



THE UNIVERSITY OF
AUCKLAND
Te Whare Wānanga o Tāmaki Makaurau
NEW ZEALAND

Doctor of Philosophy

PhD | 2019



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About the PhD

A Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) is a globally recognised postgraduate research degree and the highest level of degree you can achieve.

As a doctoral candidate, you will undertake three to four years of research in your area of interest. This will culminate in a thesis of original research that contributes significantly to knowledge and understanding in your discipline. Your thesis will be directed by your supervisors, then assessed by external examiners appointed by the University.

Why a PhD at the University of Auckland?

World-class reputation

Our institution is among the top 1% of universities globally, and is both the highest-ranked¹ and the most innovative university in New Zealand.²

Leading research

We are New Zealand's largest research organisation, supporting 60 research units, centres and institutes. We have the most comprehensive research offerings of any university in the country, supported by the highest level of research funding.³

www.auckland.ac.nz/research

¹QS World University Rankings 2018

²Reuters Top 75: Asia Pacific's Most Innovative Universities 2017.

³Performance Based Research Fund. Evaluating Research Excellence: the 2012 Assessment.

Extensive specialisations

We offer PhD studies in over 100 subjects, across all faculties and institutes:

Arts

www.arts.auckland.ac.nz

Business

www.business.auckland.ac.nz

Creative Arts and Industries

www.creative.auckland.ac.nz

Education and Social Work

www.education.auckland.ac.nz

Engineering

www.engineering.auckland.ac.nz

Law

www.law.auckland.ac.nz

Medical and Health Sciences

www.fmhs.auckland.ac.nz

Science

www.science.auckland.ac.nz

Liggins Institute (health research)

www.liggins.auckland.ac.nz

Auckland Bioengineering Institute

www.abi.auckland.ac.nz

Outstanding academic community

We have the highest concentration of top-ranked researchers in New Zealand, and they support the greatest number of doctoral candidate completions in the country.³ Members of our thriving doctoral community regularly publish papers, attend international conferences and make significant contributions to global research.

Enriching environment

Discover our rich local culture, unique landscape and the reason our city's exceptional standard of living is among the best in the world.



Auckland, New Zealand

- A safe, culturally diverse city in a beautiful and politically stable country.
- New Zealand's largest city at 1.5 million people, and the centre of retail and commercial activity.
- Set on a magnificent harbour and combining the best of vibrant city life with refreshing natural beauty.

THE UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND KEY STATISTICS

RANKED #1

The University of Auckland is the highest ranked university in New Zealand in Times Higher Education and QS rankings for 2018.

Each year the University awards

200

new University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarships

On average during their studies, doctoral candidates attend

3

international conferences and publish 3 papers

Auckland is ranked

3rd in the world

for **quality of living** by the Mercer Quality of Living Rankings 2018.

More than

2800

doctoral candidates;

around

50%

international

We have the **highest concentration of top-ranked researchers** in New Zealand



Work rights and family benefits

As a PhD student you have open work rights under the terms of your student visa.

On completion of your PhD, you can apply for a three-year Post-Study Work Visa (Open) to allow you to search for employment.

Your spouse or partner is eligible for an open work permit valid for the duration of your PhD programme.

Your dependent children can attend New Zealand's primary and secondary schools at the same subsidised rate as New Zealand children.

www.immigration.govt.nz

FEES

NZ\$6,969

2018 annual PhD fee*

*Excludes compulsory fees. Eligibility requirements apply.

How we support you

Domestic fee rates

New international PhD students who live in New Zealand during their doctoral study pay the same annual tuition fees as New Zealand students. In 2018, that was just NZ\$6,969.60 per annum (excluding compulsory fees).

Generous scholarships

A range of scholarship options is available for international PhD candidates, including country-specific funding, the University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarships and project-specific funding.

www.auckland.ac.nz/is-scholarship

Automatic research funding

Research support funding is available automatically to all PhD candidates.

Postgraduate Research Student Support (PReSS) is an annual payment for up to four years, intended to cover research costs and contribute to research-related travel, conference attendance and research consumables.

Doctoral Skills Programme

The Doctoral Skills Programme provides free resources to help you refine the skills you need to complete your doctorate successfully.

English language development

Our English language pathway helps anyone with a conditional offer to meet our language requirements. Once in the programme, you can take advantage of diverse English language enrichment opportunities to support your studies.

Dedicated advice

Teams of expert advisers provide support throughout your studies. The International Office provides student advice around visas, opening a bank account and living in a new country. The School of Graduate Studies answers questions about your programme, from application to examination.

Accommodation

We can help you find quality accommodation in the heart of Auckland City, whether you are a single student, part of a couple or bringing your family. Choose from University residences or private accommodation.

www.accommodation.ac.nz

Preparing to apply

Entry requirements

Acceptance on to the programme is subject to staff availability for supervision, and appropriate facilities. You must demonstrate an ability to research independently and possess a high level of theoretical understanding. You must also have completed a significant research project, dissertation or thesis during your qualifying degree.

You can check your eligibility using our online calculator.

www.gpecalculator.auckland.ac.nz

You will need an overall IELTS academic score of 6.5 with no band less than 6.0, or approved equivalent.*

www.auckland.ac.nz/doctoralentry

Find a supervisor

You can apply to the PhD programme without first finding a supervisor, but having a supervisor may speed up your application.

Search FindaThesis, our online database, to discover detailed information about current doctoral projects and potential supervisors.

www.findathesis.auckland.ac.nz

You can also browse the University's staff directory to find potential supervisors who do research in your area of interest.

unidirectory.auckland.ac.nz

*You may apply for the PhD programme and receive a conditional offer if you have not yet met English proficiency requirements.



“I was searching for a world-class university to pursue my studies. My supervisor suggested the University of Auckland and, after finding out the high global ranking, I decided to apply for the doctoral programme.”

“I love children, and my passion is helping to provide a better education for them. Working as an Early Childhood teacher, I realised the importance of education and curriculum in the early years on children's development. My doctoral thesis will investigate education and care experiences of toddlers, to explore how these very young children demonstrate agency and competency in decision-making.

“I am grateful for the guidance and advice my supervisors provide, and I like the peaceful environment of Epsom Campus – it has its own unique beauty in every season. I have always wanted an academic job at a university and my hope is that being a PhD student at the University of Auckland might help me find a job here.

“I thought it might be difficult to deal with being thousands of miles away from home, but Auckland's rich culture and lovely people meant I didn't feel homesick or lonely. I enjoy Auckland's outstanding lifestyle, beautiful parks, landscapes and amazing beaches. Aucklanders are so friendly and welcoming, and living in Auckland is super cool.”

Mina Badiei comes from Iran and is pursuing her PhD in the School of Curriculum and Pedagogy, focusing on Early Childhood Education

How to apply for a PhD at the University of Auckland

PhD applications may be submitted at any time during the year.

Apply online at www.auckland.ac.nz/doctoralapplications

Step 1. Check your eligibility

www.auckland.ac.nz/doctoralentry



Step 2. Choose your area of interest

Decide on your potential research topic, then check our active research in that area by exploring:

- Faculty and department websites
- FindaThesis
www.findathesis.auckland.ac.nz
- University directory
unidirectory.auckland.ac.nz

Note: You may nominate a supervisor in your application, but it is not necessary.



Step 3. Prepare your documentation

You will need electronic copies of:

- Academic transcripts
- Initial Statement of Research Intent
- Curriculum vitae (résumé)
- Approved English language test scores if English is not your first language
- Evidence of research activity (thesis, dissertation, publication)

Two referees must support your application. They must submit their reference directly to us.



Step 4. Apply online

www.auckland.ac.nz/doctoralapplications

You will receive an acknowledgment email with your Application for Admission login details. You can use these details to keep track of your application status.



English language pathway

If you do not meet the English language requirements, we have two English language pathways that can help:

Foundation Certificate for Academic Purposes (FCertEAP)

www.ela.auckland.ac.nz/fcerteap

Fast-track programme: English Pathway for Postgraduate Studies (EPPS)

www.ela.auckland.ac.nz/epps

Application help

Follow our step-by-step guide for doctoral applications, admissions and enrolment.

www.auckland.ac.nz/doctoralapplications

Find an official agent or overseas representative who can help you with the application process in person.

www.auckland.ac.nz/overseasrep

Get answers to your questions using our online help tool.

www.askauckland.ac.nz

Email us at postgraduate@auuckland.ac.nz for application help.



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