre graduates from the Bachelor of Property degree. They join our business with a wide-ranging skill set, and a passion for property which gives them a bright future in the property industry.



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