



Waipapa
Taumata Rau
University
of Auckland

Tauira Māori

Information for Māori students and their whānau,
schools and communities

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Ko Waipapa Taumata Rau mātou, e mihi nei,
e karanga nei ki te marea e hiahia ana
ki te kai i te mātauranga.
Nau mai, haere mai, herea mai tōu waka
ki te pou whakairo, He Taumata Rau.



We are Waipapa Taumata Rau, we greet,
we call to the many who desire the
sustenance of knowledge.
Welcome, come forth and fasten your vessel
to the carved post, He Taumata Rau.



Nau mai, haere mai ki Waipapa Taumata Rau

Ruia ngā kākano i te Moana-nui-a-Kiwa

**Wherahia ki te moana rongonui, herea ngā
waka ki te pou whakairo ka tū ki Waitematā
i raro i te marumaru o ngā maunga tapu**

**Ko Waipapa te manawa whenua o te whare
wānanga nei**

**Nau mai, haere mai, whakatata mai ki a
mātou, ki Tāmaki Makaurau**

E aku nui, e aku rahi,

**Koutou ngā uri o Tuperiri, o Tāmaki
herenga waka, tēnā koutou katoa**

Ko Huruiki te maunga

Ko Whakapara te awa

Ko Ngāti Hau te hapū

Ko Ngāpuhi te iwi

Ko Whakapara te marae

Ko Te Kawehau Hoskins tēnei

I acknowledge the work of all those before us who have demonstrated courageous leadership for Te Ao Māori. E mihi kau ana ki a rātou.

Our mission is to ensure that Māori ways of thinking, being and doing thrive at the University, and we are well on this journey. Achieving this means the knowledge produced by us will positively contribute to whānau, community and iwi-led development. Flourishing Māori communities are central to a sustainable, thriving and socially-just Aotearoa New Zealand.

He kai kei aku ringa.

The means to flourishing are in my hands

Nāku noa,



**NĀ PROFESSOR
TE KAWEHAU HOSKINS**

Ngāti Hau, Ngāpuhi
Ihonuku | Pro Vice-Chancellor Māori





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Tāne-nui-a-Rangi



Ko Tāne-nui-a-Rangi te whare whakairo
Ko Reipae te wharekai
Ko Waipapa te marae
Ko Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei te ahi-kā-roa
Kei konei tō whānau hōu, ki te manaaki, ki te tiaki i a koe.
Nō reira, rukuhia te mātauranga ki tōna hōhonutanga,
tukuna te tao kia rere, he kai tērā e matapoporetia ana.



Your Māori Student Advisor

Ko Ngāti Awa te toki, te tangatanga i te rā, te ngohengohe i te wai.

Kei aku nui, kei aku rahi, koutou ngā tūmanako a rātou mā – ngā whānau, ngā iwi whānui – nau mai ki Waipapa, herenga waka, herenga tangata.

Our Kaiurungi Māori (Māori Student Adviser), Nia Cherrington-Thomas, is your first point of contact with the university. She can provide guidance on:

- University study
- University Support Services
- Planning the first year of your degree and courses
- University Entrance and admission
- Scholarships

Where to find us

Nia and the Schools and Community Engagement Team travel across the motu to visit schools, attend career expos and whānau evenings, and host regional events like RISE. Ask your careers adviser when our team will be visiting your school or kura next.

Whakapā Mai | Contact

Nia Cherrington-Thomas
(Ngāti Awa, Te Whānau-ā-Apanui)
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Ināia tonu nei – Get involved now



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The Whāia Te Pae Tawhiti programme in Year 13 solidified my decision to study at the University of Auckland. Meeting Māori Engineering students like Tāmoko Ormsby inspired me and showed me that representation matters. It also showed me that success was within reach for kura kaupapa kids like me.

“After completing my Engineering degree in 2022, I decided to pursue a PhD in Civil Engineering, focusing on how natural hazard events impact marae. This path has been about resilience, growth and giving back to those who paved the way. Believe in the belief others have in you!”



Haukapuanui

Te Arawa, Ngāti Tūwharetoa, Ngāti Raukawa, Ngāti Kahungunu, Ngāti Pāhauwera, Te Āti Haunui-a-Pāpārangi, Ngāi Tahu
Student: PhD in Civil Engineering

Now's the perfect time to start your journey with Waipapa Taumata Rau. These programmes are designed to help high-school students explore options, connect with others, and take confident steps toward the future.

Waipapa Ōhangā Rau (WōR)

Waipapa Ōhangā Rau is an on-campus day experience for Year 11, 12, and 13 Māori students from Tāmaki Makaurau. It's designed to familiarise rangatahi with the diverse nests of opportunity at Waipapa Taumata Rau. Tailored to each year level, WōR explores subject choices, career pathways, scholarships, accommodation, study programmes, university entrance, and the application process. Your Tāmaki-based careers adviser, school, or kura will receive an invitation and can confirm your attendance.

Whāia te Pae Tawhiti (WTPT)

Whāia te Pae Tawhiti is an on-campus experience for Year 13 Māori students from outside Tāmaki Makaurau. It's a chance to explore Waipapa Taumata Rau, connect with other tauira, and experience life in the city. Students will meet Māori support staff, hear from current tauira, and gain insight into university life. The experience includes attending Mānawa Mai Open Day, touring Halls of Residence, and visiting key spots around Tāmaki Makaurau. With support from student mentors, WTPT helps tauira build confidence, make connections, and prepare for their university journey.

auckland.ac.nz/whaia-te-pae-tawhiti

STEM Online NZ

STEM Online NZ is a free, interactive learning tool for secondary school students and teachers. Created by Aotearoa subject specialists, it supports classroom teaching with videos, animations, quizzes, games, and worksheets for hands-on activities. Each course fully covers a maths or science standard (to Excellence level) and works well for blended learning, revision, extra practice, or lessons. Register online to access this resource and bring STEM to life in your classroom or at home.

auckland.ac.nz/stem-online



Register for our
events here!



The Whakapiki Ake Project

Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences (FMHS)

The Whakapiki Ake Project is a recruitment programme that actively engages with rangatahi Māori enrolled in secondary schools. The project promotes health as an exciting career and encourages Māori students to enter FMHS programmes. Whakapiki Ake introduces health career options, supports students to apply to FMHS, helps with the transition to tertiary study and provides financial assistance for successful applicants.

auckland.ac.nz/whakapiki-ake

Pacific Academy

Pacific Academy is a free tutorial service for Māori and Pacific learners enrolled in NCEA level 2 or 3 maths and science externals. The weekly tutorials run in term 3 across three locations in Tāmaki Makaurau, offering small-group support that covers specific skills. The programme uses previous exam questions, which are distributed to students at each of the sessions. In addition to the tutorials, there are opportunities to learn by attending other programmes at the university.

instagram.com/Pacificacademy_uoa

Apollo

Faculty of Engineering and Design

The Apollo Programme is designed for Year 12 Māori and Pacific students, irrespective of their current proficiency in calculus. Whether students are seeking to strengthen their foundational understanding or aiming to master advanced calculus topics, our experienced tutors offer guidance tailored to individual needs. Apollo provides a unique opportunity for students to receive expert tutoring in a university setting, paving clear pathways into Engineering and the University of Auckland.

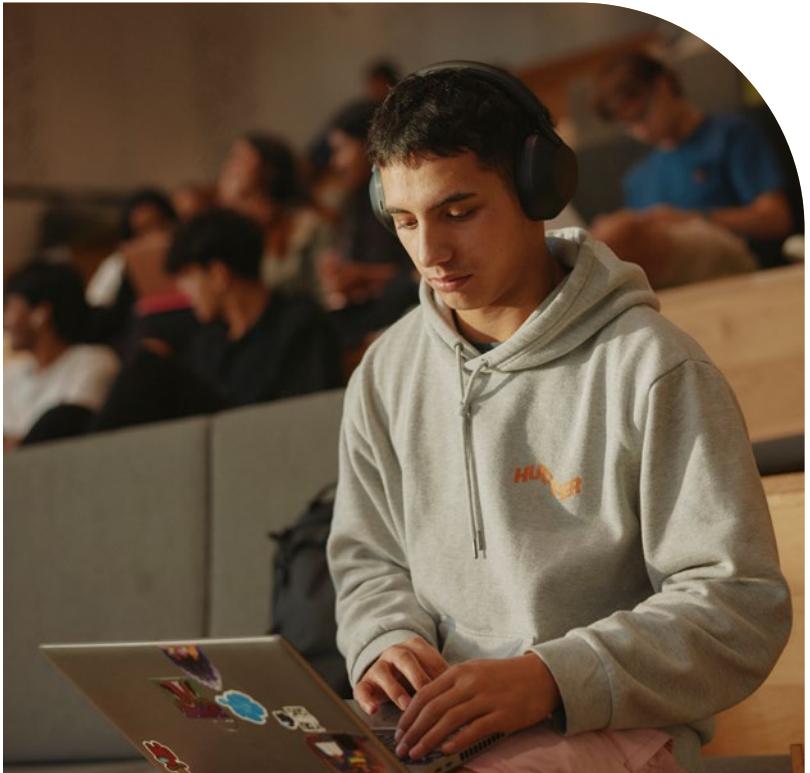
auckland.ac.nz/apollo-programme



Explore your study options

Whether you're passionate about science, arts, business, health, or something uniquely yours, there's a study path waiting for you at Waipapa Taumata Rau. As a tauira Māori, you'll be supported to explore your interests, connect with your identity, and pursue a future that reflects your unique aspirations.

Use our online tools to discover programmes that align with your goals, or kōrero with our team to help you navigate your options. Your journey is yours to shape – and we're here to walk alongside you every step of the way.
guide.auckland.ac.nz



Still a few years away from uni?

The subjects you choose now can open doors later – especially for degrees with specific entry requirements. Whether you're into science, business, health, or the arts, our School Subject Guide can help you plan ahead and keep your options open.
auckland.ac.nz/subject-guide



Admission – How do I get in?

To be accepted automatically into any degree at Waipapa Taumata Rau University of Auckland, you will need to:

- Achieve a **University Entrance** qualification based on NCEA, Cambridge International, IB or another recognised, equivalent qualification
- Meet the **rank score** and any other **degree-specific requirements** for your chosen programme
- Meet the **Academic English Language Requirement (AELR)**

Rank score

Your NCEA rank score is based on your best 80 credits at Level 3 or higher over a maximum of five approved subjects.

These credits are then weighted by awarding points based on the level of achievement

- Excellence (4 points)
- Merit (3 points)
- Achieved (2 points)

A maximum of 24 credits are counted for each approved subject. The maximum rank score is 320. Approved subjects are determined by NZQA.

If you achieve less than 80 credits, the rank score will be based on your total Level 3 credits gained over a maximum of five approved subjects and weighted by the level of achievement.

Other Degree-Specific Requirements

You must meet the admission requirements for your specific programme(s) of study.

University Entrance

University Entrance through the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) is one of the most common admission types for entry into the University. It has the following requirements:



*From specified lists of standards. Go to nzqa.govt.nz for a list of approved subjects.

In addition to achieving University Entrance, some of our undergraduate programmes require you to have taken specific subjects and gained minimum credits in certain subjects. Some programmes have other requirements such as a portfolio, audition and/or interview.

To find out more about the guaranteed entry requirements for your intended programme(s), please visit our website. auckland.ac.nz/find-a-study-option

Academic English Language Requirement (AELR)

In addition to any University Entrance Literacy standard, you must meet the Academic English Language Requirement either through your entry qualification or during your first 12 months of study. This applies if you are applying for admission to an undergraduate programme and you are a domestic student, or an international

student applying based on a New Zealand secondary school qualification, or applying with results from another New Zealand tertiary institution. Go online for further details.

auckland.ac.nz/aelr



You can calculate your rank score here rankscorecalculator.auckland.ac.nz

Undergraduate Targeted Admission Schemes

UTAS reserve places in the University's undergraduate programmes for applicants who have achieved the University Entrance (UE) standard but have not met the general entry requirements for the programme of their choice. UTAS applicants are required to meet specific eligibility criteria.

The UTAS Policy is designed to ensure that the University provides equal educational opportunities to eligible Māori and Pacific students, and students from other underrepresented groups who have the potential to succeed at our world-ranked University. UTAS students are expected to meet the same high academic standards as all other undergraduate students at the University. UTAS places are available to eligible:

- Māori applicants
- Pacific applicants
- Applicants with disabilities
- Applicants from constrained economic backgrounds
- Applicants who have themselves or whose parents/primary guardian(s) have been granted refuge in New Zealand

UTAS is not available to international students.

Support Available for UTAS students

We provide a range of support for students who are admitted through UTAS, including:

- Orientation
- Help with course selection
- Pastoral support
- Academic tutorials
- Tuākana Learning Communities for Māori and Pacific students
- Student Disability Services

Contact us about UTAS

To find out if you are eligible for admission via UTAS, please visit the UTAS webpages.
auckland.ac.nz/utas

Or contact us directly
studentinfo@auckland.ac.nz
0800 61 62 63



Alternative pathways to study



We have a number of alternative pathways to bridge the gap between secondary school and Waipapa Taumata Rau.

The University of Auckland Tertiary Foundation Certificate (TFC)

This full-time, one-year specialist foundation programme will help bridge your way into tertiary studies. The TFC helps you prepare for and enter the BA and BEd (Teaching), as well as the BSc and most other limited entry programmes, provided that you meet the entry grade requirement. Through the TFC you will gain a University Entrance qualification with which to apply for bachelors programmes at the University of Auckland and elsewhere. The TFC is delivered at the City, South Auckland and Tai Tokerau campuses.

auckland.ac.nz/tfc

Hikitia Te Ora – Certificate in Health Sciences (CertHSc)

Full-time: 1 year

Points per degree: 120

Location: Grafton Campus

Highlights

- Follow a pathway into Nursing, Health Sciences or Biomedical Science.
- Enjoy a combination of lectures, tutorials, lab sessions, wānanga, online learning and self-directed study within a culturally safe environment.

Hikitia Te Ora may be your best starting point towards a health career. This one-year programme provides Māori and Pacific students with the skills and content knowledge needed for health professional study in the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences. If you're a school leaver or returning to study, the CertHSc can help strengthen your sciences, improve your academic writing and prepare you for success.

Anyone wishing to be considered for the CertHSc must attend the Māori and Pacific Admission Scheme's (MAPAS) General Interviews.

auckland.ac.nz/certhsc

He Pūaotanga New Start

He Pūaotanga | New Start will help you develop the confidence and skills for studying at university. You must be 20 years or over, be a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident, and have a good command of English. New Start is a realistic introduction to first-year study. These courses are part-time and provide a pathway into a range of undergraduate programmes at the University of Auckland.

- New Start General NSGEN 47 will prepare you for an undergraduate degree in Arts, Business, Education, or Law.
- Mathematics Preparation for University NSMAT 14 is designed to be taken with New Start General NSGEN 47 to prepare you for entry into the University of Auckland's Business School. Both courses are compulsory for those who plan to gain admission from New Start to Business School.
- Mathematics Fundamentals NSMAT 10 is a short, intensive course, taught on Saturdays in a workshop format. It's designed to prepare you for NSMAT 14.

If you apply for NSMAT courses, you'll need to sit a short assessment. Results from this assessment will be used to determine which course will suit your learning needs. New Start students are not eligible for Studylink funding. If you're experiencing financial hardship, please apply for a New Start award.

New Start is offered at the City, South Auckland and Tai Tokerau campuses.

auckland.ac.nz/newstart

School-leaver scholarships and awards: a selection

auckland.ac.nz/scholarships

Domestic School-Leaver Scholarships

Scholarship name	Criteria/Target group(s)	Duration	Value
The University of Auckland general scholarships and awards			
Vice-Chancellor's Scholarship	New Zealand Citizens or Permanent Residents demonstrating exceptional academic performance	2 years	Accommodation plus \$10,000
University of Auckland Waka Moana Scholarship	Māori tauira who have strong engagement in either Te Ao Māori, their community, the arts or have played an exceptional leadership role in sports or cultural contexts, as well as demonstrating academic ability	1 year	Accommodation plus a laptop
University of Auckland Vaka Moana Scholarship	Indigenous Pacific students who have strong engagement with their school and community, or the arts, or have played an exceptional leadership role in sports or cultural contexts, as well as demonstrating academic ability	1 year	Accommodation plus a laptop
University of Auckland Top Achiever Scholarship	New Zealand Citizens or Permanent Residents demonstrating exceptional academic performance combined with outstanding sporting, artistic, cultural and/or leadership achievements intending to enrol full-time in an undergraduate degree programme or Certificate in Health Sciences	1 year	Accommodation plus \$5,000
University of Auckland Māori Academic Excellence Scholarship	New Zealand Māori students demonstrating exceptional academic performance (combined with outstanding sporting, artistic, cultural and/or leadership achievements) intending to enrol full-time in an undergraduate degree programme or Certificate in Health Sciences	3 years	Accommodation plus \$5,000
University of Auckland Pacific Academic Excellence Scholarship	New Zealand Citizens or Permanent Residents demonstrating academic achievement, taking into account a number of factors that can impact on an individual's ability to participate at university, intending to enrol full-time in an undergraduate degree programme or Certificate in Health Sciences	3 years	Accommodation plus \$5,000
University of Auckland Academic Potential Scholarship	New Zealand Citizens or Permanent Residents demonstrating academic achievement (taking into account a number of factors that can impact on an individual's ability to participate at university) intending to enrol full-time in an undergraduate degree programme or Certificate in Health Sciences	3 years	Tier 1 is a guaranteed place at a University Hall of Residence in the first year of study plus \$5,000 paid in five instalments over three years of study, Tier 2 is \$10,000 paid over three years, Tier 3 is \$6,000 paid over three years

StudyLink

StudyLink is a government service that provides financial support to help students in Aotearoa cover the costs of tertiary study. Through StudyLink, you can apply for a Student Loan or a Student Allowance, depending on your circumstances.

How StudyLink Can Support You

StudyLink may be able to assist with:

- Course fees – paid directly to your education provider.
- Course-related costs – such as books, a laptop, or study equipment.
- Living costs – weekly payments to help with expenses like rent, food, and transport.
- Additional support – including childcare subsidies or assistance for students with disabilities.

The amount of support you can receive depends on factors such as your age, income, living situation, and the type of course you are enrolled in.

0800 88 99 00 (Monday to Friday, 7am–6pm)

studylink.govt.nz



Let Lou the Campus
Kererū guide you through
our entry requirements.



Faculty Specific Scholarships

Scholarship name	Criteria/Target group(s)	Duration	Value per annum
Faculty of Arts and Education			
Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei Scholarship	Registered members of Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei enrolled full-time or part-time in undergraduate or sub-doctoral postgraduate study in the Faculty of Arts and Education	1 year	\$5,000
University of Auckland Rongo Manusina Scholarship	Māori and Pacific students enrolling in any year of a Bachelor of Communication degree	1 year	\$5,000
Faculty of Business and Economics			
Business School Māori and Pacific Tautoko Grant	Full-time Māori and Pacific undergraduate students in Business School	1 year	Up to \$2,500
Mokaraka Wāhine Māori in Business Scholarship	High achieving wāhine Māori enrolled in Business School	Not specified	Up to \$15,000
Toi Uru Roa: Paul Kelly Māori Undergraduate Scholarship	Māori tauira enrolling full-time in an undergraduate degree programme in the Faculty of Business and Economics	Not specified	Up to \$8,000 pa
Faculty of Engineering and Design			
Faculty of Engineering and Design Kick Start Māori and Pacific Award	First year Māori and Pacific BE (Hons) students	1 year	\$2,500
AUEA Māori Engineering Pathway Award	Māori students enrolled full-time in the first year of a BE (Hons)	1 year	\$10,000
AUEA Pacific Engineering Pathway Award	Pacific students enrolled full-time in the first year of a BE (Hons)	1 year	\$10,000
Faculty of Medical and Health Science			
Kool Family Nursing Award	Undergraduate Nursing student of Pacific descent, NZ citizen or permanent resident, experiencing financial hardship	1 year	\$1,5000
Faculty of Science			
Frances Barkley Scholarship	Undergraduate Māori or Pacific student enrolling in a BSc in Biological Sciences, Biomedical Science, Ecology or Marine Science	1 year	\$5,000

Accommodation

The place you call home is central to a happy life at the University of Auckland. We understand that you might feel nervous about finding somewhere to live. So, here's how we can help.

We're confident we can find you somewhere welcoming, fun and safe – from catered Halls of Residence to self-catered flats, studios and single rooms. Our kainoho, residents are supported by a Resident Manager, Resident Coordinators and teams of Resident Advisers. We want you to enjoy all the fun of hall life – whilst also benefitting from a quiet lifestyle when study is your priority. Living with us is convenient and fun, all you must bring is yourself. Learn more about the financial, academic and social benefits online.

auckland.ac.nz/why-live-with-us

Catered Accommodation

In our catered halls, your Accommodation fees cover your room, meals, access to university recreation facilities, and utilities such as water, electricity, laundry and University WiFi.

Breakfast, lunch and dinner are served every day of the week, including the weekend. In addition to meat, vegetarian, vegan and halal options, we also cater to students with special dietary needs such as dairy- or gluten-free food. Packed lunches and late dinners are available at all our catered halls on request.

In all halls, the facilities include one or more communal lounges, a games room, study rooms, one or more TV lounges and a music room. We organise social and recreational events throughout the year, as well as academic mentoring and informal study groups.

Catered Hall	   	No. of beds		Age range	RA Ratio	
Grafton Hall	Multi-storey corridor-style residence Standard single rooms across three buildings Multiple single occupant bathrooms located throughout each floor	324		17–19	1 : 35	
O'Rorke Hall	Pod-style high rise residence Single rooms: 310 Large single rooms: 56 Shared unisex bathroom facilities	366		17–19	1 : 35	
University Hall Towers	Corridor-style high rise residence Single rooms Shared unisex bathroom facilities	442		17–19	1 : 35	
Waipārūrū Hall	Corridor-style high rise residence Standard single rooms across two towers Multiple single occupant bathrooms located throughout each floor	786		17–19	1 : 40	
Self-catered residence with optional meal plans available						
University Hall Apartments	Apartment style low rise residence Single rooms	106		18–25	1 : 40	

FACILITIES AND SERVICES KEY

 Property features

 Bathroom configurations

 Communal cleaning and laundry facilities

 Room configurations

 Mobility impairment access

 Car parks – at additional cost



Let Lou the Campus Kererū
guide you through our
accommodation options.



Self-catered Accommodation

We offer furnished rooms in an independent environment. You cook your own meals, but your Accommodation fees cover laundry, water, electricity and recreation facilities. You also get access to University WiFi while in your residence. Our Accommodation teams provide personal support throughout your stay and arrange social and recreational activities during the year. Resident Advisers are also available to help link you with university services and to host events for the whole community to enjoy.

Tauira Māori Floors

Tauira Māori Floors in our halls of residence are dedicated spaces where you can live, learn, and thrive alongside other Māori students. It's more than just a place to stay – it's a whānau environment that supports your academic journey and cultural identity. With regular kaupapa Māori events, shared meals, and a strong sense of community, this floor is all about whakawhanaungatanga and making sure you feel at home from day one.

Go online to see which halls of residence will be offering a Tauira Māori Floor in 2027.
auckland.ac.nz/accommodation

	Study room Music room Academic mentoring programme	TV lounge Common rooms Games room	Basketball court			10-15 mins	
	Study room Music room Academic mentoring programme	TV lounge Common rooms BBQ area Games room	Astroturf sport court			5 mins	
	Study room Study pods Music room Academic mentoring programme	TV lounge Common rooms Games room	Half-size astroturf sport court			10 mins	
	Study room Music rooms Academic mentoring programme Meeting rooms	TV lounge Common areas BBQ area Games area				10 mins	
	Study space	Games area Communal lounge Courtyard	Access to University Hall Towers half astroturf sport court			10 mins	

Lockable bike shed available

Full catering included in fees

Sports facilities available

Academic facilities available

Recreation facilities available

Walking distance to the main University Library

Māori student support

From enrolment to graduation, our Māori support network provides guidance, connection, and kaupapa Māori initiatives to help you thrive.

He Āhuru Mōwai – Māori Student Support Centre

He Āhuru Mōwai, the Māori Student Support Centre is a dedicated space that nurtures the wellbeing, identity, and success of tauira Māori at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland. Our centre is a home away from home where tauira Māori can feel valued, connected, and supported in their personal, cultural, and academic development.

Located on Level 2 of the Kate Edgar Information Commons, He Āhuru Mōwai is a warm and welcoming space where tauira can study, eat, hui, relax and connect with one another. More than just a study space, it is a whare of connection and support where tauira can feel a sense of belonging and community.

Our kaupapa matua at He Āhuru Mōwai is to be a central point of coordination for tauira Māori focused services and support across Waipapa Taumata Rau. Our Pouāwhina Māori provide guidance and can help tauira navigate their studies and the wider university services available to them.

Health and Wellbeing

Disability Services

Ratonga Hauātanga Tauira, Student Disability Services provide support tailored to your needs. This includes advice and advocacy, study and learning adjustments, and help with digital and physical access to the University. We also have a range of resources available to students in our dedicated study spaces. Go online for more information and contact us early so we can best help you.

auckland.ac.nz/disability

Inclusive Learning

If you are neurodivergent or have a specific learning disability, we can enhance your academic development. We provide tailored support for your learning needs or may refer you to other support services.

auckland.ac.nz/inclusive-learning

Health and Counselling

University Health and Counselling (UHCS) offer primary health services across multiple campuses. They have experienced

General Practitioners (GPs), nurses, counsellors and psychologists, all of whom are committed to providing a quality healthcare service. We have staff who offer a range of services within the spirit of whanaungatanga. You can enrol to get assistance with physical health (including sexual health), mental health, immunisation, and much more.

auckland.ac.nz/studenthealth

Te Papa Manaaki, Campus Care

We offer a safe confidential and free service that supports the wellbeing and safety of everyone at the University. The team works with students to better understand their concerns and needs, therefore helping to streamline interactions with campus services. We develop a tailored plan that works in the best interests of everyone. Students are assigned a single case manager who connects them with internal and external services that can support their needs. Students can be referred by others or reach out directly to seek advice.

auckland.ac.nz/campus-care

Whakapā mai Contact us

auckland.ac.nz/he-ahuru-mowai
he_ahuru_mowai@auckland.ac.nz



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Career Development and Employability Services (CDES)

Our dedicated Māori Career Development Consultant provides specialised services that reflect and uphold the aspirations of tauira Māori. Through tailored workshops, appointments, and engagement events, we create spaces for tauira to explore career pathways, connect with employers, and gain practical skills to thrive in the world of work. CDES also hosts Te Haerenga, a Māori and Pacific programme designed to equip tauira with career capabilities while celebrating and strengthening cultural identity. These events offer opportunities to explore industries of interest, build networks, and take confident steps towards your future.

auckland.ac.nz/cdes-maori-pacific

Hiwa Recreation Centre

If you're looking to keep fit and healthy, you can find our brand-new Recreation Centre on our City Campus. With our affordable student membership rates, you'll have access to our fully equipped facility, a wide range of cardio and strength equipment, multiple group exercise studios for in-person fitness classes, sports halls, an 8-lane swimming pool, and much more. Additional services include personalised fitness consults and specialised group fitness classes such as Reformer Pilates.

auckland.ac.nz/sportandrec



Social and cultural support

From enrolment to graduation, our Māori support network provides guidance, connection, and kaupapa Māori initiatives to help you thrive.

Māori Student Associations

Māori student associations at Waipapa Taumata Rau provide spaces for connection, advocacy, and cultural expression. They host events, support kaupapa Māori initiatives, and help tauira Māori feel grounded and empowered throughout their university journey.

Ngā Tauira Māori – Māori Student's Association (NTM)

We uplift and support Māori students in endeavouring towards all the pathways they aspire to. We seek to preserve and develop the use of tikanga and Te Reo Māori within the University and the tauira. We strive to support Māori students in their formal education, as well as in developing an awareness and understanding of their surrounding world. We aim to inspire our tauira to influence their environments through an understanding of who they are as tangata whenua.

Student Common Room: Hineahuone (Level 4 – Student Union Building, B311 above the Quad).

 @ngatauiramaori

Te Mana Pakihi – Māori Commerce Student Association (TMP)

The Māori Commerce Student Association at Waipapa Taumata Rau aims to provide tauira with a supportive platform to embrace Māori values and enhance Academic success & engagement. Working alongside Tuākana Coordinators, Business School community, and other student associations, we provide for and ensure the acquisition of academic excellence and practical business skills for our members.

Student Common Room: Te Marumaru (260-062)

 @temanapakihi

Te Rākau Ture – Māori Law Students' Association (TRT)

We are Te Rākau Ture - the Māori Law Students' Association. Te Rākau Ture provides social and academic support for Māori law students. We are your whānau away from home. Come and join the many initiatives and events we host throughout the year, including kaitahi, haerenga, our mentoring program, social events and moot workshops.

Student Common Room: Te Ako o te Tui Level 4, Building 810, 1-11 Short Street City Campus, Auckland 1142

 @terakauture

Te Oranga Ki Ākarana – Auckland Māori Medical Students' Association (TOKĀ)

We are the Māori Medical Students of Waipapa Taumata Rau, the University of Auckland. The association values: Whakapiri - Bind and foster Whanaungatanga between Māori medical students, Whakawhanake - Develop and grow people's knowledge of Te Ao Māori, Whakatairanga - Advocate for issues pertaining to Māori medical students, Mana Motuhake - Ensure that Māori medical students hold on to their unique identity.

Student Common Room: MAPAS House, Level 3, University of Auckland School of Population Health, 22-30 Park Avenue, Grafton, Auckland.

 @toka_uoa

South Pacific Indigenous Engineering Students (SPIES)

South Pacific Indigenous Engineering Students (SPIES) is a student-led association dedicated to supporting Māori and Pacific Island Engineering students. With a cohort of over 200 members, SPIES promotes academic, social, and cultural well-being while advocating for professional engineering within Māori and Pasifika

communities. SPIES regularly hosts events and workshops that foster personal growth and connection in a friendly, supportive environment.

Student Common Room: SPIES Room (402-303D)

 @spiesuoa



Academic support



Tuākana

Tuākana is an indigenous Māori and Pacific philosophy of care that is grounded and informed by Māori kaupapa and Pacific ways of being and knowing. Tuākana is founded on the whakatauki 'mā te tuakana e tōtika te teina, mā te teina e tōtika te tuakana'. The concept is also shared in the Pacific region such as Tahiti, Fiji and Niue.

All faculties offer Tuākana programmes for students across all its disciplines and offer:

- Study support: tutorials, workshops, wānanga, exam preparation and academic skill development.
- Manaakitanga of tauira through developing and maintaining relationships
- Community and whanaungatanga
- University navigation and connection to other services
- Study spaces with resources that act as safe spaces for tauira
- Employment, training and development opportunities

auckland.ac.nz/tuakana

Library and Learning Services

Te Fale Pouāwhina

Te Fale Pouāwhina supports students academically and culturally. We specialise in academic learning enhancement through workshops, wānanga and consultations. Our work is underpinned by Kaupapa Māori and Pacific principles.

auckland.ac.nz/tfp

Leadership Through Learning

Leadership Through Learning is a free 12-week leadership and development programme for our Māori and Pacific students at the University of Auckland, across all levels of studies, faculties, disciplines and campuses. The programme offers a cultural space, where we build a community of student leaders seeking to lead, empower and transform.

auckland.ac.nz/leadershipthroughlearning

ReoSpace

ReoSpace is a safe, welcoming, inclusive space, where te Reo is centred as the primary language of communication. ReoSpace is open to all kaimahi (staff), tauira (students), and manuhiri (guests/visitors) from outside of Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland. You can be an absolute beginner through to a fluent speaker.

auckland.ac.nz/geo-space

Māori and Pacific Admission Scheme (MAPAS)

MAPAS is a long-standing programme at the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences. It provides admission, academic and pastoral support for Māori and Indigenous Pacific students within the faculty. This scheme is an integral part of a faculty initiative aimed at increasing the number of Māori and Pacific professionals in the health workforce. Applicants with New Zealand Māori and/or indigenous Pacific ancestry can also apply through MAPAS to enter the Hikitia Te Ora – Certificate in Health Sciences programme.

auckland.ac.nz/fmhs/mapas



Te Whakapōtaetanga o Waipapa Taumata Rau

Tauira Māori can celebrate their achievements at Māori Graduation – a special ceremony held at Waipapa Marae that honours you, your wider whānau, and all those who supported you along the way.



Kōkiri Raumati, Summer School – Get a head start!

Make the transition to university with confidence. Beginning in January 2027, these programmes are a great way to prepare for your first semester at university.

We have a large number of scholarships available to students taking part in the Summer Start, Tōia ki Waipapa and UniBound programmes beginning in January 2027.

Tōia ki Waipapa

Tōia ki Waipapa is a six-week summer programme designed to support tauira Māori as they transition into university life. You'll gain early access to campus, build connections, and experience culturally grounded learning that sets you up for success.

Tauira in Tōia enrol in a summer school course (MĀORI 130), which counts towards your degree. Alongside your studies, you'll be part of a vibrant programme that includes:

- Whanaungatanga – Build your university whānau from day one
- On- and off-campus activities – Explore, connect, and have fun
- Academic and pastoral workshops – Get the tools to thrive
- Peer mentoring – Learn from those who've walked the path
- AT HOP card – Free travel around Tāmaki Makaurau for the summer
- Free gym membership – Enjoy our new recreation centre

Tōia ki Waipapa is your chance to get ahead, connect with your people, and step confidently into university life — all while earning points toward your degree.

Kōkiri Raumati Scholarships

Applications for the University of Auckland Kōkiri Raumati Scholarships are usually open from early-August to mid-November in the year before you intend to join us. The dates vary from year to year.

These scholarships are available to students taking part in any of the Kōkiri Raumati, Summer Programmes and may be able to support with accommodation and fees.

For the most up-to-date information about our Kōkiri Raumati Scholarships, please refer to its dedicated scholarship page.



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This programme not only solidified lifelong relationships and provided continuous support that I still feel five years later, but it also gave me a realistic understanding of what university life looks like.

“It prepared me for the academic year ahead, helping me gain successful admission into Law School, and, most importantly, created a space where I could belong as a Māori student.

“During that summer, I had the opportunity to explore my ‘why’ and my ‘purpose’ while taking one of my favourite classes, Māori 130. This course reinforced my passion for advocating for marginalised communities, especially Māori and Pasifika communities, who played a significant role in shaping me. Five years ago, I was nervously waiting at the South Mall train station for my first day with the programme. Today, I am writing this from South Mumbai, India, during a six-week internship advocating for marginalised communities.”



Calem

Ngāpuhi, Tainui, Niue (Avatele)
Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Laws Conjoint
(Māori Studies and Psychology)

Application and enrolment

1

Explore

Explore your study options

Take time to explore our programmes and majors to discover what you're passionate about and what aligns with your goals.

2

Apply

Apply to study

You can apply for up to six-degree programmes at once if you're still deciding. Start by creating your University of Auckland account and ID through Student Services Online (SSO).

Check your admission type

Most students apply through University Entrance (UE), but make sure you know which admission type applies to you.

Meet entry requirements

Double-check that you meet, or are on track to meet, the entry requirements, including any prerequisites for your chosen programme and the Academic English Language Requirement (AELR).

Apply for accommodation

If you're planning to live in a Hall of Residence, complete your application as soon as they open – it must be before the scholarship deadline. Incomplete accommodation applications will affect your scholarship eligibility.

Apply for school-leaver scholarships

Submit your application by the deadline to be considered for our main school-leaver scholarships.

Apply for faculty-specific scholarships

Some faculties offer their own scholarships – check the deadlines and apply early.

3

Accept

Fast-track offers

You can accept as many Fast-track Offers as you like — this is not a formal offer into your study programme; you'll still need to meet all entry requirements before your place is confirmed.

Accept your formal offer

Once you receive your official offer of place, accept it through our application portal.

4

Enrol

Confirm your enrolment and plan your courses

Attend a Course Advice Presentations (online or in person) or visit our Student Hubs for one-on-one support.

Submit required documents

Make sure to upload any necessary documents, such as proof of identity, through your application portal.

5

Get ready

Apply for StudyLink

Apply early to ensure your student loan or allowance is ready before the semester starts.

Get your student ID card

Pick up your student ID from the Student IT Hub in the General Library once your enrolment is confirmed.

6

Go!

Attend Māori and Pacific Orientation

Join us the week before Semester One begins to meet other tauira, connect with support staff, and get settled into university life.

Key Dates

August

School-leaver Scholarship applications close

September

First round accommodation applications close

October

Summer School scholarships close

November

Enrolments open (Fast Track only)

December

Study Applications Close

Apply for Studylink

(if you haven't begun applying yet)

January

Exam results

Study Offers sent out

Review your offer

Enrol in classes

February

Orientation week

Semester 1 begins

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auckland.ac.nz/registration

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During my studies, I embraced every opportunity to grow, from building my skills to contributing to my community. These experiences gave me confidence and prepared me for the career I have today.

“Now, as a second-year teacher, I am passionate about creating opportunities for others, uplifting young Māori, and inspiring the next generation to embrace their potential. Looking to the future, I'm excited to continue making a difference in education and to remain connected with the networks and people who have supported me.”



Amokura

Ngāpuhi, Ngāti Kahungunu
Bachelor of Education (Teaching), specialising in Huarahi Māori

For personal assistance, please visit us at your local Student Hub, where students and whānau are welcome to talk with our expert advisers.

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City Campus

General Library, Building 109
5 Alfred Street, Auckland

Grafton Campus

Philson Library, Building 503
Level 1, 85 Park Rd, Grafton
(Entry via the Atrium)

South Auckland Campus

Te Papa Ako o Tai Tonga
6 Osterley Way, Manukau

Whangārei Campus

Te Papa Ako o Tai Tokerau
L Block
13 Alexander Street, Whangārei

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