

Tohu Paerunga Matawhenua Postgraduate Geography



Geography is a wide-ranging and dynamic discipline concerned with social and environmental change and the issues affecting people in place. If you are keen to understand the world around you and committed to making a difference, then postgraduate study in Geography is a great place to start.

Geography is an exciting and relevant subject that covers a diverse set of fields and a wide variety of advanced and specialised courses. Some of the courses available in this subject include:

- > Climate and environmental change
- > Cultural landscapes
- > Development
- > Disaster recovery and management
- > Fluvial geomorphology/Earth surface processes
- > Food economy
- > Gender and inequality
- > Housing and urban development
- > Policy formation

Choosing your supervisor

Supervisors can usually only take a small number of students, so make sure you talk to them sooner rather than later.

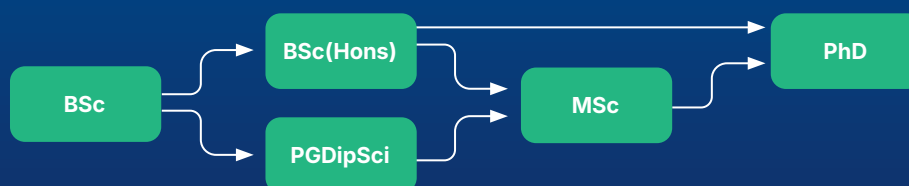
Choose an area you feel passionate about. Undertaking research involves successes as well as challenges, so choosing a topic you are genuinely interested in will help you overcome challenges and get through the tough times.

Ensure you're compatible with your supervisor. Ask questions, seek advice and share your ideas with academic staff to find out their research interests, and whether you would be a good fit with their current projects.

Scholarships

You can apply for a range of scholarships when you apply for postgraduate study in Science.

auckland.ac.nz/science-scholarships



Career opportunities

A postgraduate Geography qualification gives you an edge to your career.

Skills learned in research and data collection, analysis, evaluation, planning and problem-solving, alongside knowledge of moral and ethical issues, means our graduates can be found working in a wide range of occupations in an equally wide range of organisations.

You may use your training directly in the workplace, or find the broad education and flexible skills developed in Geography are in high demand in the wider job market. The qualification is well regarded in New Zealand and internationally, and many alumni have gone on to establish high-profile, influential careers.

Our graduates have been employed in the following jobs:

- › Business liaison manager, NZ Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- › Climate scientist, NIWA
- › Director, NZ Aids Foundation
- › Geomorphologist, Geo Morphix Ltd.
- › GIS analyst, NZ Ministry of Defence
- › High school Geography teacher
- › New Zealand Ambassador to Argentina
- › Principal Planner, Tonkin and Taylor
- › NGO researcher/manager

This subject is available in:

- › Bachelor of Science (Honours)
- › Postgraduate Diploma in Science
- › Master of Science
- › Master of Arts
- › Doctor of Philosophy
- › Our students are enrolled in Arts and Science programmes, as well as multiple interdisciplinary taught and research programmes.

You may also be interested in our programmes in biological sciences, chemistry, earth sciences, environmental management, environmental science, history, psychology and statistics.



Find out more about how your degree will be structured and what courses you need to take at

auckland.ac.nz/science/pg-geography

Applications close on 8 December.



"Geography is such a fantastic subject in that it is broad and covers a wide range of courses from climatology to socio-economic change."

Courtney Simpson
BA Geography, BSc (Hons) Geography,
MSc Environmental Management.

Kuhua ki tō mātou hāpori, ā, Kimihia tōu Pūtaiao.
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