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INTRODUCTION

Whakanuia ngā pia—Celebrate our graduates

After years of hard work, today is the day when you cross the stage to collect your qualification and graduate from Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington, the university for a better world.

Congratulations. We celebrate this milestone with you and acknowledge the focus, perseverance, and hard work that have brought you here today.

Graduation is a time of celebration and reflection on all you have accomplished. I encourage you to take the opportunity to pause and remember what you have overcome during your studies, celebrate this time in your life, and think boldly about what comes next and where your future might lead.

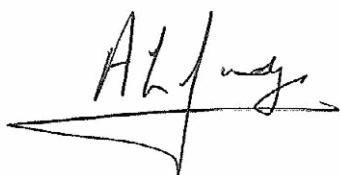
Today also provides an opportunity to recognise the contribution made by your families, whānau, and friends, as well as university staff, to your success, and to thank them for everything they have done to support you.

Your qualification provides you with a platform to succeed in life and in your chosen field. As well as gaining a world-class education, you have developed as a person in ways that will continue to evolve and flourish in the years to come. Your ability to learn, to question, to think critically and creatively, to collaborate, and to lead are just as important as the knowledge you have gained.

Our university is proud to have played a part in providing graduates who will drive the economy, lead thinking on major environmental and scientific issues, use creativity and innovation to generate new ideas, be open to different ideas and information, and enrich our society through the arts. We hope you have been inspired to contribute in your own way to a better world.

You are our story of success. We look forward to seeing what is next for you. We ask you to stay well connected as you become a valued member of our alumni community of more than 140,000 people across the world.

On behalf of the entire university community, please accept my warmest congratulations and best wishes for the future.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alan Judge', with a large, stylized flourish extending from the bottom left.

Alan Judge
Chancellor



TE TANGI PUORO AND HAKA PŌHIRI

Te Kapa Haka o Te Herenga Waka

Te tangi puoro, the opening call, is followed by a series of haka to welcome Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington's graduates into the auditorium and to acknowledge their families.

The opening moments of the graduation ceremony give us time to pause and reflect. The call of the pūtātara and karanga ceremonially call forth our graduates to acknowledge their achievements.

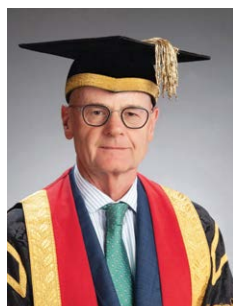
Before the conception of the world, the conception of life, there is nothing ... and from nothing develops darkness.

Only in the womb of darkness can be heard the faint creaking and waning of sound.

Sound is the recognition that there is movement!

Movement is the recognition that there is life!

CEREMONIAL OFFICE HOLDERS



Chancellor

Alan Judge BCom LLB *Otago*, FCA MInstD

Alan Judge is the chair of Pacific Health Group. He was appointed to the University Council in January 2018 and chaired the Council's finance committee for seven years before assuming the Chancellorship in February 2025. He is a Fellow of Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand and a member of the Institute of Directors. Mr Judge was a partner at EY for 29 years and left the practice in 2017. During his professional career, he was the chair of the New Zealand Institute of Chartered Accountants' tax committee and was heavily involved in tax policy development during the 1990s. He spent three years as an international tax partner in EY's London office, led the government and public sector and financial services practices of EY, was the chair of the New Zealand firm, and was a member of the EY Asia-Pacific Advisory Board. A passionate Wellingtonian, Mr Judge is a trustee of the Dame Malvina Major Foundation and the Victoria University of Wellington Foundation, and was previously a trustee and chair of the City Gallery Wellington Foundation.



Vice-Chancellor

Professor Nic Smith BEng *Auck*, MA *Oxon*, PhD *Auck*

Professor Nic Smith was appointed Tumu Whakarae—Vice-Chancellor of Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington in late 2022 and began in the role in 2023. Prior to this, Professor Smith held professorial appointments as provost of the Queensland University of Technology, dean of engineering at the University of Auckland, and head of biomedical engineering at King's College London, and was a professor of computational physiology at the University of Oxford. In all these roles, he has continued an active teaching and research practice. This work has focused on the development of unique computational models that have been integrated with patient images and applied in hospitals to improve the diagnosis and treatment of heart disease. Professor Smith has authored more than 170 peer-reviewed journal publications and 350 conference publications and has been the lead author on several patent applications for the development of physiological models for specific clinical applications. He is a fellow of the Royal Society Te Apārangi and Engineering New Zealand.



Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Māori and Kaitiakitanga)

Professor Rawinia Higgins (Tūhoe) MNZM

DipMāori BA Wgtn, PGDipArts MA PhD Otago, CELTA RSA/Cambridge, PFHEA, FRSNZ

Professor Rawinia Higgins was appointed tumu ahurei—deputy vice-chancellor (Māori) in 2016 and, after a secondment as acting deputy vice-chancellor (Engagement) from 2023 to March 2025, her role title was amended to deputy vice-chancellor (Māori and

Kaitiakitanga) in recognition of the addition of the Sustainability Office and the Development and Alumni Relations Office to her portfolio. She has previously held the roles of assistant vice-chancellor (Māori research) and head of school for Te Kawa a Māui—School of Māori Studies. Professor Higgins came to Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington as a senior lecturer in 2009 after holding academic positions at the University of Otago for 12 years. Her research expertise is Māori language revitalisation and, more specifically, language planning and policy. Professor Higgins was a board member of the Reserve Bank of New Zealand from 2022 to June 2025 and was a member of the Waitangi Tribunal until 2025. She has served on a number of governance boards for government and her iwi. In 2018, she was appointed chair and commissioner for Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori, the Māori Language Commission. She is the first woman to hold this role. In 2017, Professor Higgins won Te Waiti award for te reo Māori and tikanga Māori at the Matariki Awards and, in 2018, she won the Education section of the Wellingtonian of the Year Awards. In 2020, she was awarded the Pou Aronui Award by the Royal Society Te Apārangi for distinguished service to aronui (humanities) over a sustained period of time. Professor Higgins won the Māori governance category of the 2024 Women in Governance Awards in recognition of her various chairing and leadership roles. She was made a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit in the 2025 New Year Honours List in recognition of her services to Māori language, education, and governance.

A HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington's graduation ceremonies are held at the Michael Fowler Centre and at Te Herenga Waka marae. Graduation at the marae was instigated by Professor Hirini Moko Mead, the University's founding Professor of Māori Studies. The marae ceremony is an opportunity for graduates and their whānau to acknowledge and celebrate the Māori dimension of their student lives in a Māori setting through the application of tikanga Māori.

Graduation ceremonies combine tikanga Māori and academic tradition that dates back to the twelfth century, when the first universities appeared. The words 'university' and 'degree' are both derived from Latin, the language used by scholars in the Middle Ages. The Latin term *universitas* meant a guild or union, formed by the 'masters' (MAs) who held a licence to teach.

'Degree' and 'graduate' come from *gradus*, meaning step. The first step taken by students was admission to a Bachelor degree; the second and final step made them a Master and won them admission to the *universitas*.

In the old days, the new Master had to deliver an inaugural lecture, take the whole *universitas* of Masters out to dinner, and preside over disputations for 40 days. Graduating Masters at the University will be relieved to know that this practice was dispensed with some time ago.

The title of Chancellor was originally that of the Bishop's secretary. The Bishop had the right to grant licences to teach in his diocese, at a time when the Church held a virtual monopoly on learning, but he tended to depute this job to his Chancellor. Later, the Pope assumed the power to grant licences to teach anywhere, not just in specified dioceses, and the Chancellor conferred degrees on his behalf.

During the Reformation in Britain, Henry VIII took over all the powers of the Pope, including that of granting degrees. Consequently, the Chancellor's robes are not ecclesiastical, but similar to those worn by the Lord Chancellor of England.

The gowns worn by the graduates and academic staff, however, are fashioned after the dress of the medieval clergy, although those of the Middle Ages were fastened at the front; the fashion for wearing the gowns open at the front resulted from a desire to show off the fine clothes underneath. The hood was also a normal medieval garment, the coloured lining being added a little later. Since the 1600s, the colours of the hoods have been strictly controlled, so that a graduate's hood colour denotes their university and degree.



CEREMONIAL ROBES

The colours of the graduates' hoods or stoles—ranging from nasturtium to pompadour and peacock green—denote the degree achieved, and are special to Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington.

The official academic dress for graduates attending a ceremony is a gown, hood or stole, and cap. The cap has been defined as a black trencher with a tassel for every degree except Doctor's degrees. Doctorates wear a John Knox cap.

Those attending a ceremony to receive a diploma or a certificate wear a gown and a Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington stole, not the hood and trencher. However, if they already hold a degree, they wear the garments appropriate for that degree. Graduates may, if they wish, wear garments of honour from their cultural traditions with their graduation regalia.

The University's gowns are modelled on those used at the University of Cambridge. The gown for a Bachelor's degree is the same as for the Cambridge Bachelor of Arts, and those for Master's and Doctor of Philosophy degrees are the same as for a Cambridge Master of Arts. The gown for other Doctor's degrees is as for the Cambridge Master of Arts but is made of scarlet silk or cloth.

The hood for every degree is the same as for the Cambridge Master of Arts. The hood for a Bachelor's degree is lined with coloured silk and bordered with white fur, while the hood for a Bachelor's degree with Honours is lined with coloured silk and edged with white silk, and a Master's hood or stole omits the fur. The stole for a Doctor of Philosophy degree is lined with red silk, and the hood for other Doctor's degrees is made wholly of silk.

HOOD AND STOLE COLOURS

Degree	Colours of hood or stole linings
Applied Finance	Champagne/Tartan Green stripe
Applied Linguistics	Fuchsia/Tartan Green stripe
Applied Statistics	Adonis Blue/White stripe
Architectural Science	Horse Chestnut/Antique Gold stripe
Architectural Science (Research)	Horse Chestnut/Antique Gold stripe
Architectural Studies	Nasturtium/Plum stripe
Architecture	Nasturtium
Architecture (Professional)	Nasturtium/Plum stripe
Artificial Intelligence	Adonis Blue/White stripe
Arts	Rose Pink
Biomedical Science	Turquoise
Building Science	Nasturtium/Black stripe
Business Administration	Old Gold
Business (Professional)	Champagne/Tartan Green stripe
Climate Change Science and Policy	Adonis Blue/White stripe
Clinical Immunology	Adonis Blue/White stripe
Clinical Research	Adonis Blue/White stripe
Commerce	Marigold
Communication	Mauve
Computer Science	Adonis Blue/White stripe
Conservation Biology	Adonis Blue/White stripe
Design	Kenya Red
Design Innovation	Kenya Red/Orange stripe
Design Technology	Kenya Red/Orange stripe
Development Studies	Adonis Blue/White stripe
Drug Discovery and Development	Adonis Blue/White stripe
Education, Education (Teaching)	Peacock Green
Educational Psychology	Peacock Green/Brick Red stripe
e-Government	Champagne/Tartan Green stripe
Engineering	Pansy
Engineering Practice	Pansy/Cardinal Red stripe
Environmental Science	Adonis Blue/White stripe
Environmental Studies	Adonis Blue/White stripe
Fine Arts (Creative Practice)	Fuchsia/Tartan Green stripe
Geographic Information Science	Adonis Blue/White stripe
Global Business	Champagne/Tartan Green stripe
Global Management	Champagne/Tartan Green stripe
Global Marketing	Champagne/Tartan Green stripe
Global Studies	Burgundy
Government	Champagne
Health	Emerald

Degree	Colours of hood or stole linings
Health Care	Emerald/Purple stripe
Health Psychology	Emerald/Peony stripe
Health Research	Emerald/Purple stripe
Indigenous Studies	Fuchsia/Tartan Green stripe
Information Management	Champagne/Tartan Green stripe
Information Studies	Champagne/Tartan Green stripe
Innovation and Commercialisation	Champagne/Tartan Green stripe
Intercultural Communication and Applied Translation	Fuchsia/Tartan Green stripe
Interior Architecture	Nasturtium/Plum stripe
International Relations	Fuchsia/Tartan Green stripe
International Trade	Pompadour/Purple stripe
Landscape Architecture	Nasturtium/Plum stripe
Laws	Pompadour
Linguistics	Fuchsia/Tartan Green stripe
Literature	Rose Pink
Marine Conservation	Adonis Blue/White stripe
Meteorology	Adonis Blue/White stripe
Midwifery	Emerald/Purple stripe
Migration Studies	Fuchsia/Tartan Green stripe
Museum and Heritage Practice	Fuchsia/Tartan Green stripe
Music	White
Music Therapy	White
Musical Arts	White
New Zealand Studies	Fuchsia/Tartan Green stripe
Nursing	Emerald
Nursing Science	Emerald/Purple stripe
Philosophy	Post Office Red
Philosophy, Politics, and Economics	Fuchsia/Tartan Green stripe
Political Science	Fuchsia/Tartan Green stripe
Professional Accounting	Champagne/Tartan Green stripe
Professional Business Analysis	Champagne/Tartan Green stripe
Professional Economics	Champagne/Tartan Green stripe
Public Administration (Executive)	Champagne/Tartan Green stripe
Public Management	Champagne/Tartan Green stripe
Public Policy	Champagne/Tartan Green stripe
Science	Empire Blue
Science in Society	Adonis Blue/White stripe
Secondary School Leadership	Peacock Green/White stripe
Software Development	Pansy/Cardinal Red stripe
Strategic Studies	Fuchsia/Tartan Green stripe
Teaching and Learning (Primary or Secondary)	Peacock Green/White stripe
TESOL	Fuchsia/Tartan Green stripe
Tourism Management	French Beige
Urban and Regional Planning	Horse Chestnut/Antique Gold stripe
User Experience Design	Horse Chestnut/Antique Gold stripe
Undergraduate diplomas and certificates	Tartan Green/Indian Yellow stripe



CEREMONY 1

9.30 am, Wednesday 10 December 2025

Faculty of Education, Faculty of Health, and Faculty of Humanities
and Social Sciences

Order of ceremony

Official procession into the auditorium

Te tangi puoro and haka pōhiri (page 3)

Graduates' procession into the auditorium

God Defend New Zealand (page 48)

Chancellor's address

Presentation of graduates to the Chancellor, Alan Judge

Musical interlude

Presentation of graduates to the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Nic Smith

Musical interlude

Presentation of graduates to the Chancellor

Graduate speaker's address

Will Hanlon, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

Chancellor's closing remarks

Official procession from the auditorium

Graduates' procession from the auditorium

Please remain standing until the processions have left the auditorium.

REFERENCES

1	First Class Honours	<i>D</i>	Distinction
2/1	Second Class Honours (first division)	<i>M</i>	Merit
2/2	Second Class Honours (second division)		
3	Third Class Honours		

Doctoral degree research summaries

Mitch Jordan

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Education

Thesis title: 'What Lessons Can Be Learnt from a Group of Kaiako Engaged in a Community of Practice Designed to Support the Development of an Asset-based, Culturally Responsive Pedagogy with a Focus on Ākonga Māori Enjoying Success as Māori?'

Supervisors: Dr Brenda Service and Dr Tabitha McKenzie

Michael Victor Crawford

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Musical Arts

Thesis title: 'The DAWn of a New Fusion: Compositional Styles of Pianist/Producers in the Age of Web 2.0'

Supervisors: Associate Professor Michael Norris and Thomas Voyce

James Rice-Davies

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Nursing

Thesis title: 'The Journey to HIV Diagnosis—Private and Public Lives'

Supervisors: Associate Professor Caz Hales and Dr Kathy Nelson

Jyothi Alex Abraham

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Midwifery

Thesis title: 'An Exploration of the Breastfeeding Policy and Practices in Achieving Baby-friendly Hospital Initiative in Sāmoa'

Supervisors: Dr Ausaga Faasalele Tanuvasa and Dr Robyn Maude

Nana Adu 

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Health Psychology

Thesis title: 'Investigating Factors Associated with COVID-19 Vaccination Attitudes'

Supervisors: Professor Colin Simpson, Dr Tosin Popoola, and Oleg Medvedev

Adela Černigoj

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Health Psychology

Thesis title: 'Reacculturation: Individual, Intergroup, and Sociocultural Determinants of Re-Entry Stress'

Supervisors: Dr Agnes Szabo, Professor Paul Jose, and Dr Nicolas Geeraert

Blessing Chioma Emmanuel

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Midwifery

Thesis title: 'The Tragedy of Stillbirth in Nigeria: How Can Midwives Help?'

Supervisors: Dr Robyn Maude and Joan Skinner

Grace Mile Faletutulu

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Health

Thesis title: 'Harmony Unveiled: A Melodic Exploration of Emotional Wellbeing Among Young Pacific Women in Aotearoa New Zealand'

Supervisors: Professor Karen McBride-Henry and Associate Professor Cherie Chu-Fuluifaga

Xiaohan Guo

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Applied Linguistics

Thesis title: 'A Study of Community Interpreter Training Practices in Aotearoa New Zealand'

Supervisors: Dr Rachel McKee and Dr Peter Gu

Will Hansen

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in History

Thesis title: 'Queer Activism in Aotearoa New Zealand, 1961–2013'

Supervisors: Dr Cybele Locke and Professor Charlotte Macdonald

Thidaporn Jumpakate

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Education

Thesis title: 'How Do Tertiary Lecturers and Multilingual Students Manage the Multiple Discourses within English Medium Instruction (EMI) Engineering Courses in Thailand?'

Supervisors: Dr Margaret Gleeson and Dr Carolyn Tait

Mariel Veronica Lettier

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Literary Translation Studies

Thesis title: 'Young Adult Literature in Translation: A Case Study of Multicultural Representation in English-speaking Countries'

Supervisors: Dr Charles Rice Davis and Dr Nicola Gilmour

Natalie Maree Looyer

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in History

Thesis title: 'Rock Climbing in Aotearoa New Zealand: From Novel Activity to Popular Sport, c.1965–2024'

Supervisors: Professor Charlotte Macdonald and Dr Lee Davidson

Sanam Maskey

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Education

Thesis title: 'Intergenerational Transfer of Indigenous Knowledge by Newar Women in Khokana, Nepal'

Supervisors: Professor Jenny Ritchie and Associate Professor Bronwyn Wood

Courtney McDonald

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Literary Translation Studies

Thesis title: "'Autumn in slanted sunlight"—Translating Manfred Winkler's Poetic Evocations of Memory and Transculturality into English'

Supervisors: *Dr Monica Tempian and Associate Professor Giacomo Lichtner*

Elizabeth McKibben

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Health and Wellbeing

Thesis title: 'Pratyahara Paradox: Sense Withdrawal and a Contemporary Yoga Aesthetic'

Supervisors: *Professor Annemarie Jutel, Dr Nayantara Sheoran Appleton, and Dr Justin Richards*

Trâm Nguyễn

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Health Psychology

Thesis title: 'Grief at a Distance: Migrants' Constructions of Grief During the COVID-19 Pandemic'

Supervisors: *Dr Agnes Szabo and Dr Jessica Young*

Nicholas Denton Protsack

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Music

Thesis title: 'An Entangled Language of Music and Nature: Exploring Musical Ecopoiesis'

Supervisors: *Associate Professor Michael Norris and Dr Dugal McKinnon*

Swakshadip Sarkar

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Sociology

Thesis title: 'Dual Liminality and Violation of Rights: Transgender Asylum Seekers and Access to Institutions, Social Services, and Support in Aotearoa New Zealand'

Supervisors: *Associate Professor Rhonda Shaw and Dr Janepicha Cheva-Isarakul*

Hafsa Tameez

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Sociology

Thesis title: 'The Wise Ones Are All Mad: Cultural Dimensions of Mental Illness in India'

Supervisors: *Professor Kevin Dew and Associate Professor Chamsy El-Ojeili*

Michael Toy

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Religious Studies

Thesis title: 'Digital Religion in Aotearoa: Minoritarian Theologies of Flourishing'

Supervisors: *Dr Geoff Troughton and Dr Philip Fountain*

Alex Walker

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Health and Wellbeing

Thesis title: 'From Outsider to Insider? Moving Towards Epistemic Justice for Peer Supporters within Aotearoa New Zealand's Mental Health System'

Supervisors: Dr Terry Fleming and Dr George Parker

Ziwen Wang

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Religious Studies

Thesis title: 'Chinese Immigrants and Christianity in New Zealand: An Ethnographic Study of Ethnic and Religious Identity'

Supervisors: Dr Philip Fountain, Associate Professor Geoff Troughton, and Dr Sin Wen Lau

Sarah Young

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Creative Writing

Thesis title: 'Narrating Stuckness'

Supervisors: Professor Damien Wilkins and Dr Dougal McNeill

Umar Zakaria

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Music

Thesis title: 'Cosmopolitan Musical Expressions of Malay Indigeneity in Singapore'

Supervisors: Dr Dave Wilson, Dr Lorena Gibson, and Associate Professor Brian Diettrich

Marcella Zanetti

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Literary Translation Studies

Thesis title: 'A Literary Translation Exercise Between Intuition, Research, and Instruction: "The Testament of Cresseid and Seven Fables (2009)" by Seamus Heaney'

Supervisors: Professor Marco Sonzogni and Professor Sally Hill

Presentation of graduates

Graduates may be called on stage in a different order from that listed in this programme.

Doctor of Education

Jordan, Mitch

Doctor of Musical Arts

Crawford, Michael Victor, *in Composition*

Doctor of Nursing

Rice-Davies, James

Doctor of Philosophy

Adu, Nana, *in Health Psychology*

Alex Abraham, Jyothi, *in Midwifery*

Černigoj, Adela, *in Health Psychology*

Emmanuel, Blessing Chioma, *in Midwifery*

Faletutulu, Grace Mile, *in Health*

Guo, Xiaohan, *in Applied Linguistics*

Hansen, Will, *in History*

Jumpakate, Thidaporn, *in Education*

Lettier, Mariel Veronica, *in Literary Translation Studies*

Looyer, Natalie Maree, *in History*

Maskey, Sanam, *in Education*

McDonald, Courtney, *in Literary Translation Studies*

McKibben, Elizabeth, *in Health and Wellbeing*

Nguyễn, Thị Bảo Trâm, *in Health Psychology*

Protsack, Nicholas Reed Denton, *in Music*

Sarkar, Swakshadip, *in Sociology*

Tameez, Hafsa, *in Sociology*

Toy, Michael Jonathan, *in Religious Studies*

Walker, Alex, *in Health and Wellbeing*

Wang, Ziwen, *in Religious Studies*

Young, Sarah, *in Creative Writing*

Zakaria, Umar, *in Music*

Zanetti, Marcella, *in Literary Translation Studies*

Faculty of Education

Master of Education

Kang, Xia, *D*

Maurice, Elizabeth, *D*

Porteous, Ali, *D*

Rizki, Iqbal, *D*

Young, Tessa, *M*

Master of Educational Psychology

Alvarez Pino, John

Chatly, Anmol, *D*

Chung, Sarah, *D*

Fahey, Breana Rose, *D*

King, Natasha, *D*

Tam, Rachel, *D*

Tate, Lucy, *D*

Master of Secondary School Leadership

Coup, Jane, *D*

Cunningham, Sarah, *M*

Falesiu, Nita, *M*

Hurst-Kiely, Danielle, *D*

Postgraduate Diploma in Education

Kajaldeep, Kaur

Graduate Diploma of Teaching (Primary)

Fox, Jacob (also receiving a Bachelor of Arts)

Rannan, Fatima

Faculty of Health

Master of Health

Anand, Palak, *in Health Leadership and Management*

Balaji, Ipshita, *in Health Promotion, M*

Duncalf, Brodie, *M*

Evans, Penny, *D*

Goldfinch, Fiona, *in Health Policy, Planning and Service Delivery, D*

Henley, Dayna, *D*

Holford, Bernice Andrea Pepe, *in Health Leadership and Management, M*

Jeykar Thangaraj Lazarus

Jose, Selin
Khyaju, Unish, *in Health Policy, Planning and Service Delivery*
Salman, Md Tarik, *in Health Policy, Planning and Service Delivery*
Van Der Westhuizen, Jade Kaila
Velasco Figueroa, Katerine, *M*

*Master of
Health Psychology*

Chan, Yi Jeng, *M*
Hollis, Luke, *D*
Meehan, Luke, *M*
Neudorf, Abby, *M*
White, Molly, *M*
Wong, Susanna, *M*

*Master of
Health Research*

Kaluarachchige Dona, Thilanthi Methusela
Kaluarachchi

*Bachelor of
Health*

Arunkumar, Neharikha
Broome, Amelia
Churcher, Ayla
Clague, Emily
Geoghegan, Maria
Harding, Laura
Henikoff, Carlin
Koning, Sophie Maria
Lindsay, Caitie
Minhinnick-Hutton, Connor
Nicholls, Claudia
Stevens, Ella
Verma, Indra

*Postgraduate Diploma in
Health*

Modhia, Darshita Mayur
Modhia, Dishita Mayur
Paul, Ashly
Rajkumar, Thilakram

*Postgraduate Diploma in
Health Psychology*

Andrew Jayanth

*Postgraduate Diploma in
Health Psychology Practice*

Pan, Gabrielle

*Postgraduate Diploma in
Nursing Science*

Balatbat, Kristine Dianne Crisostomo
Fernandez, Mae Anne Calumpang
Leeke, Harriet
Nga, Oo Meh
Olaso, Jorecel Mark Billones

*Graduate Diploma in
Health*

Keoviphakone, Alounny, *in Health Policy and Innovation*

*Postgraduate Certificate in
Nursing Science*

Astrande, Genielyn Carisma
Cameron, Allan
Fernandez, Gerald
Love, Riana
Marlar, Yoon Pwint
McGechan, Charlene
Nga, Pray

Faculty of Humanities and
Social Sciences

*Master of
Applied Linguistics*

Coates, Jess, *M*
Liu, Yuni
Moriyama, Noriyuki, *M*

*Master of
Arts*

Aldiss, Callum, *in Classics, D*
Avery, Helena, *in Social Policy*
Baldwin, Gray, *in Public Policy, D*
Bouwer, Dominique, *in History, M*
Craddock, India, *in Criminology, D*
Davey, Alexander, *in Classics, D*
Eashae, Kodrean, *in Political Science, M*
Goodenough, Frankie, *in English Literature, D*
Oliver, Helen, *in Classical Studies, M*
Woods, Emily, *in History, M*
Wright, Isis, *in History*

Master of Communication

Carpenter, Oliver, *M*
Koolwant, Muskaan
Le, Kevin, *M*
Zia, Sana, *M*

Master of Criminology

Schumacher, Hannah, *M*
Sullivan, Reece, *M*

Master of Fine Arts (Creative Practice)

Burgess, Simon, *in Theatre, M*
Clark, Pan, *in Theatre, D*
Munn, Alanah, *in Theatre, D*
Pecora, Isabel, *in Theatre, D*
Wang, Shanshan, *in Theatre, D*

Master of Indigenous Studies

Aung, Nyan Tun, *D*
Su'a, Faigā

Master of Intercultural Communication and Applied Translation

Hoenscheid, Alexandra
Kerensiana, Maria, *D*
Mu, Xuwei, *D*
Van Stralen, Sammy, *M*
Xiao, Yanhong, *D*

Master of International Relations

Elise, Setope Ioane, *M*
Ly, Mai Thanh, *D*
McGregor, Anna, *M*

Master of Linguistics

Fowler, Benji, *D*
Moriarty, Carla Jacqueline, *D*

Master of Museum and Heritage Practice

Draper-Wheeler, Jess, *D*
Gullery, Brie, *D*
Horomona, Te Rauparaha, *D*

McLennan, Katrina, *M*
Sadlier, Laureen, *M*
Wilson, Lily, *D*

Master of Music Therapy

Bishop, Karen, 2/1
Byrne, Sarah, 1
Gude, Anita, 2/1
Harrison, Aelyth Rose, 1
Low, Shi Ni Bernecia, 1
van den Berg, Hanno, 2/1

Master of Musical Arts

Jefferies, Alex, *in Classical Performance, M*
Pearson, Emma, *in Classical Performance, M*

Master of Philosophy, Politics and Economics

McRae, William, *M*
Nimmo, Jamie, *D*
Prenter, Sean, *M*

Master of Political Science

Miles, Trace, *D*
Spear, Keb
Vae'au, Leilani Madelaine, *M*

Master of Strategic Studies

Al Shuhoumi, Hilal, *M*
Downes, Andrew, *M*
Eliason-Malden, Deacon, *D*
Jahnke, Matthew Erich, *D*
Martin, James, *D*
Zavahir, Zayd, *M*

Master of Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages

Benchakun, Nattasinee, *M*
Đặng, Thị Phương Quỳnh
Huỳnh, Emily
Khieu, Hieu, *D*
Lê, Nhung Thị Thuỳ
Nguyễn, Chi Ngọc Linh
Nguyễn, Hồng Hoan, *M*

Nguyen, Thai Bao, *M*
Nguyen, Thu Minh
Phạm, Nhi Huỳnh Yến
Phạm, Nhung Thị Hồng
Phan, Thi Thanh Tuyen
Vo, Bao Yen
Zu, Liyang, *M*

Bachelor of Arts with Honours

Gow, Kate, 1, *in History*
Scott, Natasha, 2/1, *in Classical Studies*
Shaw, Lennox, 1, *in Sociology*

Bachelor of Music with Honours

Mason, Bella, 1, *in Music Studies* (also receiving a Bachelor of Music and a Bachelor of Arts)
Noble, Nina, 1, *in Classical Performance* (also receiving a Bachelor of Music and a Bachelor of Arts)

Bachelor of Arts

Aho, Seneti Nunia Popua Uliuli
Aiono, Lolina
Apelu, Vaetoeifaga
Appleton, Levi
Bagnall, Joshua
Balk, Mackenzie
Barrett, Lottie (also receiving a Bachelor of Commerce)
Bassett, Eleanor
Batten Coogan, Isla
Beevers, Katie Jane
Bhatnagar, Aryan
Blacklock, Astaria
Blundell-Myers, Mia
Brew-Harper, Hannah
Bridle, Grace (also receiving a Bachelor of Communication)
Brunton, Lexie
Burge, Molly
Burling, Claudia
Burton Ramos, Oliverio
Cabauatan, Angelo
Campbell, Josephine
Carbone-Curtis, Tu Maia Aniwa
Chu, Chi

Clarke, Ruby
Clift, Rach
Copson, Gina
Dale, Katie Samantha
Davies, Toby
Dixon, Rylee
Doan, Anh Thu
Donaldson, Vienna
Duggirala, Anshika
Dyer, Tatum
Eaddy, Lauren
Eatherley, Monique
Erato Fuauli, Sia
Esekia Ta’ala, Tuālima Steve
Fernandez, Jade
Fischhaber, Sabine
Flack, William
Foss, Beatrice
Fruean, Porita
Gabites, Theo
Gao, Huaiyuan
Gibbs, Cole
Graham, Hala
Gregg, Ana Mary
Grieve, Georgia
Hall, Claire
Helm, Sophie (also receiving a Bachelor of Design Innovation)
Herdman, Meredith
Hlawn Ching, Ngun
Huxtable, Aliya
Ironside, Madeleine
Joel Sali, John Iose
Johnson, William
Jones-Bee, Aisha
Kamau, Brady
Karrara, Antonio Patrick
Keenan, Frida
Kenah, Daniel
Kendall, Georgia
Khaing, Nwae Nwae Win
Kingdon, Paris
King, Toby
Koro, Lotomau (also receiving a Diploma in University Studies (Pasifika Pathways))
Kumar, Manita Cyndhia
Lawrence, Hugo
Le, Thi Hoang Lan
Leamy, Georgia

Lee-Smith, Becky
Leota, Naomi
Li, Angel
Li, Jiani
Lineham, Kate
Livai, Timote Tukuafu Muli-ki-Ha'ano
Locke, Cheyenne
Luamanuvae, Thessalonica Vaoatea
Lucas, Shannon
Luo, Yingyu
Lusty, Samantha
Mallett, Katie
Mallinder, Kaitlyn Pearl
Maraku, Tyrone
Martins, Kalila Rita
Matic, Luka
McKenzie, Jessie
Meehan, Carly
Merrifield, Akeyla
Milne, April
Mitchell, Hunter
Morris, Georgia
Mudgway, Charlie
Mullane, India
Nguyễn, Bảo Hân
Nguyen, Ha Nhi
Nguyen, Joyce
Nguyen, Linh Khanh
Nguyen, Mai Thi Hong
Nguyen, Nghia
Nguyen, Phuc Quynh
Nguyễn, Vũ Hà Anh
Okawa, Yuriko
Opai, Isaiah
Owens, Oliver
Pa, William
Pagtakhan, Fiona Jaine Rivera
Peebles, Rose
Perry, Joshua
Piiti, Daphnne
Price, Alanah
Prouting, Pieta
Quayle, Lucinda Chelsea
Quilty, Emily (also receiving a Bachelor of Science)
Ram, Shanika
Rapley, Ali
Rayner, Jenko
Robertson, Brad
Robertson, Jaya Beach

Russell, Louie
Salisbury, Anika
Scotcher, Iain
Sola, Maryanne
Soveini, Dee Yasmine
Stewart, Jordan
Stone, Rachael
Talaga, Abraham
Talanoa, Lavinia
Taylor, Zachary Francis
Thomas, Bryn
Trupp, Connor
Tuiraviravi, Kayli
Turner, Ben
Tutuila, Clare Marie Monica
Vaka, Valini Malia Kalemeli
Valentine, Daisy
Valentine-Ramsden, Jacqueline
Vu, Huyen
Vu, Thu Hoang Anh
Vuckovic, Ugrin
Ward, Oliver
Whatarau, Kiarn Isamaela George
White, Isaac
Yang, Yahan
Yeatman, Libby
Yi, Olivia
Zhang, Alice
Zulkifli, Nur Arisya

Bachelor of Communication

Abernethy, Olive
Baxter-Thompson, Valentina
Below, Mere (also receiving a Bachelor of Commerce)
Brown, Miranda
Campbell, Annie
Coates, Hannah
Dryland, Sarah
Dunlop, Erin
Febvre-Richards, Manon
Hamer, Remi
Henry Paiti, Holly
Hesley, Canada
McRae, Charlotte
Pernecita, Nathaniel (also receiving a Bachelor of Commerce)
Peterson, Josh

Bachelor of Music

Aldridge, Rose

Buchanan, Alexandra

Bullock, Catherine (also receiving a Bachelor
of Science)

Butcher, Dillon

Chu, Duyệt Mỹ

Giddens, Kieran

Hambling, Finn

Hanlon, Will

Lang, Benjamin

Metz, Tomas

Sheehan, Max

Graduate Diploma in Arts

Groom, Matthew, *in Public Policy*

Harris, Jessamy, *in Sociology*

Postgraduate Certificate in Intercultural Communication and Applied Translation

Du, May

Mo, Paris

Sek, Richard Eng



CEREMONY 2

3 pm, Wednesday 10 December 2025

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Presentation of graduates to the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Nic Smith

Musical interlude

Presentation of graduates to the Chancellor

Graduate speaker’s address
David Hobbis, Faculty of Science

Chancellor’s closing remarks

Official procession from the auditorium

Graduates’ procession from the auditorium

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REFERENCES

1	First Class Honours	D	Distinction
2/1	Second Class Honours (first division)	M	Merit
2/2	Second Class Honours (second division)		
3	Third Class Honours		

Doctoral degree research summaries

Afnan Al Abadey

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Biomedical Science

Thesis title: 'Investigating Microglial Responses to Nalfurafine in Pro- and Anti-inflammatory Conditions'

Supervisors: Professor Anne La Flamme and Dr Katharina Robichon

Pegah Amiri

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Biomedical Science

Thesis title: 'Chemical-genetic Analysis of Zinc-neutral Lipid Metabolism'

Supervisors: Dr Andrew Munkacsi and Emeritus Professor Sepp Kohlwein

Mackenzie Auld

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Forensic Psychology

Thesis title: 'An Evaluation of a Human Services Approach to Registration for Adults Who Have Sexually Offended Against Children'

Supervisors: Dr Nichola Tyler, Dr Caleb Lloyd, Professor Tony Ward, and Dr Louise Dixon

Josh Baines

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Mathematics

Thesis title: 'Aspects of Axisymmetric Spacetimes'

Supervisors: Professor Matt Visser and Dr Dimitrios Mitsotakis

Colan Grant Balkwill

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Ecology and Biodiversity

Thesis title: 'Conservation and Restoration Genomics of *Syzygium maire*, a Nationally Critically Threatened Tree Species of Aotearoa New Zealand'

Supervisors: Associate Professor Julie Deslippe, Associate Professor Peter Ritchie, and Dr David Chagne

Samuel Bastida

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Mathematics

Thesis title: 'Two Problems at the Second Level of the Polynomial Hierarchy'

Supervisors: Dr Nick Brettell and Professor Dillon Mayhew

Tom Bird

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Cell and Molecular Bioscience

Thesis title: 'Structural Characterisation of Interacting Neuronal Proteins Identified Through Proteomic Screening'

Supervisors: Dr Davide Comoletti and Dr Lisa Connor

Kendra Boyes

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Biomedical Science

Thesis title: 'Evaluating the Role of the Kappa Opioid Receptor Nalfurafine in Preclinical Models of Demyelination'

Supervisors: *Dr Bronwyn Kivell and Professor Anne la Flamme*

Kaileen Rose Button

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Biomedical Science

Thesis title: 'Exploring the Contribution of CD4+ T Cell Help in Boosting Mucosal Humoral Immunity'

Supervisors: *Dr Lisa Connor and Dr Benji Compton*

Kieran Carnegie

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Graphics

Thesis title: 'Investigating Depth-of-Field Blur as a Strategy for Mitigating Cybersickness in Virtual Reality'

Supervisors: *Dr Simon McCallum and Professor Gina Grimshaw*

Daniel Enrique Chia Matallana

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Science in Society

Thesis title: 'Science Fiction as Jurisprudence: Jurisprudential Thought-Experiment Readings of AI and Legal Paradigms'

Supervisors: *Dr Tim Corballis and Dr Grant Morris*

Ben Clarke

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry

Thesis title: 'Sick of Toxic Black Mould? Development of a Stable-Isotope Dilution Assay for the Quantification of *Stachybotrys chartarum* Trichothecenes in New Zealand's Leaky Buildings'

Supervisors: *Dr Simon Hinkley and Dr Joanne Harvey*

Michaela Dresel

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology

Thesis title: 'The Role of Overarching Goals in Infants' Developing Mental State Attributions: The Transition from Teleological to Mentalistic Representation'

Supervisors: *Associate Professor Mele Taumoepeau, Dr Alia Martin, and Associate Professor Jason Low*

Laia Egea Cortés

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Statistics

Thesis title: 'Partial Ordered Stereotype Model: Development of a New Model for Ordinal Data'

Supervisors: *Professor Richard Arnold, Professor Ivy Liu, and Associate Professor Daniel Fernandez Martinez*

Linda Mataniu Fatialofa

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Forensic Psychology

Thesis title: 'My World, My Choices, and My Identity: A Preliminary Descriptive Model for Youth Offending in Aotearoa, New Zealand'

Supervisors: *Dr Clare-Ann Fortune and Professor Tony Ward*

Devlin Forsythe

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Biomedical Science

Thesis title: 'The Genetically Engineered Mouse Cell Line Model: A New Tool to Improve Preclinical Glioma Research'

Supervisors: *Associate Professor Melanie McConnell and Professor Ian Hermans*

Natalie Graham

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Ecology and Biodiversity

Thesis title: 'The Role of Host Genetics in Shaping the Tree Root Microbiome'

Supervisors: *Dr Nicola Day, Dr Steve Wakelin, Dr Gancho Slavov, and Associate Professor Peter Ritchie*

Fiona Grattan

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology

Thesis title: 'Platforming Positivity: Young People's Negotiations of Sex and Body Positivity in Digital and Everyday Life'

Supervisors: *Associate Professor Mary Breheny, Dr Octavia Calder-Dawe, and Professor Marc Wilson*

Hasanah Hamizan

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Biomedical Science

Thesis title: 'Immunomodulatory Effect of Kappa Opioid Receptor Agonists on Mast Cells and Food Allergy Models'

Supervisors: *Professor Anne La Flamme and Dr Katharina Robichon*

Katie Hughes

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Physical Geography

Thesis title: 'Reconstructing Lacustrine Tsunami Hazard in High-Seismicity Regions of New Zealand's South Island'

Supervisors: *Associate Professor Jamie Howarth and Professor Sean Fitzsimons*

Lucena Anne Martinez Hughes

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry

Thesis title: 'Rational Design and Synthesis of Novel Pharmacological Chaperones to Treat Krabbe Disease'

Supervisors: *Dr Farah Lamiabale-Oulaidi and Dr Scott Cameron*

Atif Islam

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Engineering

Thesis title: 'Voltage Control of Perpendicular Magnetic Anisotropy of CoFeB and Co₂MnGa-based Stacks for Sensing Applications'

Supervisors: *Dr Simon Granville and Dr Natalie Plank*

Carmen Juarez Garfias

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Geophysics

Thesis title: 'From Source to City: Using Ambient Noise to Characterise Shaking from the Alpine Fault, New Zealand'

Supervisors: *Professor John Townend, Dr Calum Chamberlain, and Dr Caroline Holden*

JohnMark Kempthorne

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology

Thesis title: 'A Causal Analysis of Five Population-wide Health Interventions: Evidence From New Zealand Panel Data'

Supervisors: *Professor Joseph Bulbulia and Dr Matt Crawford*

Aditi Kumar

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Physics

Thesis title: 'Novel Insights on Fundamental Photophysics of Non-Fullerene Acceptors Used in Organic Photovoltaic Cells'

Supervisors: *Professor Justin Hodgkiss and Dr Kai Chen*

Sasha Leitman

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Engineering

Thesis title: 'Resonant Object Interface: An Acoustic Input Device for Nuanced, Embodied Interaction with Music Software'

Supervisors: *Professor Dale Carnegie and Jim Murphy*

Chao-Yang Lin

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Engineering

Thesis title: 'Development and Application of Advanced Ultrafast Spectroscopy'

Supervisors: *Dr Kai Chen and Professor Justin Hodgkiss*

Olivia Macrae

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Cell and Molecular Bioscience

Thesis title: 'Investigating Microbial Utilisation of Seaweed Cell Wall Polysaccharides'

Supervisors: *Dr Chelsea Vickers, Professor Wayne Patrick, and Associate Professor Simon Hinkley*

Henry Morse

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Ecology and Biodiversity

Thesis title: 'Optimising Landscape-scale Forest Restoration with Species Distribution Models, Regeneration Trends, and Ecosystem Service Modelling'

Supervisors: Associate Professor Stephen Hartley and Associate Professor Julie Deslippe

Grace Nock

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Forensic Psychology

Thesis title: 'Exploring the Aetiology of Online Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse: Implications for Theory and Prevention'

Supervisors: Dr Matt Hammond, Dr Nichola Tyler, and Professor Louise Dixon

Andrea O'Reilly

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry

Thesis title: 'Synthesis and Reactivity of Anionic Low Valent and Hydrido Main Group Complexes Supported by the NON-ligand'

Supervisors: Professor Martyn Coles and Associate Professor Robin Fulton

Shae Patel

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry

Thesis title: 'Metal-Organic Frameworks for CO₂ Electrocatalysis'

Supervisors: Dr Luke Liu and Dr Kim McKelvey

Lisa Patterson

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Engineering

Thesis title: 'Investigating New Zealanders' Attitudes, Behaviours, and Intentions Towards Cybersecurity, Privacy, Authentication, and Artificial Intelligence'

Supervisors: Associate Professor Ian Welch, Dr Bryan Ng, and Dr Sue Chard

Bria Pengelly

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Biomedical Science

Thesis title: 'Kappa Opioid Receptor Expression and Function in Glial Cells: Implications for Nalfurafine as a Therapeutic Agent in Demyelinating Diseases'

Supervisors: Dr Bronwyn Kivell and Professor Anne La Flamme

Daniel Phipps

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry

Thesis title: 'Amide Couplings of Sugar Amino Acids and Their Sulfates: Toward Heparan Sulfate Mimetics'

Supervisors: Associate Professor Simon Hinkley, Associate Professor Joanne Harvey, and Professor Peter Tyler

Tessa Pilkington

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Ecology and Biodiversity

Thesis title: 'An Investigation into Varroa Mite Resistance in New Zealand Honey Bees'

Supervisors: Professor Phil Lester and Dr John Haywood

Yukai Qiao

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Engineering

Thesis title: 'AC Loss Research for All-superconducting Rotating Machines'

Supervisors: Professor Zhenan Jiang, Dr Nick Strickland, and Dr Mark Ainslie

Dhanika Ratnayake Mudiyanse

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Engineering

Thesis title: 'Tip-Over Detection and Avoidance of Wheeled Mobile Robots in Unknown Uneven Environments'

Supervisors: Dr Fiona Stevens McFadden and Dr Christopher Hollitt

Tyler Ritchie

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology

Thesis title: 'From Migration to Manaakitanga: Rethinking Multiculturalism in Aotearoa New Zealand'

Supervisors: Professor Colleen Ward and Dr Tia Neha

Laura Seelig

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Geology

Thesis title: 'Understanding the Magmatic Systems Beneath the Central Taupō Volcanic Zone, New Zealand: Insights from Plutonic Lithics'

Supervisors: Professor Colin Wilson, Dr Isabelle Chambefort, and Dr Bruce Charlier

Fernando Solis Fernandez

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Engineering

Thesis title: 'Photobleaching as a Radiation Damage Mitigation Technique for Optical Fibre Sensors in Extreme Environments'

Supervisors: Professor Rod Badcock and Bart Ludbrook

Tylah Sweet

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry

Thesis title: 'White Phosphorus Activation by Indyl Anions'

Supervisors: Dr Mathew Anker and Dr Scott Cameron

Dan Gabriel Torres

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry

Thesis title: 'Synthesis of Nucleoside Analogues and Elucidation of Their Antiviral Mechanisms'

Supervisors: *Dr Lawrence Harris and Dr James Wood*

Tirth Vaishnav

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Ecology and Biodiversity

Thesis title: 'Temporal Patterns in Avian Ecology and Behaviour—A Multi-scale Approach'

Supervisors: *Professor Kevin Burns and Dr Rachael Shaw*

Maryam Var Naseri

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Engineering

Thesis title: 'The Intelligent Trap: Markov Decision Process Framework for Dynamic Honeypot'

Supervisors: *Associate Professor Ian Welch and Dr Masood Mansoori*

Rasika Nandana Walakulu Arachchige

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Engineering

Thesis title: 'Testing an Earthquake Early Warning Algorithm for New Zealand'

Supervisors: *Professor Martha Savage, Adjunct Professor Peter Andreae, and Dr Caroline Holden*

Nicholas Webster

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Science

Thesis title: 'Fearless Automatic Parallelisation'

Supervisors: *Dr Marco Servetto and Dr Michael Homer*

Zhiheng Zeng

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Artificial Intelligence

Thesis title: 'Multi-object Tracking of Dense and Uniform Targets for New Zealand Mussel Farms Using Computer Vision and Genetic Programming Techniques'

Supervisors: *Professor Mengjie Zhang, Professor Ivy Liu, and Professor Bing Xue*

Presentation of graduates

Graduates may be called on stage in a different order from that listed in this programme.

Doctor of Philosophy

Al Abadey, Afnan, *in Biomedical Science*
Amiri, Pegah, *in Biomedical Science*
Auld, Mackenzie, *in Forensic Psychology*
Baines, Joshua, *in Mathematics*
Balkwill, Colan Grant, *in Ecology and Biodiversity*
Bastida, Samuel Antonio, *in Mathematics*
Bird, Tom, *in Cell and Molecular Bioscience*
Boyes, Kendra Michelle, *in Biomedical Science*
Button, Kaileen Rose, *in Biomedical Science*
Carnegie, Kieran, *in Computer Graphics*
Chia Matallana, Daniel Enrique, *in Science in Society*
Clarke, Ben, *in Chemistry*
Dresel, Michaela Catharina Henry, *in Psychology*
Egea Cortés, Laia, *in Statistics*
Fatialofa, Linda Mataniu, *in Forensic Psychology*
Forsythe, Devlin, *in Biomedical Science*
Graham, Natalie, *in Ecology and Biodiversity*
Grattan, Fiona Joy, *in Psychology*
Hamizan, Hasanah, *in Biomedical Science*
Hughes, Katie, *in Physical Geography*
Hughes, Lucena Anne Martinez, *in Chemistry*
Islam, Atif, *in Engineering*
Juarez Garfias, Ilma del Carmen, *in Geophysics*
Kemphorne, JohnMark, *in Psychology*
Kumar, Aditi, *in Physics*
Leitman, Sasha, *in Engineering*
Lin, Chao-Yang, *in Engineering*
Macrae, Olivia, *in Cell and Molecular Bioscience*
Morse, Henry, *in Ecology and Biodiversity*
Nock, Grace, *in Forensic Psychology*
O'Reilly, Andrea, *in Chemistry*
Patel, Shae, *in Chemistry*
Patterson, Lisa Catherine, *in Engineering*
Pengelly, Bria Kate, *in Biomedical Science*
Phipps, Daniel Frantic James, *in Chemistry*
Pilkington, Tessa, *in Ecology and Biodiversity*

Qiao, Yukai, *in Engineering*
Ratnayake Mudiyansele, Dhanika Thimal Ratnayake, *in Engineering*
Ritchie, Tyler, *in Psychology*
Seelig, Laura Kathryn, *in Geology*
Solis Fernandez, Fernando, *in Engineering*
Sweet, Tylah, *in Chemistry*
Torres, Dan Gabriel, *in Chemistry*
Vaishnav, Tirth, *in Ecology and Biodiversity*
Var Naseri, Maryam, *in Engineering*
Walakulu Arachchige, Rasika Nandana, *in Engineering*
Webster, Nick, *in Computer Science*
Zeng, Dylan, *in Artificial Intelligence*

Faculty of Engineering

Master of Engineering

Adam, Nabil, *M*
Mukundan, Vani, *M*
Peng, Hao, *D*
Schimanski, Sam, *M*

Master of Software Development

Boddington, Sarah, *D*
Cyril Thibusis Raj, Sam Joshua, *M*
Dorton Brand, Heinrich, *M*
Ducut, Jan, *D*
Feng, Jiaqi, *D*
Hanipale, Gladierosa, *M*
Imassi-Hnageje, Roxane, *D*
Lee, Ka Yan, *M*
Li, Binlong, *D*
Mohammad Zamri, Nurul Izzati, *M*
Nguyen, Tan, *D*
Putra, Amrin, *M*
Qian, Jocelyn, *D*
Tong, Jeanitte, *D*
Touhey, Jack, *M*
Trollope, Thomas, *D*
Wang, Claire, *M*
Zhou, Vera, *M*
Zou, Chen, *D*

Bachelor of Engineering with Honours

Asfari, Abdulrahman, 1, *in Software Engineering*
Gandhi, Niraj, 2/1, *in Software Engineering*
Kannan, Vedaanth Alagappan, 2/1, *in Cybersecurity Engineering*
Lee, Kevin, 1, *in Software Engineering*
Lepardo, Andre, 1, *in Software Engineering*
McKeefry, Finn, 1, *in Software Engineering*
Parte, Naomi, 1, *in Software Engineering*
Peri, Rishet Surya, *in Software Engineering*
Ramoo, Elliott, 2/1, *in Software Engineering*
Sharma, Kunal, 2/1, *in Software Engineering*
Tomas, Dom, 2/1, *in Software Engineering*
Yang, Thomas, 2/1, *in Software Engineering*

Faculty of Science

Master of Artificial Intelligence

Brown, Ezekiel
Kuznetsov, Dmitrii
Selvan, Vijai
Yee, Hnin Wit

Master of Biomedical Science

Lal, Nikisha, *M*

Master of Climate Change Science and Policy

Bailey, Cassidy, *M* (also receiving a Bachelor of Commerce)
Bi, Shiyu, *D*
George, Isabelle, *D*
Jackson, Finn, *D*
Makgabutlane, Mmathapelo, *D*
Thu, Paing Htet, *D*

Master of Clinical Immunology

Lamb, Emma, *D*

Master of Computer Science

Desai, Vedant, *M*
Fedorova, Mariia, *M*
Jonnada, Shubhank, *M*
Maragatha Meenakshi Murugan, Harini, *M*
Patel, Jiten, *M*
Picone, Zoe
Sharma, Mihir

Master of Conservation Biology

Bosher, Grace, *M*
Falkner, Allie, *D*
McKenzie, Rachael, *M*
Nussbaum, Natalie
Ratliff, Katharine
Vadakkoot Radhakrishnan, Gayathri

Master of Development Studies

Atem Riak, Nyabana, *M*

Master of Drug Discovery and Development

Ajayakumar, Anamika
Kosmadakis, Jordan, *in Drug Discovery, D*
Muñoz Muñoz, Camila Andrea, *in Drug Development, M*
Richardson, William, *D*
Shajan, Osheen, *M*
Sree Kumar, Haritha

Master of Environmental Science

Gillard, Robert, *M*
Riya, Mary, *M*

Master of Environmental Studies

Nair, Svetiya, *M*

Master of Marine Conservation

Baker, Finbar, *M*
Collins, Rachel, *M*
Jain, Jinay Arun
Tardieu Kerrigan, Lara, *M*

Master of Science

Andrews-Goss, Zara, in *Forensic Psychology*, 1
Bentley, Anais, in *Forensic Psychology*, 1
Bermingham, Tyla, in *Psychology*, D (also receiving a Bachelor of Science with Honours)
Bhana, Vaishalee, in *Cognitive and Behavioural Neuroscience*, 1
Carr, Emily, in *Environmental Science*, 1
Correll Trnka, Revena, in *Society*, D
Currea Moncada, Laura, in *Forensic Psychology*, 1
Dockter, Steven, in *Artificial Intelligence*, M
Dorset, Cat, in *Cell and Molecular Bioscience*, D
Eze, Chibuike, in *Renewable Energy Systems*
Fuller, Jaz, in *Forensic Psychology*, 1
Gallacher, Finn, in *Forensic Psychology*, 1
Gallagher, Finn, in *Marine Biology*, 1
Gawne, Harry, in *Geophysics*, D
Gluyas, Marc, in *Computer Graphics*, M
Hansen, Lars, in *Geophysics*, 2/1
Hitchcock, Lucy, in *Forensic Psychology*, 1
Hosnell, Jarrod, in *Ecological Restoration*, 1
Johnson, Jessica Elizabeth, in *Cognitive and Behavioural Neuroscience*, 1
Kaur, Khushleen, in *Cross-cultural Psychology*, 1
King, Gabe, in *Geophysics*, 1
Kwalea, Eileen, in *Geography*, 1
Lockhart, Rachael, in *Ecology and Biodiversity*, 1
Loo, Ashleigh, in *Psychology*, D
Northmore, Alexandra, in *Marine Biology*, 1
Pearson, Luke, in *Mathematics*, 1
Pelham, Luke, in *Cognitive and Behavioural Neuroscience*, 1
Phillips, Alyssa, in *Forensic Psychology*, 1
Ramirez, Matt, in *Cognitive and Behavioural Neuroscience*, D
Ray, Freddie, in *Geography*, 1
Renner, Lilli, in *Forensic Psychology*, M
Richards, Johnno, in *Cognitive and Behavioural Neuroscience*, 1
Ritchie, Catherine, in *Psychology*, M
Robertson, Hannah, in *Biotechnology*, 1
Ryan, Georgia, in *Marine Biology*, 1
Shanks, Georgia, in *Marine Biology*, 1
Shostak, Kate, in *Forensic Psychology*, 2/1

Speight, Abigail, in *Psychology*, D
Spiller, Courtney, in *Forensic Psychology*, 1
Thompson, Ryan, in *Mathematics*, D
Wong, Emily, in *Chemistry*, D
Wooltorton, Neeve, in *Forensic Psychology*, 1
Worthington, Jethro, in *Cognitive and Behavioural Neuroscience*, 1

Bachelor of Science with Honours

Cole, Jacinda, 1, in *Psychology*
Garcia, Miguel, in *Psychology*
Goon, Yue Yin Andrea, in *Psychology*

Bachelor of Biomedical Science

Amosa, Victoria Talei Agnes
Barris, Sol
Crossan, Emma
Davies, Oli
Kumar, Neelisha Shanel
Mishra, Krutika Sanat
Nemburt, Yasmin

Bachelor of Science

Alberts, Tory
Alexander, Baxter
Alfayez, Mariam Tariq
Bradford, Ashleigh
Bresters, Femke
Brodie, Thomas
Bulman, Oliver
Cameron, Max
Cardeno, Mark
Casey, Amelia
Casey-Pickering, Theo (also receiving a Bachelor of Commerce)
Chang, Jade
Chapple, Joseph
Clifford, Gabriella
Collis, Sebastian
Cook, Cheryl
Cook, Ciara
Corbett, Abby Lee
Cornish, Lyle
Coulman, Nick
Crowley, Ben
Dabora, Judah
de Young, Aimee

Devereux , Fred	Marshall , Summer
du Plessis , Charlize	Martin , Hamish
Dunlop , Ethan	Mazengarb , Ada
Dunning , Emily	McBride , Jacob (also receiving a Bachelor of Design Innovation)
Edgar-Booty , Grace	McLean , Phoebe
Eyles , George	Merrall , Lillian
Fernando , Kavindi Ayodya	Milburn , Sam
Foster , Sophie	Mohamad Azhar , Nurhanisah Insyirah
Fraser , Mark	Myers , Elizabeth
Gibbard , Freya-Hope	Nadagouni , Thanoj Chandra Reddy
Gillard , Maddie (also receiving a Bachelor of Arts)	Nicholson , Samantha
Gonzales , Margaret	Nimmagadda , Krishna Priya
Graham , Leander	Oquendo , Alyanna
Harman , Grace (also receiving a Bachelor of Commerce)	Pacia , Reece
Harrison , Steph (also receiving a Bachelor of Arts)	Pahabol , Welepina Sevilani
Heeringa , Wilhelmina Muriwai Poppy	Parker , Jacob
Hobbis , David (also receiving a Bachelor of Arts)	Pemberton , Lauren
Hussona , John George	Penfold , Alex
Ioakimi , Cheyenne	Pollock , Caleb
Ireland , Harry	Porter , Casey
Irion , Blake	Prim , Anika
Jayme , Kaye	Reid , Adam
Jhugroo , Payoshnni	Richards , Georgia
Jun , Byron Ting Chao	Richardson , Sam
Kannan , Meenakshi	Robertshaw , Joe
Kannan , Shakkti Ayshwaryaa	Robinson , Nathan
Kaufman , Zoe	Rui , Yiwei
Kerr , Molly	Satterthwaite , Summer
Khan , Aliza	Scott , Ben
Kim , Min Joo	Sellwood , Jonah
Kirkham , Philipa	Sewell , Neve
Kitto-Thomas , Daisy	Shaik , Yasmeen
Krshnan , Anahata	Sumantra , Laura Patricia
Kuklinski , Mila	Sutton , Tom
Lai , Justin	Sykes , Dillon
Laroche , De Rosemary	Taylor , James
Laurie , Alana	Toovey , Lizzy
Leang , Meyee Rosseca	Verrenkamp , Abby
Li , Sarah	Wang , Jiangchuan
Liddell , Becky	Whiskin , Adam
Lines , Bethany	Wichlei , Allyson McCall
Linton-de Boer , Genevieve	Wilkinson , Libby
Lukasová , Hana	Wilton , Tom
Macemon , Maxwell	Xu , Hailong
Malan , Keira	Yu , Junhao
Mark , Claudia	Zhu , Sihan

*Postgraduate Diploma in
Biomedical Science*

Almarzooqi, Rahla

*Postgraduate Diploma in
Drug Discovery and
Development*

McIntosh, Rachael

*Postgraduate Diploma in
Science*

Bridger, Alex, *in Physics* (also receiving a
Bachelor of Science)

Gribben, Joy, *in Climate Change Science and
Policy*

Patil, Aditya, *in Computer Science*

*Graduate Diploma in
Science*

McMillan, Duncan, *in Data Science*

Talipova, Sabina, *in Computer Graphics and
Games*

*Postgraduate Certificate in
Science*

Barnes, Liam, *in Environmental Science*

Gidde, Sridivya, *in Computer Science*



CEREMONY 3

3 pm, Thursday 11 December 2025

Faculty of Architecture and Design Innovation, Faculty of Law,
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Sir David Carruthers

Dame Theresa Gattung

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Graduation address

Dame Theresa Gattung

Presentation of graduates to the Chancellor

Graduation address

Sir David Carruthers

Presentation of graduates to the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Nic Smith

Musical interlude

Presentation of graduates to the Chancellor

Graduate speaker's address

Tuupo Falefitu Talopau, Wellington School of Business and Government

Chancellor's closing remarks

Official procession from the auditorium

Graduates' procession from the auditorium

Please remain standing until the processions have left the auditorium.

REFERENCES

1	First Class Honours	D	Distinction
2/1	Second Class Honours (first division)	M	Merit
2/2	Second Class Honours (second division)		
3	Third Class Honours		

HONORARY DOCTORATE CITATION

Sir David James Carruthers, KNZM

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa

Sir David Carruthers is a long-serving and highly respected member of Aotearoa New Zealand's legal community, and is known for his warmth, integrity, and good humour.

Sir David was born and raised in Pahiatua. He studied at Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington, where he completed a Bachelor of Laws in 1964 and a Master of Laws with Honours in 1968.

After graduating, he began his legal career in Wellington before returning to practise law in his hometown. He then established his own law practice in Palmerston North.

In 1985, he was appointed a family court judge and youth court judge in Wellington. He became principal youth court judge in 1996 and championed approaches that balanced accountability with rehabilitation for young people using restorative justice techniques.

In 1990, Sir David was awarded the New Zealand 1990 Commemoration Medal. In 2001, he was appointed chief district court judge, a position he held until 2005. During that time, he served as an acting Supreme Court judge in the Pacific nations of Vanuatu and Sāmoa and chaired two separate fatal air crash inquiries.

Following his retirement from the judiciary, he served as chair of the New Zealand Parole Board from 2005 to 2012, overseeing a period of significant reform focused on safety, fairness, and rehabilitation.

He was then appointed chair of the Independent Police Conduct Authority, serving from 2012 to 2018. During his tenure, he oversaw several large investigations, including those into the Urewera raids and the Roastbusters scandal. His leadership strengthened public confidence in the authority's independence and integrity.

Throughout his career, Sir David has been a strong advocate for restorative and therapeutic justice. He believes communities should play an active role in resolving harm and supporting both victims and offenders to achieve lasting change.

He chaired the Ministerial Taskforce on Youth Offending in 2002 and has presented widely at national and international conferences on justice reform. In 2012, he received the Baer Award in Orlando, Florida in the United States for his contribution to international parole practice.

Sir David continued to contribute his expertise as chair of the advisory board for the Awhi Rito—Roy McKenzie Centre for the Study of Families and Children and Te Ngāpara Centre for Restorative Practice, both at the University. He has also continued his interest in our Pacific neighbours, having been involved in judicial training and mentoring programmes in a number of island states.

Since 2021, he has been the independent monitor to oversee the implementation of the recommendations of the Royal Commission into the Management of Police Informants in Victoria, Australia.

In recognition of his exceptional career, Sir David was made a Distinguished Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit in 2005 for his services to the district courts. In 2009, he was knighted by the Governor-General.

HONORARY DOCTORATE CITATION

Dame Theresa Elizabeth Gattung, DNZM, CNZM

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Commerce, honoris causa

Dame Theresa Gattung is an award-winning business leader, entrepreneur, author, and philanthropist. Throughout her career, she has championed causes such as gender parity, animal welfare, and social equity, embodying a philosophy of giving back.

Dame Theresa is the eldest of four daughters born in Wellington to British immigrants John and Marion Gattung, who instilled a strong work ethic in their children.

After attending McKillop College in Rotorua, she studied economics and marketing at the University of Waikato, earning a Bachelor of Management Studies with Honours. She then moved to Wellington to study Law at Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington, graduating with a Bachelor of Laws in 1988.

While studying, Dame Theresa began working in marketing at TVNZ. Her career progressed with senior marketing roles at National Mutual and the Bank of New Zealand before she joined Telecom New Zealand, now known as Spark, in 1994.

At Telecom, she served as the general manager of marketing and became group general manager of services. At the age of 37, Dame Theresa was appointed chief executive and managing director of Telecom, making history as the first woman to lead a publicly listed company in New Zealand. During her tenure as CEO from 1999 to 2007, she led Telecom through world-changing technological developments and the evolution of the business, taking it from a traditional telecommunications company to the number one IT provider in New Zealand.

In 2007, she received Distinguished Alumni Awards from both this university and the University of Waikato. In 2010, she wrote the bestselling memoir *Bird on a Wire: The inside story from a straight-talking CEO*, which detailed her ambition, determination, and rise to business power.

She co-founded My Food Bag in 2013, alongside Cecilia and James Robinson and Nadia Lim and Carlos Bagrie, taking the start-up to a nationwide company with a turnover of more than \$130 million.

Her governance roles have included being inaugural chair of Wool Partners International, chair of AIA Australia, Co.OfWomen, and the Wellington board of the SPCA, and board member of the Royal New Zealand SPCA (RNZSPCA) national board, the international board of World Pulse, and the National Advisory Board on the Employment of Women. She is the current chair of AIA New Zealand, Tend Health, Telco Technology Services, and Global Women.

Dame Theresa is involved with several not-for-profit and philanthropic interests, including as the co-founder and trustee of the Eva Doucas Charitable Trust and the World Women Charitable Trust, and patron of the Cambodia Charitable Trust.

In 2021, she funded the Theresa Gattung Chair of Women in Entrepreneurship within the University of Auckland Business School and, with her sister Angela Gattung, launched the Gattung Foundation, whose main charitable purposes are to support the relief of poverty, the education and advancement of women, Māori, and Pasifika to reduce inequality, and the care, support, and protection of animals.

In 2015, she was appointed a Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to business and philanthropy and was inducted into the TVNZ Marketing Hall of Fame.

She received a lifetime achievement award from the Westpac Women of Influence Awards in 2018 and, in 2019, she was honoured in the RNZSPCA Hall of Fame. In 2021, she received the New Zealand Women's Entrepreneurship Day Pioneer Award, and in August 2023, she was made Laureate of the New Zealand Business Hall of Fame.

Dame Theresa was made a Dame Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit in 2024 for services to women, governance, and philanthropy.

Doctoral degree research summaries

Deborah Deane

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Law

Thesis title: 'The Evolving Client-firm Relationship: Fiduciary Duties and Regulatory Rules—Are the English Courts and the UK Financial Conduct Regulator on a Collision Course?'

Supervisors: Associate Professor Mark Bennett and Associate Professor Matteo Solinas

Lina Goldstein

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Design Studies

Thesis title: 'The Vein Preservation Experiences of People with Chronic Kidney Disease and Criteria for Medical Alerts to Prevent Harm'

Supervisors: Associate Professor Edgar Rodriguez Ramirez, Dr Gillian McCarthy, and Dr Brian Robinson

Malinda Groves

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Management

Thesis title: 'Examining the Entrepreneurial Experiences of Opera Workers in Creating Different Forms of Value'

Supervisors: Dr Sally Riad and Dr Margaret Medlyn

Kandane Arachchige Don Ishara Sudeeptha

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Information Systems

Thesis title: 'Supporting the Sensemaking and Adoption of Human-AI Collaboration'

Supervisors: Professor Alexander Richter and Associate Professor Mary Tate

Emily Newmarch

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Architecture

Thesis title: 'Pilcrow: Strategies for Integrating Embodied Carbon into Architectural Practice'

Supervisors: Dr Michael Donn, Associate Professor Simon Twose, David Dowdell, and Fiona Short

Oludolapo Ibrahim Olanrewaju

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Building Science

Thesis title: 'Data Quality Assurance in Construction Environmental Product Declarations for Whole Building Life Cycle Assessment'

Supervisors: Dr Wallace Enegbuma and Associate Professor Michael Donn

Oluwatobi Nurudeen Oyefusi

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Architecture

Thesis title: 'From Green to Regenerative Supply Chain Management in Construction: Development of a Robust Integrated Decision-making Approach to Facilitate the Paradigm Shift'

Supervisors: Dr Wallace Enebuma and Professor Andre Brown

Cristhian Prieto

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Economics

Thesis title: 'Three Essays on the Impacts of Weather Disasters: Evidence From New Zealand and Colombia'

Supervisors: Professor Ilan Noy and Dr Luke Chu

Shan Abdur Rahman

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Marketing

Thesis title: 'The Art of Selling Dreams: The Expression of Charisma and Longevity in Luxury Brand Storytelling'

Supervisors: Professor Nick Ashill and Dr Djavlonbek Kadirov

Phillip Arthur Riley

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Public Policy

Thesis title: 'From Budding First Words to Blossoming Minds: Shaping Child Development Through Early Childcare in Aotearoa New Zealand'

Supervisors: Professor Arthur Grimes and Dr Kate Prickett

Belinda Storey

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Economics

Thesis title: 'Financial Quantification of Future Climate Extremes'

Supervisors: Professor Ilan Noy and Associate Professor Eric Ulm

Chenfeng Wang

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Landscape Architecture

Thesis title: 'Culturally Grounded Perceptions of Rural Landscapes: A Cross-cultural Analysis of ZhuZhen Town and the Wairarapa Region'

Supervisors: Dr Bruno Marques and Fabricio Chicca

Zijun Zhao

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Finance

Thesis title: 'Essays on Corporate Climate Risk Disclosures'

Supervisors: Dr Griffin Geng, Professor Ilan Noy, and Professor Hai Lin

Presentation of graduates

Graduates may be called on stage in a different order from that listed in this programme.

Doctor of Philosophy

Deane, Deborah Sabalot, *in Law*
Goldstein, Lina, *in Design*
Groves, Malinda J.D., *in Management*
Kandane Arachchige Don, Ishara Sudeeptha,
in Information Systems
Newmarch, Emily, *in Architecture*
Olanrewaju, Oludolapo Ibrahim, *in Building
Science*
Oyefusi, Oluwatobi Nurudeen, *in Architecture*
Prieto Duran, Cristhian, *in Economics*
Rahman, Shan Abdur, *in Marketing*
Riley, Phillip, *in Public Policy*
Storey, Belinda, *in Economics*
Wang, Chenfeng, *in Landscape Architecture*
Zhao, Zijun, *in Finance*

Faculty of Architecture and Design Innovation

Master of Architecture (Professional)

Amoafo, Bo, *M*
Arbuckle, Thomas, *D*
Ashton, Sam, *M*
Baines, Jack, *D*
Benson, Lars, *M*
Bowie, Simon, *D*
Campbell, Callum, *M* (also receiving a
Bachelor of Architectural Studies)
Campbell, Luke, *M*
Candy, Daven, *D*
Chaudhary, Pravir Pratap Singh, *M*
Chenery, India
Chhaya, Dhairya, *D*
Cobham, Harriet, *D*
Coxhead, Harry Douglas Robb, *D*
Cross, Freddie
Dadrah, Sachan, *M*
Duncan, Kattia, *M*
Fitch, Ronan
Gullery, Sarah, *M*
Harach, Claudia
Hausmann, Amber, *D*
Hetherington, Joshua, *D*

Hettiya Kandage, Hansi Minoli Fernando
Johnson, Mitchell, *D*
Kyzyl-ool, Marina
Lee, Lucy, *D*
Loughnan, Alex, *M*
Mason, William, *D*
Mayo, Jack, *M*
McConchie, Angus
McHenry-Van Veelen, Natasja, *M*
McIntyre, Caitlin, *M*
Mendonca, Isabella Louise, *M*
O'Malley, Ellen, *D*
Petersen, Nicole, *M*
Poff, Finlay
Sanoria, Joshua Dixon, *M*
Skillen Roger Wallace, Sarah Shiella, *M*
Spooner, Robbie, *M*
Tiltman, Miki Stephanie, *D*
Turner, Brandon, *D*
van den Bogaert, Brennan, *M*
Wood, Zarrie, *D*
Wyllie, Adam, *M*

Master of Architectural Science

Treneman, Jack, *in Project Management, D*

Master of Design innovation

Chen, Yufan, *M*
Hudspeth, Lossie Elizabeth
Lindsay, Dara, *M*
Molina, Calvin, *D* (also receiving a Bachelor of
Design Innovation)
Rhind, Alanah, *M*
Teneza, Chantal Lucero, *M*

Master of Design Technology

Hutching-Bell, Shannon, *in Animation, D*
Wang, Xiang, *in Lighting and Rendering, D*

Master of Interior Architecture

Johnson, Lucy, *M*
Michie, Callum, *M*
Thompson, Tyler
Yarndley, James, *M*

*Master of
Landscape Architecture*

Jenkin, Nasan, *M*
Naidu, Janice
Plaisted, Hagan, *D*

*Master of
User Experience Design*

Hamer, Natasha Trinidad, *M*
Nguyễn, Kim Ngân, *D*

*Bachelor of
Architectural Studies*

Cahyadi, Niko
Crawford, Poppy Roza
Fa’asau, Mesepa Eden
Gibu Joseph, Elza
Kitazato, Misuzu
Liu, Cody
Mulyadi, Yuan (also receiving a Graduate
Diploma in Designed Environments)
Naran, Kresha
Nguyen, Anh Phuong
Perkinson, Sophia
Rees-Malloch, Jess
Schoonderbeek, Marlese Lishi
Thevenard, Vicky
Va’ai, Lupeoanunu’u Maria Lourdes Fa’atiu

*Bachelor of
Building Science*

Ashoori, Narges
Bloomfield-Ryan, Hugh
Eales, Joel
Gatehouse, Ollie
Kaio, Petri
Kalsi, Harvarinder
Lys, Oliver
McKay, Joel
Muciuli-Webster, Michael
Rose, Mason

*Bachelor of
Design Innovation*

Ault Brinker, Noah
Chung, Kyla
Green, Carter

Hietbrink, Elleke
Hodgkinson, Bree-Ann
Hu, Yuelin (also receiving a Certificate of
Proficiency in English)
Kalman, Ela
Mackie, Henrietta
McCulloch, Andrew
Meng, Huayi
Nguyen, Trist
Pham, Bella
Shinozaki, Sho
Sumirat, Humaira
Watson, Cade
Williams, Sid
Zhang, Lan

*Postgraduate Diploma in
Design Innovation*

Zhang, Ruixiang

Faculty of Law

*Master of
International Trade*

Parab, Pranav

*Master of
Laws*

Knobel, Nicola, *M*
Sivakumar, Adyasree Prakriti

*Bachelor of
Laws with Honours*

Downs, Sarah, 1 (also receiving a Bachelor of
Arts)
Ferris, William, 1 (also receiving a Bachelor of
Arts)
Going-Edwards, Jordan, 2/1 (also receiving a
Bachelor of Commerce)
Green, Claudia, 1 (also receiving a Bachelor
of Arts)
Horsley, Lia, 1 (also receiving a Bachelor of
Arts)
Kerbers, Noah, 1 (also receiving a Bachelor of
Commerce)
Masari, Amy Izzati, 1 (also receiving a
Bachelor of Arts)
Nathan, Hannah, 1 (also receiving a Bachelor
of Arts)
Ramsay, Margot, 1 (also receiving a Bachelor
of Arts)

Singh, Tanmeet, 1 (also receiving a Bachelor of Arts)

Smart, Anna, 1 (also receiving a Bachelor of Arts)

Thornton, Olivia, 1 (also receiving a Bachelor of Arts)

Winwood, Ryona, 1 (also receiving a Bachelor of Commerce)

Young, Hugo, 1 (also receiving a Bachelor of Commerce)

Bachelor of Laws

Adams, Eleanor (also receiving a Bachelor of Science)

Aiken, Sophia Mai (also receiving a Bachelor of Arts)

Allan, Phoebe (also receiving a Bachelor of Science)

Armstrong, Cain (also receiving a Bachelor of Commerce)

Ave, Meriana (also receiving a Bachelor of Biomedical Science)

Biggs, Ash (also receiving a Bachelor of Arts)

Blake-Palmer, Carys Marjorie

Brookes, Neo (also receiving a Bachelor of Arts)

Bryant, Amelia

Cadwallader, Brianna (also receiving a Bachelor of Commerce)

Davidson-Khor, Kai Mei (also receiving a Bachelor of Arts)

Flannery, Madison (also receiving a Bachelor of Arts)

Flavell, Ella (also receiving a Bachelor of Arts)

Fox, Melissa (also receiving a Bachelor of Communication)

Gao, Shanshan

Gasson, Alexander (also receiving a Bachelor of Arts)

Gaughan, Maggie Rose (also receiving a Bachelor of Arts)

Glanville, Calvin

Goundar, Sweta

Griggs, Francesca (also receiving a Bachelor of Science)

Harris, Anisha (also receiving a Bachelor of Commerce)

Hermans, Caelan

Hewson, Joseph (also receiving a Bachelor of Arts)

Knox, Olivia (also receiving a Bachelor of Arts)

Leathers, Matthew (also receiving a Bachelor of Arts)

McConnell, Cate

McIver, Max (also receiving a Bachelor of Arts)

McKegg, Nellie

McLachlan, Zach (also receiving a Bachelor of Arts)

Miles-Seeley, Rosa (also receiving a Bachelor of Arts)

Momeni, Farima (also receiving a Bachelor of Commerce)

Muir, Elizabeth Mary

Neave, Harriet (also receiving a Bachelor of Arts)

Plummer, Hugo (also receiving a Bachelor of Commerce)

Quayle, Lucinda Chelsea (also receiving a Bachelor of Arts)

Rajiv, Anjali Vaishnavi (also receiving a Bachelor of Commerce)

Rodgers, Maddison (also receiving a Bachelor of Science)

Sanderson-Warren, Amy

Santhara, Valentyn Maria (also receiving a Bachelor of Commerce)

Sears, Isabelle

Skagen, Parker

Smith, Brittany

Smith, Lindsey

Stanhope, Sophie (also receiving a Bachelor of Commerce)

Sullivan, Hannah

Upton, Jeremy

Wilcox, Millie (also receiving a Bachelor of Commerce)

Wilson, Meg (also receiving a Bachelor of Commerce)

Wincen, Kim

Yeatman, Emily Anne

Younger, Isobel (also receiving a Bachelor of Biomedical Science)

Graduate Certificate in Laws

Miranda, Gian Carlo

Wellington School of Business
and Government

*Executive Master of
Business Administration*

Hemara Haeana, Hinerangi, *D*
Leslie, Tiara, *M*
Mattoo, Supriya
Morris, Chloe, *D*
Murphy, Rebecca, *M*
Patel, Vipul
Rajendran, Ilavarasu, *M*
Thomson, David, *D*
Uniyal, Neha
Wijesinghe, Guy, *D*

*Master of
Actuarial Science*

Kurian, Ashima Alphonsa

*Master of
Applied Finance*

Huo, Jianing, *M*

*Master of
Commerce*

Zhang, Ting, *in International Business, M*

*Master of
Global Business*

Gao, Lijing
Giri, Sangita
John, Ashita
Kalahe, Narmada
Khaja Hussain, Farheen
Lopes, Jwenil Jamson
Mohanan, Sreenath
Munasinghe, Amanda
Nair, Rishabh
Shen, Rocky
Siddique, Saher

*Master of
Information Studies*

Eunson, James, *in Archives and Records
Management, M*
Gosai, Deepika, *in Library Science, M*
Leighton, Beth, *in Library Science, M*
Plank, Sarah Jane, *in Archives and Records
Management and Library Science, D*

*Master of
Professional Accounting*

Ahmad Affendi, Nur Izz Farhanah Binti
Baheti, Vandana
Blo-Dela Cruz, Melanie
Charles, Mervin
Dara, Sievtheng
De Silva, Deepal Prabasha
Fan, Wen
He, Baiyang
Huang, Zhijun, *M*
Islam, Md Rafidul
Karunakaran, Rajkumar
Lin, Sean, *M*
Lyu, Linfangzhou
Pham, Van Anh
Qi, Sharpe
Qian, Cheng
Rahman, Mashior
Sie, Sherry, *M*
Singh, Arshpreet, *M*
Swami, Sneha
Tugano, Ronald
Xiao, Xiaoling
Zhang, Zhike
Zhao, Tingting
Zou, Liping, *M*

*Master of
Professional Business Analysis*

Aind, Priya Anjali, *M*
Ambolkar, Dev, *M*
Baby, Gigimol
Calma, Joanne, *D*
Chandrasegaran, Jashnee, *M*
Chauhan, Priyal, *M*
D'mello, Swen, *M*
Dang, Theora, *D*
Elsa Joseph, Tisha
Joseph, Blessy Rose
Konara Mudiyansele, Lekha
Jayasundara, *M*
Kovtun, Grigory
Kumar, Ashwani, *M*
Lee, Yu-Chieh
Lei, Cilin, *M*
Li, Jian, *D*
Liu, Feng, *M*

Mahajan, Gaurav Rajan
Malani, Dhruv
Mavropoulos, Damon, *M*
Meng, Shuo (also receiving a Certificate of Proficiency in English)
Mohamed Faiz, Nifla, *D*
O'Connor, Rachel, *D*
Ojha, Akshat, *D*
Phan, Minh Duy, *D*
Rakshit, Arindam, *M*
Ranasinghage, Buddhika, *D*
San Juan, Victoria, *M*
Sharma, Mohit, *D*
Simran Deep Singh
Turai, Rohit
Udaiyappan, Ashok Kumar, *M*
Wang, Yuan, *M*

Master of Professional Economics

Stephenson, Ted

Master of Public Administration (Executive)

Eaton, Nicky, *M*

Master of Public Management

Htwe, Nan Kham, *M*
Paulsen, Nicola-Kiri, *D*
Sharma, Mitesh

Master of Public Policy

Clifford, Terah, *M*
Cox, Ollie, *M*
Robson, Jenna, *M*
Thong, Veng Sang (also receiving a Certificate of Proficiency in English)
Vosamacala, Susana Bati, *M*

Bachelor of Commerce with Honours

Holdsworth, Logan, 1, *in Management*

Bachelor of Commerce

Abel, Josh
Abdullah Sani, Nurul Izzah Azzahrah Binti
Adnan, Adam

Aloe, Jerome
Apineru, Safotumanuataata
Arafat, Yasheen
Araga, Gai Frederic
Azmi, Nur Julia Batrisyia Binti
Barclay, Luca
Beattie, Sophie
Bhikharidas, Jayden
Bold, Tyler
Bolger, Louise
Bonar, Peter
Brownlee, Georgia
Bruce, Maggie
Burroughs, Payton
Cain, Trixy
Caley, Abigail
Cameron, Douglas
Caulfield, Sean
Chhim, William
Collins, Baileigh
Cooper, Matthew
Cottrill, Olivia
Crossan, Paighe
Dance-Mollmann, Larissa
Dang, Vo Phi Giao
Davie, Sam
Didar Ali, Binafsha
Dobson, Caleb
Dombroski, Ethan
Doyle, Tom
Elliott, Jenna
Ellmers, Monica
Esbach, Shaa-Iqah
Espiritu, Jarred
Evans, Andrew
Fa'aumumu, Trish
Fang, Xuran
Fereti, Henry
Flack, Zoe
Fruean, Sarai
Ganeshbabu, Hareshshvar
George, Ella
Gordon-Crosby, Amelia
Hafsah, Tazka Zahida
Haigh, Ryan
Haj Nassan, Raghad
Halka, Jack
Harcombe, Elsie
Hlichal, Cungbawi Lian

Hosking, Lilly
Ishihara, Miya
Johnson, Willow
Johnston, Rebecca
Karmawan, Jessica
Kaur, Jasmarian
Kepess, Bendi
Khuong, Thanh Duc
Kiernan, Christine
Kovtun, Anastasia
Kuang, Shulei
Latu, Moses
Leavasa-Feagaimaali'i, Elsa Paua
Lenton, Poppy
Lesa, Seitaua Guadalupe
Li, Jin
Li, Linhao
Lia, Fuatino Tina
Lin, Hongzhi
MacDonald, James
Matenga, Perez
Mckee, Eric
McMillan, Hayden
Mohd Fairusham, Mohammad Faris
Mohd Nazri Ismaili, Muhammad Naif Iffan Bin
Mohd Zali, Nur Aira Batrisyia binti
Moon, Jada
Moto-Lesatele, Kose
Muhammad, Nurfarah Hanim Aqilah binti
Nguyễn, Anh Việt
Paterson, Jordan
Penman, Andrew
Pesaleli, Philip Bell
Petrie, Max
Pini-Hall, Rory
Polutea, Angelina
Poutoa, Charmaine
Pramudito, Reza
Prichard, Callum
Raja Azman, Raja Anessa Iman
Rathod, Mia
Razali, Amier Ridzuan Bin
Reburn, Lucy
Redman, Lydia
Rudman, Nick
Ryan, Patrick
Schuster, Leyan
Selamat, Mohamad Syahin Adha Bin
Senthil, Raj

Shiga, Toshiyuki
Simpson, Bridget
Singh, Jorawar
Singh, Singh
Solomona, Jordon
Stanish, James
Steele, Sophie
Talaga, Samaria
Talopau, Tu'upō Falefitu
Tan, Deon
Teh, Min Er
Tham, Jonathan
Tran, Vy Ha Phuong
van Gilse, Grace Elizabeth
Vo, Tran Nhu Ai
Wallis, Olivia
Wang, Junyao
Weerasundara, Kevin
Williams, Emma
Wise, Laura
Wright, Oliver
Zafeerah, Khameelia

Postgraduate Diploma in Professional Accounting

Bae, Yukyung Lauren

Postgraduate Certificate in Public Policy

de Abreu Lima, Roberta

Graduate Certificate in Commerce

Grant, William

MUSIC

God Defend New Zealand

Led by Charlotte Secker, accompanied by Ziqian Xu

E Ihowā Atua,	God of Nations at Thy feet,
O ngā iwi mātou rā,	In the bonds of love we meet,
Āta whakarongona,	Hear our voices we entreat,
Me aroha noa.	God defend our free land.
Kia hua ko te pai,	Guard Pacific's triple star,
Kia tau tō atawhai,	From the shafts of strife and war,
Manaakitia mai,	Make her praises heard afar,
Aotearoa.	God defend New Zealand.

Performances

Pre-ceremony entertainment and recessional

Performed by Pasifika Tune: Andrew Faleatua (keyboard), Fa'aaliga Leota (drums), Jedidiah Lesa (guitar), Nathan Lopa (vocals), Aaron Nonoa (bass), Adah Talitiga Ta'aivanu Setefano (vocals), Jillian Tupuse (vocals), and Lusa Washburn (vocals)

Processional

'Processional Fanfare', Douglas Lilburn

Written especially for Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington's graduation ceremonies

Performed by Lena Krakowiak, Abby Lindsey, and Tomas Metz (trumpets)

Musical interlude

BoyleUpBrassBrand: Jono Benzur (bass guitar), Cameron Boyle (tenor saxophone), Jakob Elias (trombone), Pip Goomes (trumpet), Hayden Lam (drums), Simon Langham (trumpet), Nick Murphy (trumpet), and Tai Van der Bar (baritone saxophone)

Performance interlude

Pasifika cultural performance



Te Hui Whakapūmau

Ceremony 4

9.30 am, Friday 12 December 2025

Ceremony 5

2 pm, Friday 12 December 2025





HE MAIOHA

Te Tumu Herenga Waka

Whakaipuipu rā ngā tai o Raukawa
E tō mai nei i ngā waka
Kia ū ki te take o Ahumairangi
Ngā pari kārangaranga e maioha nei e
Piki mai, kake mai, haere mai rā.

Tirohia atu rā ngā whetū
Me ko Matariki e ārau ana
I te matatini ka tere atu
I runga i te tai awatea
Tōia mai ana te tatau o te pō
E whai atu ai tāua
I runga i te tai ahiahi.

Kōkirihia te pūkāea, hai whakaara
I ngā karanga o te whenua nei
Hai maioha i ngā reanga
Te ara mai nei
Hai waka kawenga i ngā manako
Hai pūmanawa mō ngā wawata Māori.

Ko koutou rā ēnei o ngā taiwiwini
O ngā taiwawana, o ngā taiwhenua
O te motu e kukume mai nei i te paetawhiti
Hai whakaū i aua wawata. Heoi!
Mauri ora ki a koutou e ngā rangatira.



CEREMONY 4

9.30 am, Friday 12 December 2025

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Order of ceremony

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Te karanga i ngā tauira (presentation of graduates to the Chancellor)

Ngā taonga a Ngāi Tauira (presentation of gifts to the graduates by Ngāi Tauira)

Ruka Te Rangiāhua Broughton Memorial Award
Taranaki Ah Young-Grace

Dr Wiremu Parker Memorial Award
Mereaira Poutu

Te Kawa a Māui Postgraduate Prize
Stacey Morgan

Te kupu a te tauira (graduate speaker’s address)
Ari Thomson-Lawrence, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

Karakia whakapūmau (ritual of affirmation)

Karanga whakaū (call of affirmation)

REFERENCES

1	First Class Honours	<i>D</i>	Distinction
2/1	Second Class Honours (first division)	<i>M</i>	Merit
2/2	Second Class Honours (second division)		
3	Third Class Honours		

Doctoral degree research summaries

Nabilah Husna Binte Abdul Rahman

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Sociology

Thesis title: 'Power, Position, and Practice: Conscientisation and Decolonial Solidarity of Southeast Asian Migrants in Aotearoa'

Supervisors: Professor Maria Bargh and Dr Janepicha Cheva-Isarakul

Will Dreyer

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science

Thesis title: 'Complementary Committees: Conflict and Cooperation in Legislative Scrutiny in Aotearoa New Zealand'

Supervisors: Dr Fiona Barker and Professor Maria Bargh

Marama Leigh Salsano 

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Creative Writing

Thesis title: "'I Write / I Paint / I Narrate": A Te-Aitanga-a-Māhaki Kapukōrero About Multigenre Creative Work'

Supervisors: Professor Alice Te Punga Somerville and Dr Arini Loader

Louise Moana Were

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Health and Wellbeing

Thesis title: 'Tukua Te Ringa Aroha Reclaiming Evaluation for All of Us'

Supervisors: Dr Kirsten Smiler and Dr Hilary Stace

Presentation of graduates

Graduates may be called on stage in a different order from that listed in this programme.

Doctor of Philosophy

Binte Abdul Rahman, Nabilah Husna, *in*
Sociology

Dreyer, William Patrick, *in* *Political Science*

Salsano, Marama Leigh (Ngāti Porou,
Te Aitanga-a-Māhaki, Tūhoe), *in* *Creative*
Writing

Were, Louise Moana (Rongowhakaata,
Te Aitanga-a-Māhaki, Ngāti Tūwharetoa (ki
Taupō), Ngāti Tahu-Ngāti Whaoa (Te Arawa)),
in *Health and Wellbeing*

Faculty of Architecture and Design Innovation

Bachelor of Design Innovation

Boudwin, Baby

Parkinson, Cat

Faculty of Education

Master of Education

Warren, Poirangi, Whakatōhea
(Te Whānau-ā-Apanui, Ngāpuhi), *D*

Bachelor of Education (Teaching) Early Childhood

Ombler-Vrey, Rezaan

Graduate Diploma of Teaching (Primary)

Morton-Jones Goulding, Mary Teresa
(Rongowhakaata)

Faculty of Health

Master of Health

Mullane-Ronaki, Nai (Ngāti Pikiao (Te Arawa),
Tapuika (Te Arawa), Waitaha (Te Arawa)),
in *Health Policy, Planning and Service*
Delivery, *M*

Proe, Olivia, *in* *Health Leadership and*
Management, *M*

Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

Master of Applied Linguistics

Alharbi, Areej, *D*

Master of Arts

Milligan, Willow, *in* *Māori Studies*, *D*

Master of Indigenous Studies

Ja-El Huang, Panay Kumod

Morgan, Stacey (Ngāti Kahungunu ki
Heretaunga), *D*

Thomson-Lawrence, Ari (Ngāti Porou, Ngāti
Rākaipaaka, Rongomaiwahine (Te Māhia),
Ngāi Tāmanuhiri, Rongowhakaata), *D*

Van Der Park, Andre (Ngāi Tahu / Kāi Tahu,
Ngāti Maru (Hauraki)), *D*

Master of Intercultural Communication and Applied Translation

Chen, Tia, *D*

Master of Migration Studies

Nyein, Thidar, *M*

Master of Strategic Studies

Terry, Benjamin (Ngāti Maniapoto, Ngā Rauru,
Ngāruahine)

Master of Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages

Do, Kirene

Nguyen, Sage

Bachelor of Arts

‘Unga, Sophia (Ngāti Pikiao (Te Arawa),
Te Ati Haunui-a-Pāpārangi, Ngāti Mutunga
(Taranaki))

Ah-Hi, Hana (also receiving a Diploma in
University Studies (Pasifika Pathways))

Budd, Annie (Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa,
Rangitāne (Te Matau-a-Māui/Hawke’s Bay/
Wairarapa))

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Ngāti Toarangatira (Te Whanganui-a-Tara/
Wellington))

Graham, Tiana (Ngāti Kauwhata, Ngāti
Raukawa (Horowhenua/Manawatū),
Rangitāne (Manawatū), Ngāti Porou)

Rezwan, Hadi

Stuart, Amanda (Ngāti Raukawa
(Horowhenua/Manawatū))

Wawatai, Hiria (Ngāti Porou)

Diploma in Māoritanga/Tohu Māoritanga

Hokianga, Mana (Ngāti Hako, Te Atiawa
(Te Whanganui-a-Tara/Wellington), Ngāti
Kahungunu ki Heretaunga)





CEREMONY 5

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Ngā taonga a Ngāi Tauira (presentation of gifts to the graduates by Ngāi Tauira)

Te kupu a te tauira (graduate speaker’s address)

Keiha Nicol, Faculty of Science

Karakia whakapūmau (ritual of affirmation)

Karanga whakaū (call of affirmation)

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Doctoral degree research summaries

Melanie Kea Altemus

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology

Thesis title: 'Stories of Saviourism: Examining Moral Negotiations in Volunteer Tourism'

Supervisors: *Dr Rita McNamara and Professor Marc Wilson*

Alana Camelia Haenga-O'Brien

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology

Thesis title: 'Kia Kārohirohi te Wairua: Exploring How Rangatahi Māori Understand, Experience, Nurture, and Practise Wairuatanga'

Supervisors: *Associate Professor Awanui Te Huia and Professor Marc Wilson*

Ria Te Uira Holmes

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Law

Thesis title: 'Te Tiriti o Waitangi, Tikanga Māori, and Labour Frameworks: An Exploration of Collective Agreement Clauses and the Experiences of Māori Workers'

Supervisors: *Māmari Stephens and Dr Carwyn Jones*

David Hsu

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry

Thesis title: 'A New Synthetic Method for Asymmetrically Substituted Trehalose Derivatives via a Borinic-Acid-Catalysed 1,2-cis-Stereoselective Glycosylation and its Application to the Synthesis of Mycobacterial Lipooligosaccharides'

Supervisors: *Dr Regan Anderson, Professor Richard Furneaux, and Todd Lowary*

Bailey Mary Rose

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology

Thesis title: 'Tāngata Whaiora as Ngā Kaiwhakatere—Understanding the Experiences and Needs of Māori with Ngā Māuiui Kai (Eating Disorders)'

Supervisors: *Professor Marc Wilson and Associate Professor Clive Aspin*

Ziyi Sun

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Artificial Intelligence

Thesis title: 'YOLO Models for Instance Segmentation of Individual Tree Crowns from Aerial Imagery in Wellington'

Supervisors: *Professor Bing Xue and Professor Mengjie Zhang*

Marina Tonetti Botana

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Ecology and Biodiversity

Thesis title: 'Lipid Mediators and a New HOPE in the Cnidarian-dinoflagellate Symbiosis'

Supervisor: *Professor Simon Davy*

Kristin Wilson

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Science in Society

Thesis title: 'The Complexity of Balance in Antarctica: Science and Nature in Antarctica's Dry Valleys, 1903 to 2022'

Supervisors: *Professor Rebecca Priestley and Dr Fraser Morgan*

Presentation of graduates

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Doctor of Philosophy

- Altemus**, Melanie, *in Psychology*
- Haenga-O'Brien**, Alana Camelia (Ngāti Porou), *in Psychology* (also receiving a Postgraduate Diploma in Clinical Psychology)
- Holmes**, Ria Te Uira (Ngāti Raukawa (Horowhenua/Manawatū), Ngāti Toarangatira (Te Whanganui-a-Tara/Wellington), Te Atiawa ki Whakarongotai), *in Law*
- Hsu**, Hsin Chuan, *in Chemistry*
- Rose**, Bailey Mary (Ngāti Tūwharetoa, region unknown, Ngāti Maniapoto), *in Psychology*
- Sun**, Ziyi, *in Artificial Intelligence*
- Tonetti Botana**, Marina, *in Ecology and Biodiversity*
- Wilson**, Kristin, *in Society*

Faculty of Engineering

Master of Software Development

- Yudana**, Ijaan, *M*

Faculty of Law

Master of Laws

- Mitchell**, Kelly (Waikato), *D*

Bachelor of Laws

- Hodge**, Shaylee (also receiving a Bachelor of Science)
- Marsh**, Rocco (Ngāpuhi, Ngāti Rangiwewehi (Te Arawa), Ngāti Whakaue (Te Arawa))
- Parkinson**, Annabel (Ngāpuhi, Ngāti Awa, Whakatōhea) (also receiving a Bachelor of Commerce)
- Pihema**, Te Maia (Ngāpuhi, Te Rarawa) (also receiving a Bachelor of Commerce)
- Spencer**, Jack (also receiving a Bachelor of Commerce)

- Swann**, Tahu (Ngāi Tahu / Kāi Tahu, Ngāti Porou, Ngāti Wai) (also receiving a Bachelor of Arts)
- Willison**, Kere (Ngāi Tahu / Kāi Tahu, Ngāti Kahungunu ki Te Wairoa, Ngāti Ranginui) (also receiving a Bachelor of Commerce)

Faculty of Science

Master of Climate Change Science and Policy

- Wech**, Andrew, *D*

Master of Science

- Nicol**, Keiha (Ngāpuhi, Ngāti Whātua o Kaipara, Ngāti Tūwharetoa (ki Taupō)) *in Geology*, 1
- Rawson**, Zane (Ngāpuhi, Te Rarawa), *in Computer Science*, *D*
- Willis**, Danielle (Ngāpuhi, Ngāti Hine (Te Tai Tokerau)), *in Marine Biology*, 1

Bachelor of Science

- Thompson**, Jess (Ngāti Tūwharetoa (ki Taupō), Te Arawa) (also receiving a Bachelor of Arts)
- Tucker**, Oscar (Ngāti Maniapoto, Ngāti Tūwharetoa (ki Taupō))

Postgraduate Diploma in Science

- Roy**, Rohith, *in Physics*

Wellington School of Business and Government

Master of Business Administration

- Sinnott**, Kevin (Ngāti Tūwharetoa (ki Taupō))

*Master of
Information Studies*

McWilliam, Ky Reader, *in Archives and
Records Management and Library
Science, M*

*Master of
Professional Accounting*

Arora, Sagar

*Master of
Public Policy*

Do, Trang, *D*

Kabalu, Hajar

*Bachelor of
Commerce*

Harvey, Aaron (Ngāti Awa, Ngāti Rangitihi
(Te Arawa), Te Whānau-ā-Apanui)

Stuart, Ruby (Ngāti Porou, Tūhoe,
Whakatōhea)

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Te Kapa Haka o Ngāi Tauira

Te takahi o te waewae

Te wiriwiri o te ringa

Te piu o te poi

Te tīoriori o te reo

Te haruru o te haka

The stamping of the feet

The quivering of the hand

The swirling of the poi

The resonance of the voice

The rumbling of the haka

Ngāi Tauira, the Māori students' association, supports and represents the interests of tauira Māori studying at Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington.

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