



What if...

the campaign for
Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington



**CAPITAL THINKING.
GLOBALLY MINDED.**
MAI I TE IHO KI TE PAE



VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF
WELLINGTON
TE HERENGA WAKA

What if...

we could solve
the most pressing
challenges facing

- our communities
- our country
- our planet?

At Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington, we seek a better and brighter future for the next generation. We are driven by what we could achieve, together. Join us.

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At Te Herenga Waka—
Victoria University of
Wellington, our vision
is to be a world-leading
capital city university
and one of the great
global-civic universities.

Our ambition is in keeping with the world-class quality of our institution and our determination to make a prominent contribution to the betterment of our society.

As New Zealand's top-ranked university for research quality, our research is robust, relevant, and impactful. Our 22,000 students feel a sense of belonging to a vibrant and inclusive community, and become graduates who are critically informed, globally confident, and civic minded. We operate in the dynamic interface of 'crown, town, and gown'—a place where hīkoi end, law and public policy are made, and activism flourishes.

We are here to lead thinking on the major issues that affect the environmental, societal, cultural, and economic wellbeing of Aotearoa New Zealand, the Asia-Pacific, and the wider world—to ask, "What if...".

This philanthropic campaign supports strategic initiatives that address this question. We invite you to partner with us to pursue ambitious research that will resolve local, national, and global challenges and to prepare our students for an extraordinary life.

Every contribution will have an impact and there are many opportunities for you to advance issues you care about. Together, we can achieve remarkable things for New Zealand and the world.

Professor Grant Guilford
Vice-Chancellor



Since Victoria University
of Wellington was
founded in 1897, the
generosity of donors has
made an immeasurable
difference by supporting
the student experience,
research, teaching, and
learning.

Philanthropic gifts to the University have changed lives here in New Zealand and around the globe.

In a rapidly changing world, it is essential we build on this foundation of philanthropy to enhance the University's capacity to undertake ambitious research, academic innovation, and meaningful engagement at the scale and speed needed to make a difference. Imagining "What if...," this philanthropic campaign will advance the University's work driving transformational change at a time where solutions to society's most pressing challenges are more urgent than ever.

Nearly 30 years ago, the Victoria University of Wellington Foundation was established to advance knowledge through teaching and research by way of managed charitable donations to the University. The Foundation is proud to partner with you to hold your gifts in trust and ensure your gifts to the campaign will have the greatest impact. Your generous support is an investment in students, staff, and facilities. It strengthens teaching and research capabilities. It helps address national and global challenges and opportunities.

I invite you to join us in this exciting campaign for change. Your gifts do assist the University in making change for great causes. Thank you for your past and ongoing support.

Craig Stevens
Chair, Victoria University of Wellington Foundation



What if...

we could develop a sustainable
and resilient future?



*The world is changing
quickly, and protecting our
natural environment has
never been more important.*

The University is committed
to being a leader in
sustainable practice and
undertaking research that
helps New Zealand, and the
world, develop a sustainable
and resilient future. From
local disasters such as
earthquakes to the global
challenges that affect us
all—climate change, loss
of biodiversity, managing
invasive species—we have the
talent and commitment to
make a difference.

Help us protect our planet
for future generations.



“Kauri dieback is one of the biggest crises ever to face New Zealand’s forests. It threatens not only individual kauri trees, but also the entire ecosystem around them. If kauri disappear, so do all the other plants and animals that depend on them. We also lose part of our culture and a piece of our history. My research group is investigating the microbe that causes kauri dieback disease and developing new ways to control it. This is an important project that combines mātauranga Māori with cutting-edge biochemistry and microbiology techniques. Working together, we have discovered compounds from kānuka that are effective against key life-cycle stages of the pathogen. However, more research remains to be done in order to translate our findings to the field.”

Dr Monica Gerth

School of Biological Sciences



“Climate change is the biggest threat humanity has ever faced, and action is urgent. By building a clearer picture of what is happening right now, we can help the world either prevent the worst-case scenario or prepare for it. A significant increase in greenhouse gases over the past century has increased the average global temperature and we are seeing the effects of this—from drought to flooding and unseasonable temperatures—right now. Further increases could be catastrophic. Research is vital to inform and understand the challenges we all face.”

Professor James Renwick

Head of the School of Geography,
Environment and Earth Sciences





What if...

everyone could fulfil their true potential through access to a university education?

Education changes lives, but financial barriers can prevent students from accessing the university experience that will determine their future.

Great Futures scholarships provide a lifeline for many talented students and are a way for us to demonstrate that we believe in their potential to achieve great things—for themselves, for their communities, and for New Zealand.

With your support, we can provide the next generation of thinkers and leaders with the means to achieve their goals.





“Being awarded my scholarship has been the highlight of my life so far. I am so thankful to the donor and the University for giving me this life-changing opportunity that relieves immense financial pressure. It allows me to push hard through my degree, allowing me to maintain the highest grades possible without having financial worry. I am really enjoying my course and have settled in quickly to campus life thanks to the support I have received. My goal is to work in project management after I graduate, and I am particularly interested in how to design buildings that optimise sustainability. Between the structure of my course, the people I am surrounded by, and the self-belief my scholarship has given me—I am confident I’ll get there.”

Harry Fergus, Student, Bachelor of Building Science
L.T. McGuinness Scholarship recipient 2019



“Ka ngata tōku hiahia ki ngā wai inuinu a Rua-tipua e pupū ake. He wai iti, he wai nui; Ko te wainui-ā-Rua e rere mai nei. Ko Whanganui te iwi.

“University can be difficult. Having good support and holding fast to your values, your vision, and your ‘why’ is the best way to make it through. Scholarships are more than a means to financial freedom: they are an empowering gesture of faith and generosity. Being a recipient of iwi and Taihonoa scholarships reaffirms my dream to support Māori rangatahi. I am reminded of the many legacies Māori have crafted for the success of our people, and I am further inspired to do the same.”

Poipoia Te Taonga, Student, Bachelor of Commerce
Victoria Excellence Scholarship 2018, Te Herenga Waka
Marae Whānau House Scholarship 2018,
Taihonoa Scholarship 2019



What if...

our learning environment reflected,
supported, and nurtured our communities?



The heart of our university is our people, our heritage, and our values. That is why we need our built environment to reflect the unique heritage of Aotearoa New Zealand and all who call our campus home.

Te Herenga Waka, the name of our marae and the Māori name of the University, means the mooring place of canoes. It symbolises belonging and means everyone, no matter where they come from, can hitch their canoe and be part of our community.

With your help, we can create a world-class inclusive learning environment that truly reflects who we are and what we stand for.



“Student wellbeing is deeply rooted within how the environment and our surroundings build a sense of collective belonging. It is important that the spaces students spend their time in reflect the vibrant and diverse student culture we have here at the University. We should celebrate the multicultural makeup of our student body and recognise the melting pot of cultures as one of our biggest strengths. Knowing that you and your identity are valued, that you belong, and that you are in a safe space, is fundamental in getting the most from your university experience.”

Tamatha-Kaye Paul, Graduate, Bachelor of Arts (2018)

President, VUWSA 2018–2019,
Trustee, Victoria University of Wellington Foundation 2019,
Victoria University of Wellington Foundation Trustees
Scholarship 2016, Andrea Brander Accommodation Scholarship
2016, James MacIntosh Scholarship 2016 and 2017

“As a society, we are facing significant challenges around the protection of our environment, people, culture, and language for future generations. The Living Pā project is the redevelopment of our marae precinct as part of the Living Building Challenge. It is an exceptional opportunity to bring together mātauranga Māori and sustainable practice across the University. More than bricks and mortar, the Living Pā will be a Māori incubator for innovation, and a space for discussing how we can build a more equitable, fair, and sustainable society. He pā mataora, he pā kaiao, he pā anamata—a thriving community, a living lab, a bright future.”

Professor Rawinia Higgins

Te Tumu Ahurei /
Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Māori)



What if...

we could harness the power of
creativity?

*Creative capital is the capacity
of an individual or community to
imagine and to express
new possibilities through
creative activity.*

It is the genius behind art,
music, and writing. It is also the
curiosity and insight that finds
new solutions to complex issues.

It is the entrepreneurship that
establishes new businesses. It is
inspiration. It is innovation and
it is leadership.

The cultivation of creative
capital is at the core of what
we do. We understand that
creativity, creative literacy, and
unfettered imagination make
vital contributions to
New Zealand society.

Partner with us for a future full
of possibility.





“It’s been so exciting being able to work in such an inspiring environment, studying Classical Performance and Musical Composition. With the support of the Deane Scholarship and all that has happened so far, I hope to become a great musician someday. Performing in opera, musical theatre, or even composing my own music would be a dream come true for me. I am finally getting a sense that all this could happen and that I am on the right path.”

Tomairangi Henare, Student, Bachelor of Music
Deane Music Scholarship recipient 2019

“As New Zealand’s capital city university, we are uniquely placed to nurture creative talent and work with different communities to create change. Together, we can take risks, look for opportunities, and collaborate in the pursuit of creative endeavours. Our academics, who are experts in different fields, and our students, who are the next generation of creative leaders, are involved in a number of extraordinary initiatives that will have long-term positive impact. Across the University, these include the Miramar Creative Centre, the Computational Media Innovation Centre, the Adam Art Gallery, and the planned national music centre—all of which foster innovation and connections with industry and other community experts. This is a very exciting time for creativity at Victoria University of Wellington.”

Professor Jennifer Windsor
Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Faculty of Humanities and
Social Sciences and Faculty of Education



What if...

together we could make a significant difference to New Zealanders' health and wellbeing?

Health is fundamental for individuals and society to grow, prosper, and succeed.

Today, Aotearoa New Zealand and the world face multiple and profound health challenges. Researchers at the University are solving these challenges and improving health and wellbeing on a local, national, and global scale. Help us address healthcare inequities and make breakthrough discoveries that save lives.

Together, we can build a healthier future for us all.





“Women and children face unacceptable levels of health inequity in New Zealand. The life expectancy for Māori women is seven years fewer than for non-Māori women. Our aim at the Centre for Women’s Health Research is to reduce avoidable harm, to transform our healthcare service, and to create meaningful improvements for all women and children. The late health leader Dr Paratene Ngata said, “Get it right for Māori and you get it right for everyone.” Through excellent research, teaching, and community engagement we aim to positively benefit the health of all New Zealand women and their children.”

Professor Beverley Lawton

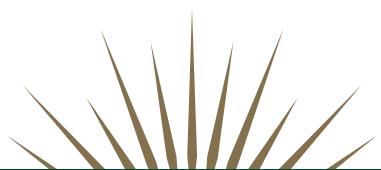
Ngāti Porou, founder and director of Te Tātai Hauora
o Hine / Centre for Women’s Health Research



“Victoria University of Wellington is uniquely qualified to bridge health research, health policy, and health practice. We are launching new and exciting initiatives to improve the health and wellbeing of all people in Aotearoa New Zealand. Interdisciplinary collaboration, pioneering education, and transformational engagement drive the critical work we do every day as we revolutionise healthcare, advance health innovation, and train the next generation of health leaders.”

Professor Gregor Coster

Dean of the Faculty of Health



What if...

the potential of our entrepreneurs
was fully realised?



Entrepreneurs and innovators hold the answer to some of the world's most pressing societal and economic issues.

Through world-class research, industry partnerships, and connections to government, we have a significant role to play in catalysing entrepreneurship in the Asia-Pacific region.

Supporting the development of new businesses, fostering the next generation of entrepreneurs, and encouraging innovation and collaboration is central to what we do.

With your support, we can find cutting-edge solutions to global challenges.



“Imagine a world in which your own body can cure cancer. In recent decades, huge advances have been made in developing drugs for diseases that were once fatal, or resulted in a poor quality of life for sufferers. However, effective treatments for some conditions continue to elude scientists. At the Ferrier Research Institute, our world-class chemistry experts are working to change that. Together with research and commercial partners, including Viclink, Victoria University of Wellington’s commercialisation office, this combination of excellent science and an entrepreneurial spirit has generated tens of millions of dollars of economic activity for New Zealand in the past 25 years. We are researching the treatments that save lives.”

Professor Richard Furneaux
Director, Ferrier Research Institute



“At Victoria University of Wellington, we have an environment that develops and supports our students to create the innovations that address the key social and commercial challenges in our community. We are developing the leaders of the future economy. Our capital city location and proximity to Parliament mean we are deeply embedded in Wellington–New Zealand’s hub of innovation, entrepreneurship, policymaking, and creativity.”

Professor Ian O. Williamson
Pro-Vice-Chancellor and Dean of Wellington School of
Business and Government





What if...

you partnered with us to help
address these national and
global issues?



Contribute to the resolution of the
challenges that affect us all.

Seize the opportunities that arise only
through innovation, a comprehensive
research agenda, and the dedication of our
world-leading academics.

Work with us, New Zealand's capital
city university, to transform society by
building on our effective engagement with
government, business, iwi,
and communities.

Support the next generation to bring
positive change to their communities, and
take their education, skills, and experience
beyond the University to make a difference
for New Zealand.



“What if...” invites you to consider the potential of answering the questions the University strives every day to address.



With your support, we can find solutions to the most pressing issues facing society today. We aim to raise \$150 million in philanthropic gifts to achieve this vision for a better and brighter future.

Philanthropy significantly increases our ability to invest in talented people, ambitious research programmes, essential resources, and societal outreach. There are many ways you can give and make a difference in your area of interest, by:

- supporting students and the next generation of leaders through enhanced teaching facilities, scholarships, internships, and prizes
- funding the research that will address society’s most challenging issues
- investing in capital projects that will transform communities.

As a donor, you can specify where you would like your gift to be put to work. Every gift, at every level, plays an important part.





*The Victoria University of Wellington
Foundation manages philanthropic gifts to meet
the strategic needs of the University.*

The Foundation is governed by an independent board of trustees that invests, manages, and distributes donations.

Since it was established in 1990, the Foundation has contributed more than \$56 million to support the University's key priorities and fund scholarships and prizes, academic positions, and research programmes. This significant contribution has been made possible through the generosity of donors and through earnings from the Foundation's investments.

The Foundation will ensure every philanthropic dollar you invest, with no administration charge deducted, is disbursed to a university project, consistent with your wishes. Your donation will have maximum impact for your chosen project and bring about real change.

We will provide all donors with regular reports on supported projects and campaign results and will offer opportunities to engage in university life. We can also advise on the many ways your contribution can be acknowledged.

Thank you for your ongoing support.





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