

CEREMONY 5

2 pm, Friday 12 December 2025

Te Hui Whakapūmau

Order of ceremony

Mihi whakatau (welcome)

Te kupu a te Manukura (Chancellor’s address)

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

Ngā taonga a MAI ki Pōneke (MAI ki Pōneke PhD gift presentation)

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)

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

Keiha Nicol, Faculty of Science

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

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

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

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)