

## TĒNĀ KOUTOU KATOA,

Welcome to 2018! The Future Students Team are all back at AUT, fresh from a well-deserved break after a busy year in 2017. 2018 is shaping up to be another exciting year with some new events in the calendar. This edition of AUT Connect features programme updates, key dates (including AUT LIVE), information about programme quide delivery, our brand-new website and much more. Enjoy.

As always, if you have any questions or comments for us please get in touch.

## Why AUT?







**EMPLOYABILITY**OS STARS 2017/18

Over 60 research centres and institutes with world class expertise



in fields including: radio astronomy, artificial intelligence, tourism, datamining, geo-informatics, forensics, nutrition and financial forecasting #15
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### **AUT LIVE**

AUT LIVE will be held on Saturday 25 August 2018.

We will send you updates on this in the coming months.



#### **Events**

We have an exciting range of events planned for 2018, as well as attending regional expos around the country. You will soon receive a calendar of our events, and they are also listed on our website.

## The value of university

In recent months there has been plenty of media interest around the value of getting a university degree.

- New Zealand Universities recently released their top reasons on Why go to University?
- Towards the end of 2017, AUT's Vice-Chancellor Derek McCormack (below) wrote an opinion piece in the New Zealand Herald on why society needs graduates as well as trades people.



# Distribution of programme guides, prospectuses and Career Advisors Guide

The distribution of the 2019 programme guides has begun, and you will have received your copies of these publications by now. We have made these available earlier this year to better support your students when it comes to planning their next steps after secondary school.

The 2019 Career Advisor Guide will be delivered soon, with the 2019 Prospectus following in April. You can also download our publications from the dedicated <u>Career Advisors</u> section on our website.

## First year free fees

Check out our dedicated webpage with everything students need to know about <u>first year free fees.</u>



#### **New look website**

We are excited about our fantastic new AUT website, which features a customer-centric design based on comprehensive user feedback and testing.

#### The site includes:

- A new homepage that can be customised for different audiences to make it easier to find relevant content. <u>Check out the tailored homepage for career advisors</u>
- A consistent design and layout across the site, making it cleaner and more user-friendly
- Mobile responsive design so that anyone, using any device, can view the site easily
- High school subject choices tool to help young people with their course planning
- Check our the Career Advisors section <u>here</u> where you will find useful information and resources.



## Programme updates

- AUT is now offering <u>Economics</u> as a new major in the Bachelor of Arts programme. This major develops and applies concepts that are essential for understanding and addressing critical economic and social issues.
- The <u>Bachelor of Education</u> and <u>Bachelor of</u>
   <u>Arts in Education</u> are now also offered at the
   South Campus
- Our Bachelor of Arts Japanese Language and Chinese Language majors have been discontinued, but these languages are still available for study with the <u>Japanese Studies</u> and <u>Chinese Studies</u> majors.

## On-campus services

We encourage you and your students to access our on-campus services.

The team can help with:

- Campus & accommodation tours
- Course counselling & career advice
- Scholarships & application assistance

Please <u>email us</u> to arrange a time to meet with our team.



## Pleased to meet you

Introducing Hilary, Olivia and Rosina, our newest Future Students Team members.

#### Hilary Robotham

Manager, On-Campus

I believe in giving the youth of today the best chance at creating awesome futures for themselves, filled with energy and passion for their chosen career. That all starts with them making an informed choice on what to study and opening their minds to new possibilities.

At AUT I manage the On–Campus team and look after hosting students and running events across our three campuses. Before coming to AUT, I spent five years as the Auckland regional manager for the Young Enterprise Scheme (YES), a high school programme where students create functional companies that trade for a year. In my spare time I like to challenge myself by participating in Ironman triathlons.



#### Olivia Morgan

#### Relationship Manager

I'm passionate about providing knowledge and guidance to students as they navigate their way from secondary school into the next stage of their journey.

AUT is an encouraging environment for students to grow their ambition and nurture their aspirations. I am an AUT alumna; I have a Bachelor of International Hospitality Management and lots of event management experience. I love living in West Auckland surrounded by the Waitakere ranges and Wild West coast beaches.

#### Rosina 'Uhlia

#### Relationship Manager

My role as a relationship manager based at the AUT South Campus gives me the opportunity to engage with local schools and understand their community.

There is nothing more rewarding than building a strong relationship with a student and seeing them progress throughout the year to being ready for university. Outside of work I'm committed to church and the performing arts – but most of all spending quality time with my family.



To get to know the rest of the team a little better check out our <u>new video!</u>

## **Future Students Team on holidays**

Check out what the team has been up to over the summer.



We hope you have a great first term and we look forward to working with you in 2018. As always, if we can help you in any way please get in touch at <a href="mailto:secondary.schools@aut.ac.nz">secondary.schools@aut.ac.nz</a>.

Ngā mihi,

**Jayne Mayerhofler,**Director, Future Students Team

