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**RESEARCH WEEK –  
TE WIKI RANGAHAU**  
8-12 SEPTEMBER 2025

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WELCOME TO  
AUT RESEARCH WEEK /  
TE WIKI RANGAHAU 2025



In setting the theme for this year's Te Wiki Rangahau / AUT Research Week, I thought about what unites AUT researchers. We are a diverse institution, with 16 academic schools across five faculties, plus multiple research institutes and networks. Our researchers investigate everything from clean energy to cephalopod ecology; from virtual reality to biomedical technology. But one unifying theme stands out: our research makes a difference.

AUT research influences our communities and economies, our built and natural environments, our whānau and our culture. And so when we invited our researchers to speak on the theme of Research that Makes a Difference, they embraced the theme with enthusiasm. As a result, this year's AUT Research Week features a programme of no less than 30 events celebrating the practical impact of AUT's research and highlighting the many ways in which it changes the world around us.

Our opening and closing events feature two of AUT's award-winning researchers. Professor Alice Theadom, winner of the 2024 AUT Te Huihuinga o Matariki Research Excellence Award, will speak at our opening event. Professor Theadom is a world-leading researcher in the field of traumatic brain injury, and director of the Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Network. Her research ethos is deeply collaborative; and she joins us to discuss how she has leveraged connections and partnerships to make a difference for patients with TBI.

Similarly, Associate Professor Shahab Ramhormozian, winner of the 2024 AUT Tupu-ā-nuku Early Career Researcher Award, places partnerships at the centre of his research. Associate Professor Ramhormozian works to improve buildings' earthquake-readiness. His collaborations across both academia and industry have enhanced seismic resilience in very practical ways in Aotearoa and beyond. He joins us for the closing event to reflect on how his research and practice has contributed to our collective safety in the earthquake-prone Pacific Rim.

In between these opening and closing events, there are numerous opportunities to learn about our research that has truly made a difference. For example, hear how the LitPlus research group has shown that reading for pleasure in early life – and encouraging reading for pleasure in our communities and education system – can set children up

for long-term success. Learn about the Pacific Tourism Data Initiative, which has been collecting data to inform decision-making in the Pacific tourism sector for over a decade. Hear how kaupapa Māori research has been applied in business, economics and law to revitalise and decolonise practices in these crucial areas.

For those wishing to improve their own research capability, we have workshops galore. Whether you want to learn how to create short videos for social media, make (responsible) use of generative AI tools in your research, refine the way you manage your research data or get advice on your research ethics application – there are plenty of learning opportunities throughout the week.

This week also affords an opportunity to celebrate the launch of three new AUT research networks: the AUT Regenerative Environment Network, the Toi o te Ora AUT Wellbeing Research Network, and the AUT Transformational Technologies Research Network. These networks bring together researchers from diverse backgrounds to develop and implement transdisciplinary approaches to local, national and global research issues, and in doing so to make a difference.

We are delighted this year to bring the popular Ngā hua a Tāne-te-wānanga Māori Research Symposium to audiences in te reo Māori for the first time (with simultaneous English translation). This important step recognises the fact that our language shapes our thinking, and Māori research and knowledge, impacting Māori communities, is best expressed in te reo Māori. Ko tōku reo tōku ohooho, ko tōku reo tōku māpihi maurea. My language is my awakening, my language is the window to my soul.

I invite you to join us for these and other exciting events in the 2025 Te Wiki Rangahau / AUT Research Week programme.

Tēnā tatou katoa,

**Ahorangi / Professor Mark Orams**

Manukura Tautoko Tuarua a Rangahau / Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research

Te Wananga Aronui o Tamaki Makaurau / Auckland University of Technology

# AUT RESEARCH WEEK / TE WIKI RANGAHAU PROGRAMME

8-12 SEPTEMBER 2025



**SPECIAL EVENT:**  
An Audience with the Prime Minister's Chief Science Advisor  
Wednesday 10 September, 12pm-1pm, WG607  
Open to AUT staff

| TIME    | MONDAY 8 SEPT                                                   |                                                                                      |                                                                                        |                                                                                        | TUESDAY 9 SEPT                                            |                                                                                    |                                    | WEDNESDAY 10 SEPT |          |          |          | THURSDAY 11 SEPT |                                |          |          |          | FRIDAY 12 SEPT                                                              |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 8am     |                                                                 |                                                                                      |                                                                                        |                                                                                        |                                                           |                                                                                    |                                    |                   |          |          |          |                  |                                |          |          |          |                                                                             |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8.30am  | Opening Breakfast featuring Professor Alice Theadom AZ100       |                                                                                      |                                                                                        |                                                                                        |                                                           |                                                                                    |                                    |                   |          |          |          |                  |                                |          |          |          |                                                                             |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 10am    |                                                                 | AUT Transformational Technologies Research Network (AUT TTRN) Launch Event WZ100c    | Kaupapa Māori Research: Paradigm and Practice in Business, Economics and Law WG702-703 | Copilot Writing Lab Session: Using GenAI for highlighting research significance WA414G |                                                           | School of Engineering, Computer and Mathematical Sciences Research Showcase WZ100c |                                    |                   |          |          |          |                  |                                |          |          |          | Te Whare Tūroa AUT Regenerative Environments Research Network Launch WZ100c |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10.30am |                                                                 |                                                                                      |                                                                                        |                                                                                        |                                                           |                                                                                    |                                    |                   |          |          |          |                  |                                |          |          |          |                                                                             |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 11am    | African Postgraduate Research Showcase WG607                    |                                                                                      |                                                                                        |                                                                                        |                                                           |                                                                                    |                                    |                   |          |          |          |                  |                                |          |          |          |                                                                             |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 12pm    |                                                                 |                                                                                      |                                                                                        |                                                                                        | Ngā hua a Tāne-te-wānanga: Māori Research Symposium WZ416 |                                                                                    |                                    |                   |          |          |          |                  |                                |          |          |          |                                                                             |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 12.30pm |                                                                 |                                                                                      |                                                                                        |                                                                                        |                                                           |                                                                                    |                                    |                   |          |          |          |                  |                                |          |          |          |                                                                             |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1pm     |                                                                 |                                                                                      |                                                                                        |                                                                                        |                                                           |                                                                                    |                                    |                   |          |          |          |                  |                                |          |          |          |                                                                             |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1.30pm  |                                                                 |                                                                                      |                                                                                        |                                                                                        |                                                           |                                                                                    |                                    |                   |          |          |          |                  |                                |          |          |          |                                                                             |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2pm     |                                                                 | Data-Driven Research Strategies: Insights from Pacific Tourism Data Initiative WG701 |                                                                                        |                                                                                        |                                                           | Darling, I Want My Queer Comics Now! From ancient art to webcomics WG609           | Are you Using AI Tools or... WG608 |                   |          |          |          |                  |                                |          |          |          |                                                                             |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2.30pm  |                                                                 |                                                                                      |                                                                                        |                                                                                        |                                                           |                                                                                    |                                    |                   |          |          |          |                  |                                |          |          |          |                                                                             |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3pm     | Toi o te Ora: AUT Wellbeing Research Network Launch Event AZ100 |                                                                                      |                                                                                        |                                                                                        |                                                           |                                                                                    |                                    |                   |          |          |          |                  |                                |          |          |          |                                                                             |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3.30pm  |                                                                 |                                                                                      |                                                                                        |                                                                                        |                                                           |                                                                                    |                                    |                   |          |          |          |                  |                                |          |          |          |                                                                             |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4pm     |                                                                 |                                                                                      |                                                                                        |                                                                                        |                                                           |                                                                                    |                                    |                   |          |          |          |                  |                                |          |          |          |                                                                             |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4.30pm  |                                                                 |                                                                                      |                                                                                        |                                                                                        | AUT 3MT Finals AF116                                      |                                                                                    | Grants and Partnerships Event      |                   |          |          |          |                  |                                |          |          |          |                                                                             |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5pm     |                                                                 |                                                                                      |                                                                                        |                                                                                        |                                                           |                                                                                    |                                    |                   |          |          |          |                  |                                |          |          |          |                                                                             |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5.30pm  |                                                                 |                                                                                      |                                                                                        |                                                                                        |                                                           |                                                                                    |                                    |                   |          |          |          |                  |                                |          |          |          |                                                                             |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6pm     |                                                                 |                                                                                      |                                                                                        |                                                                                        |                                                           |                                                                                    |                                    |                   |          |          |          |                  | AUT Innovation Showcase WZ100c |          |          |          |                                                                             |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6.30pm  |                                                                 |                                                                                      |                                                                                        |                                                                                        |                                                           |                                                                                    |                                    |                   |          |          |          |                  |                                |          |          |          |                                                                             |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7pm     |                                                                 |                                                                                      |                                                                                        |                                                                                        |                                                           |                                                                                    |                                    |                   |          |          |          |                  |                                |          |          |          |                                                                             |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7.30pm  |                                                                 |                                                                                      |                                                                                        |                                                                                        |                                                           |                                                                                    |                                    |                   |          |          |          |                  |                                |          |          |          |                                                                             |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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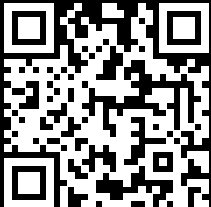
Some events will also be livestreamed; please view the registration site for details.



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# EVENT DESCRIPTIONS

 **MONDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2025**

Opening Breakfast featuring Professor Alice Theadom

8.30am–10am  
AZ100

As we open AUT Research Week for 2025, we invite you to join us for words of welcome, refreshments, and a dose of inspiration. We will open with a mihi whakatau and a performance from AUT’s Roopu Waiata choir. Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research, Professor Mark Orams, will formally launch Research Week and share highlights from the programme.

We will then hear from the winner of the 2024 AUT Matariki Award for Te Huihuinga o Matariki Researcher of the Year in Excellence. Join Professor Alice Theadom to learn about her exceptional contributions to the understanding of mild traumatic brain injury. Professor Theadom will discuss how research can and does change people’s lives for the better; and how we as researchers can maintain a focus on making a difference.

**Target audience:** Open to all.

**Please note:** Refreshments will be served at this event.

**Location:** North Campus

AUT Transformational Technologies Research Network (AUT TTRN) Launch Event

10am–1pm  
WZ100c

Be there when AUT officially switches on its newest pan-university research network! The AUT Transformational Technologies Research Network (AUT TTRN) brings together engineers, designers, computer scientists, business thinkers, health experts, mātauranga Māori scholars and creative technologists to tackle Aotearoa New Zealand’s biggest challenges – from climate-smart cities and AI to digital health and inclusive media. Join us for a fast-paced morning of lightning talks, demos and kōrero with the network’s founding researchers and industry partners, followed by an informal networking lunch. Discover fresh funding and collaboration opportunities, hear how AUT TTRN will seed breakthrough projects, and help shape a future where technology works for people, planet and prosperity.

**Target audience:** Open to all.

**Location:** City Campus

Kaupapa Māori Research: Paradigm and Practice in Business, Economics and Law

10am–12pm  
WG702-703

Māori scholars will present research and insights into Kaupapa Māori as a research paradigm informing theory and practice for social change. Professor Ella Henry will lead a discussion on the evolution of Kaupapa Māori as an ontology, epistemology, axiology and methodology, a research paradigm underpinned by aspirations for cultural revitalisation. Sophie Coomber uses decolonised methodologies to find legal solutions in tikanga and asks how those solutions can be translated to law. Dr Jack Barrett, who focuses on community-led projects, economic transformation, and Indigenous-led projects, will share a study from Tai Rawhiti. Dr Megan Phillips focuses on Māori and the emerging literature on ethical and social marketing. There will also be a presentation by Donna Coventry and Alissa Hackett from Te Mātāpuna Library on Māori data sovereignty and local context licenses.

**Target audience:** AUT staff.

**Location:** City Campus

Copilot Writing Lab Session: Using GenAI for highlighting research significance

10am–11.30am  
WA414G

Explores how we can use Copilot for aspects of the research writing process. We begin by summarising important knowledge about arguing for the significance of your workshop and then introduce a ‘choice map’ to outline the types of tasks we could ask Copilot to perform. Together we will craft and refine prompts and continuously critique responses. Bring your own reading and writing as we dynamically use Copilot for drafting and reflecting on research writing.

**Target audience:** AUT staff and research students.

**Location:** City Campus

African Postgraduate Research Symposium

11am–2.30pm  
WG607

The African Postgraduate Research Symposium aims to provide a platform for emerging scholars to showcase their research, foster interdisciplinary collaboration, contribute to knowledge exchange, and be known to and recognised as part of the AUT academic community. The symposium is focused on supporting postgraduate students to highlight their research skills while networking with peers, academics and colleagues.

**Target audience:** Open to all.

**Location:** City Campus

Data-Driven Research Strategies: Insights from Pacific Tourism Data Initiative

2pm–3.30pm  
WG701

The Pacific Tourism Data Initiative is a long-term research project that aims to collect data for decision-making on tourism matters in the Pacific. International visitors, tourism operators and community members have been surveyed for over a decade on their perceptions, concerns and attitudes about tourism. With multiple funders supporting country-specific data collection in eight Pacific nations, this project is an ambitious example of how research can balance a wide reach with local nuance to enhance economic development.

**Target audience:** Open to all.

**Location:** City Campus

Toi o te Ora – AUT Wellbeing Research Network Launch Event

2pm–5pm  
AZ100

Join us as we launch one of AUT’s newest research networks, dedicated to enhancing wellbeing across Aotearoa and beyond. Grounded in a holistic, strengths-based understanding of wellbeing – encompassing mind, body and community – Toi o te Ora brings together a diverse collective of researchers, methodologies and communities. Our work is anchored in Māori and Pacific knowledge systems, and prioritises co-created, transdisciplinary approaches to address some of the most pressing social, health, environmental and technological challenges of our time. Through this network, we aim to remove barriers to meaningful, active participation in society and generate real-world impact that matters to whānau and communities across the motu.

**Target audience:** Open to all

**Please note:** Refreshments will be served at this event.

**Location:** North Campus

# EVENT DESCRIPTIONS

 **TUESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2025**

**Ngā hua a Tāne-te-wānanga:  
Māori Research Symposium**

**8.30am–3.30pm  
WZ416**

Nau mai, haere mai, tahuiti mai ki tēnei huihuinga o ngā kairangahau Māori ki AUT! Ngā hua a Tāne-te-wānanga – AUT Māori Research Symposium 2025, where we celebrate the power of connection within our vibrant research whānau. Building on 2024’s event, we welcome Māori researchers at all stages – from leaders to emerging voices. Share and explore indigenous methodologies, interdisciplinary innovation, and transformative thinking. Together, we weave a whāriki of knowledge that highlights the essential contributions of Māori research to Aotearoa New Zealand. Nāu te rourou, nāku te rourou, kia ora ai te iwi. With your basket and my basket everyone will flourish/benefit/thrive (all will be well).

**Target audience:** Open to all  
**Please note:** Refreshments will be served at this event.  
**Location:** City Campus

**School of Engineering,  
Computer and Mathematical  
Sciences Research Showcase**

**8am–2pm  
WZ100c**

The School of Engineering, Computer and Mathematical Sciences invites you to a research showcase. Highlights will include presentations from our early career researchers in the morning, and a showcase of our five newly established research centres. The lunch period from 12pm to 1.30pm will feature demonstrations as well as delicious kai. All are welcome!

**Target audience:** Open to all  
**Please note:** Refreshments will be served at this event.  
**Location:** City Campus

**Research Reels**

**9:30am–12pm  
WG701**

Have you got a research story to tell? This workshop will help you craft a newsworthy script for a short form video – think Instagram reels, TikTok or YouTube shorts. Be prepared to tell the story of a recent or current piece of research. Presented by the faculty communications team behind [AUT Uni News](#) on Instagram. We will have a filming set-up on the day so you can practise filming your script too!

**Target audience:** [AUT staff and research students](#).  
**Location:** City Campus

**Research Ethics Interactive**

**12.30pm–1.30pm  
WA414G**

Learn some key concepts for research ethics and practice, applying them in different scenarios.

**Target audience:** [AUT staff and research students](#).  
**Location:** City Campus

**Are You Using AI Tools Or Are They Using You? Ethics and GenAI use in research**

**1.30pm–2.30pm  
WG608**

In this facilitated discussion, led by Te Mātāpuna’s Research Services team, we will explore issues which the use of GenAI tools in research present, including:

- What impact does GenAI have on the development of critical thinking?
- In what ways does AI reinforce stereotypes and biases, and proliferate misinformation? What does this mean for our research culture?
- What are the effects on privacy, copyright and cultural sensitivity? How can we safely use AI in the context of Te Aronui?

**Target audience:** [AUT staff and research students](#).  
**Location:** City Campus

**Darling, I Want My Queer Comics Now! From ancient art to webcomics**

**2pm–3.30pm  
WG609**

What are “queer comics”? For that matter, what is “queer art”? Dr Tof Eklund, co-author of the forthcoming *Queer Comics: An Introduction*, draws a line from ancient cave art and the Kaurahō temple sculptures through lesbian shunga and physique magazine pinups to arrive at a vibrant, international queer comics and cartooning scene. Queer webcomics and crowdsourced publication models have made it possible for artists from places as far apart as Mexico, Morocco, Sweden, the Philippines and Aotearoa New Zealand to communicate and share their work, but a renewed backlash against queer liberation threatens their work and their communities.

**Target audience:** Open to all.  
**Location:** City Campus

**Grants and Partnerships Celebration Event**

**4pm–5pm**

In this event we celebrate the researchers and research teams who have been successful (or have come close!) in securing external research grants and partnerships in 2024/2025. External funds and partnerships are an important way of powering AUT research and connecting our researchers with the communities and organisations that can benefit from our findings. Pursuing these opportunities can be competitive and time-consuming; and so we celebrate those who have invested their time and energy in this important work.

**Target audience:** [Invitation only](#)

**AUT 3MT Competition Finals**

**4pm–5.30pm  
AF116 & AZ100**

Three Minute Thesis (3MT®) is a research communication competition where research students have just three minutes to present their thesis and its significance in an inspiring and captivating way. This year’s competition is by video submission, and we’re looking forward to screening our finalists’ videos live at this event, taking place on Tuesday 9 September 2025 from 4pm to 5.30pm, both face to face and livestreamed! Watch our 2025 AUT 3MT Competition finalists’ videos, cast your audience vote and hear the judges’ decisions. Those attending in person will have the opportunity to network over nibbles and non-alcoholic drinks.

**Target audience:** Open to all.  
**Location:** North Campus

# EVENT DESCRIPTIONS

 **WEDNESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2025**

School of Art and Design  
Research Showcase

9am–5pm  
WZ100c

This research showcase will feature a programme of presentations reflecting the rich and diverse range of design and creative practice in the School of Art and Design. Sessions will include staff research undertaken during research and study leave, presentations from school research centres and notable collaborative research projects that have demonstrated significant impact. There will also be a session looking at strategies around external research funding and approaches to effective publishing in the design and creative practice field.

**Target audience:** Open to all

**Please note:** Refreshments will be served at this event.

**Location:** City Campus

3rd Symposium on Industrial-based Biomedical Engineering Research (SIBER-25)

8.30am–5pm  
WZ416

The 3rd IBTec/IEEE Symposium on Industrial-based Biomedical Engineering Research (SIBER) will be held this year in response to the growing interaction between the field of biomedical engineering and healthcare industries. The symposium will provide a national/international technical forum for experts from industry and academia to exchange ideas and present ongoing research results in the state-of-the-art in biomedical engineering. Come along to hear from keynote speakers, researchers, postgraduate students and industry leaders.

**Target audience:** Open to all.

**Please note:** Refreshments will be served at this event.

**Location:** City Campus

School of Communication Studies Research Seminars

9am–3.30pm  
WG707-708

This will be a dynamic seminar showcasing recent research and works in progress by School of Communication Studies staff. Topics will span AI in communication, public relations strategies, social change research and media analysis. It's a chance to share insights, receive feedback and stay updated on the impactful work happening within the school.

**Target audience:** AUT staff and research students.

**Please note:** Refreshments will be served at this event.

**Location:** City Campus

Research Ethics Interactive

12.30pm–1.30pm  
MA204

Learn some key concepts for research ethics and practice, applying them in different scenarios.

**Target audience:** AUT staff and research students.

**Location:** South Campus

An Audience with the Prime Minister's Chief Science Advisor

12pm–1pm  
WG607

Join Dr John Roche as he visits AUT for this special presentation, chaired by AUT's Vice-Chancellor, Professor Damon Salesa. Dr Roche will discuss the role of the Prime Minister's Chief Science Advisor and his perspective four months into his appointment. He will also talk about the Prime Minister's Science, Innovation and Technology Advisory Council (PMSTAC) and government priorities for research, science, innovation, and technology. There will be opportunities to ask questions and engage in dialogue.

**Target audience:** AUT staff.

**Location:** City Campus

 **THURSDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2025**

Postgraduate Research Symposium

9am–5.30pm  
AZ100 and AF116

The Postgraduate Research Symposium provides an opportunity for AUT postgraduate research students to take part in the abstract review process, and to showcase and present their research to their friends, family and peers. Join us in celebrating our amazing postgraduate students and the impressive research they perform! This event will take place on the North Campus on Thursday 11 September 2025 as part of Research Week. The day will begin with a keynote address by Dr Balakrishnan Nair, followed by oral presentations, creative exhibitions, and poster presentations by postgraduate research students.

**Target audience:** Open to all.

**Please note:** Refreshments will be served at this event.

**Location:** North Campus

Future Environments Research Symposium

10am–3pm  
WZ100c

The School of Future Environments at AUT is proud to take part in Research Week 2025, showcasing the depth and impact of its future-focused, transdisciplinary research across architecture, built environment engineering and creative technologies. As a dynamic nexus of transformative technologies, collaboration, and applied learning, our school is uniquely positioned to anticipate and shape the global and local challenges that define our future environments.

This year's theme, Research that Makes a Difference, aligns strongly with our mission: to shape sustainable, resilient and future-ready environments. Our programme highlights the real-world impact of our research through partnerships with industry, student-led initiatives, and our four emerging research centres.

**Target audience:** Open to all.

**Please note:** Refreshments will be served at this event.

**Location:** City Campus

Pacific Research Day

9am–4pm  
MH102

We invite you to take part in the Pacific Research Day as we explore the vibrancy of Pacific research in Aotearoa. Hear from innovative Pacific research leaders and the future leaders among our postgraduate students. We will also showcase interdisciplinary work with relevance to Pacific knowledge systems, languages and cultures.

**Target audience:** AUT staff and research students.

**Please note:** Refreshments will be served at this event.

**Location:** South Campus

Success Strategies for Early Career Researchers

11am–1.30pm  
WG609

If you're just starting (or are within the first few years of) your research career, this is the event for you! Join the Early Career Academics Network as we explore strategies for success in this phase of your research journey. We will discuss balancing your workload; resourcing your research; building the skills for long-term achievement; and much more. Meet others at a similar career stage, gain tools for maximising your precious research time and enjoy some shared kai. All AUT early career academics are welcome.

**Target audience:** Open to all AUT early career academics.

**Please note:** Refreshments will be served at this event.

**Location:** City Campus

Research Ethics Interactive

12.30pm–1.30pm  
AL120

Learn some key concepts for research ethics and practice, applying them in different scenarios.

**Target audience:** AUT staff and research students.

**Location:** North Campus

# EVENT DESCRIPTIONS

 **THURSDAY** 11 SEPTEMBER 2025 cont.

Diving into Research Data Management: An introduction

1.30pm–2.30pm  
WZ502-503

When it comes to research data you can start feeling out of your depth. This introductory workshop covers what you need to stay buoyant throughout the data lifecycle. We will cover good ethical practices in describing, storing, accessing and sharing data.

**Target audience:** AUT staff and research students.

**Please note:** This workshop does not cover data analysis.

**Location:** City Campus

LitPlus: A community approach to literacy education

2pm–5pm  
WG702-703

Encouraging reading is within everyone’s power: Research insights and shared actions.

Since 2020, the LitPlus Research and Professional Learning Community at AUT has explored the role of reading for pleasure in the lives of children and young people in Aotearoa New Zealand.

We embed our work within communities, so this session includes:

- A big-picture overview of key findings on reading for pleasure
- Voices from the field, insights from a study spanning early childhood to secondary learners
- An action-focused workshop, a collaborative exercise to explore how we can apply these insights as whānau, educators, librarians and researchers

Join us to reflect, connect and co-create ways to champion reading for pleasure in our communities.

**Target audience:** Open to all.

**Location:** City Campus

AUT Innovation Showcase

5pm–8pm  
WZ100c

We’re the Auckland University of Technology, innovative by nature and by reputation. Join us at the AUT Innovation Showcase to explore the projects and services that AUT offers to the world. From early-stage research to full-scale prototypes, you will discover commercialisation initiatives alongside a range of expertise and capabilities we make available to industry. Come and see what’s emerging from AUT and meet the people making it happen.

**Target audience:** Open to all.

**Please note:** Refreshments will be served at this event.

**Location:** City Campus

 **FRIDAY** 12 SEPTEMBER 2025

Te Whare Tūroa AUT Regenerative Environments Research Network Launch

9am–12pm  
WZ100c

We are excited to announce the official launch of Te Whare Tūroa AUT Regenerative Environments Research Network — Te Whare Tūroa RegEN — a bold new initiative working toward a regenerated living world, where place-based knowledge and communities thrive in kinship with te taiao. Join us for an inspiring showcase highlighting innovative projects that are already driving change within Te Whare Tūroa RegEN as well as future work and projects the network will support. The network’s innovative, trans-disciplinary research will support intergenerational tiakitanga, amplify youth voices, and foster built environment change to enable the vitality of te taiao. Our projects will catalyse regenerative change by connecting communities, place-based knowledge systems, and technologies to achieve systemic transformation. This launch marks the beginning of a collaborative journey to activate scalable, measurable, practical and ethical impact across generations and systems. Let’s shape a regenerative future together.

**Target audience:** Open to all.

**Location:** City Campus

Emeritus Professors’ Lunch

12pm–2pm

This invitation-only event is an opportunity during Research Week for AUT’s emeritus professors to come together, hear about what is happening at AUT and share their insights.

**Target audience:** Invitation only

Closing Event featuring Associate Professor Shahab Ramhormozian

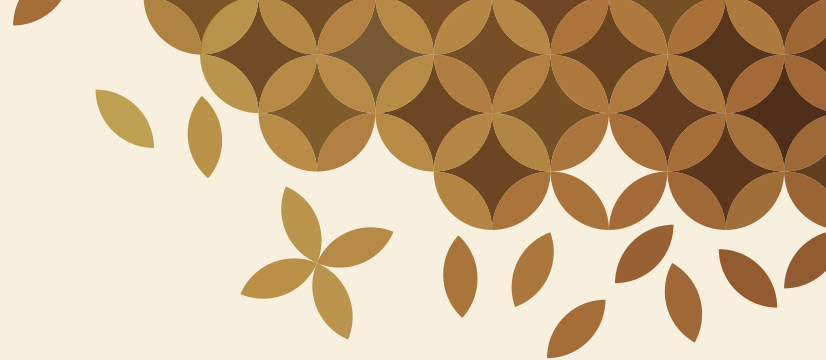
2pm–3pm  
WZ100c

In this very special closing event, we will hear from the winner of the 2024 AUT Matariki Award for Tupu-ā-nuku Early Career Researcher of the Year. Join Associate Professor Shahab Ramhormozian as he discusses his career as a seismic engineer, and how he balances academic research with a focus on the real-world implementation of earthquake-readiness solutions.

**Target audience:** Open to all.

**Please note:** Refreshments will be served at this event.

**Location:** City Campus



# HOW TO REGISTER FOR EVENTS

You can register for most events via LilRegie at:  
<https://2025-aut-research-week.lilregie.com>

You can register for multiple events at once by checking the boxes next to each event.



# FIND MORE INFORMATION

Check out our page on the AUT website here:  
[aut.ac.nz/research-week](https://aut.ac.nz/research-week)

# CONTACT THE RESEARCH WEEK ORGANISERS

Research Week is brought to you by AUT’s Te Kura Hāpai Rangahau (Researcher Education and Development) team at the Graduate Research School. You can reach us at [research.week@aut.ac.nz](mailto:research.week@aut.ac.nz).

Each event is co-ordinated by staff members in the relevant faculties, schools and research support units. Once you register for events within the programme, you may receive updates or relevant information from those organisers.

# PLAN YOUR TRIP TO TE WIKI RANGAHAU/RESEARCH WEEK

## CAMPUS LOCATIONS

Research Week 2025 includes events at each of AUT’s three main campuses:

- City Campus at 55 Wellesley Street East, Auckland Central
- North Campus at 90 Akoranga Drive, Northcote
- South Campus at 640 Great South Road, Manukau

Please check the venues for your chosen events carefully.

Detailed campus info about each campus (including maps):  
[aut.ac.nz/about/campuses-and-locations](https://aut.ac.nz/about/campuses-and-locations)

## PUBLIC TRANSPORT OPTIONS

### Travel between the North and City Campus

The NX2 bus offers convenient travel between the North and City Campus. The closest stop to the North campus is Akoranga station (stop 41382). From there, you can follow the pedestrian path to the Campus – a ~5 minute walk. The closest stop to the City Campus is on Wellesley Street East (stop 7089).

Auckland Transport website:  
[at.govt.nz](https://at.govt.nz)

### Travel between the City and South Campus

AUT has a shuttle service between the South and City campuses. During Research Week it will operate on a semester break timetable, with services departing each Campus once per hour. Ticketing is through the AUT App.

Shuttle bus information and schedules:  
[aut.ac.nz/student-life/around-campus/getting-around-aut/shuttle-buses](https://aut.ac.nz/student-life/around-campus/getting-around-aut/shuttle-buses)

## DRIVING BETWEEN CAMPUSES

### North Campus

There is limited, on-site paid parking including mobility spaces at the North Campus – use the UbiPark app or the meter to pay. Rates are approximately \$2 per hour to a maximum of \$8 per day.

### City Campus

The closest public car parks to the City Campus are Wilson Parking at 47 Symonds St, or Auckland Transport’s Civic Carpark at 299 Queen Street (under Aotea Square).

### South Campus

There is limited, on-site paid parking including mobility spaces at the South Campus – use the UbiPark app or the meter to pay. Rates are approximately \$2 per hour to a maximum of \$8 per day.

Parking at all campuses:  
[aut.ac.nz/student-life/around-campus/getting-around-aut/student-parking](https://aut.ac.nz/student-life/around-campus/getting-around-aut/student-parking)

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