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APPLYING RESEARCH AND
TECHNOLOGY FOR GOOD

TE WIKI RANGAHAU
AUT RESEARCH WEEK

31 AUGUST – 4 SEPTEMBER 2026

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WELCOME TO
TE WIKI RANGAHAU /
AUT RESEARCH WEEK 2026



Tēnā koutou katoa,

What does it mean to use research and technology *for good*? This question sits at the heart of Te Wiki Rangahau / AUT Research Week 2026, and it is one our researchers seek to answer every day – through the problems they choose, the communities they work alongside, and the care with which they share what they discover. This year’s theme, Applying Research and Technology for Good, invites us to look closely at that work: to see how knowledge and innovation become action, and how action translates into meaningful change.

The breadth of this year’s programme speaks to the diversity of AUT’s research community. Schools and faculties from across the university will present showcases of their current work, including the Schools of Art and Design, Communication Studies; Engineering, Computer and Mathematical Sciences; and Future Environments, as well as the Faculties of Culture and Society, and Health and Environmental Sciences. Together, these showcases offer a rich portrait of what it looks like to bring rigour, creativity and purpose to the challenges our world faces.

Among the standout events this year is **Moanaroa Mana Ola: Navigating Health Together**, which brings together researchers, practitioners and communities to advance Pacific health knowledge and practice. In a week defined by the theme of applying research for good, this conference exemplifies exactly that spirit – situating scholarship within and for the communities who need it most.

This year’s programme also celebrates our vibrant postgraduate research community. The annual **Postgraduate Research Symposium** and the **3 Minute Thesis Competition** showcase both the energy and ingenuity of the emerging researchers who will carry AUT’s research kaupapa forward. I am especially pleased to highlight the **African Postgraduate Research Symposium**, now in its second year, which creates space for scholarship that speaks to and from African contexts and communities.

AUT’s annual Māori research symposium, **Ngā hua a Tāne-te-wānanga**, returns in 2026 – just prior to (but very much a part of) Te Wiki Rangahau. The symposium honours both kaupapa Māori approaches and Māori researchers at all levels (from postgraduate to professorial). It’s a unique and very special forum, weaving together Indigenous

methodologies and interdisciplinary innovation for a day of truly transformative thinking.

For those who work with or think about the evolving role of technology in research, the workshop **Prompting GPTs to Communicate Research** offers a timely and practical opportunity to engage with generative AI as a tool for sharing knowledge effectively. As our theme suggests, the question is not simply whether to use new technologies, but how to use them with care, intention and a clear sense of purpose.

We will also gather at a special **Whakanui Rangahau** celebratory lunch, to honour those in our community who have achieved a notable research milestone or accomplishment over the past year. Research can be a long and, at times, solitary endeavour, and it’s important that we take time to acknowledge each other’s successes – to share in the joy of work well done.

To all who are joining us this week – whether as a presenter, participant or curious observer – I warmly invite you to engage fully with the programme. There is much here to inspire, inform and connect us. *Whaowhia te kete mātauranga* – fill your basket of knowledge, and take something of value back into your community.

Mark B. Orams

Tēnā tatou katoa,

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Auckland University of Technology

TE WIKI RANGAHAU / AUT RESEARCH WEEK PROGRAMME

31 AUGUST-4 SEPTEMBER 2026



SPECIAL EVENT:
Ngā hua a Tāne-te-wānanga - AUT Māori Research Symposium 2026
Tuesday 25 August 2026, 8.30am - 3.30pm, Te Puna Innovation Quarter, 8/14 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson
Open to all – registration details on page 8

TIME	MONDAY 31 AUG			TUESDAY 1 SEPT				WEDNESDAY 2 SEPT					THURSDAY 3 SEPT		FRIDAY 4 SEPT
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11am	Prompting GPTs to Communicate Research WA505					ECMS Research Showcase WZ100						ASTRI presents: Doing Research for Social Change WG701		Future Environments Research Symposium WZ100	
11.30am			Faculty of Culture and Society Research Showcase WZ100					Moanaroa Mana Ola: Navigating Health Together Day 2	AUT Research Networks Showcase WG308 WG306						
12pm															
12.30pm		School of Art and Design Research Showcase WA224A-B			4th Symposium on Industrial-based Biomedical Engineering Research (SIBER-2026) WZ416		Moanaroa Mana Ola: Navigating Health Together Day 1	Interdisciplinary Pacific Health Research Conference MH116 MH102					FHES Research Roadshow: Our Research, Our Communities – Shared Impact, Shared Futures WA224A-B		Whakanui Rangahau lunch
1pm				Postgraduate Research Symposium WG308 WG306											
1.30pm															
2pm															
2.30pm	Rainbow Research Seminar: Heated Rivalry – Queer Masculinities in Sports WG609													2026 AUT 3MT Competition Finals WG308 WG306	
3pm															
3.30pm															
4pm															
4.30pm															
5pm															
5.30pm													AUT Innovation Showcase* (to 8pm)		

KEY:

Open to all

Open to AUT staff and research students

Open by invitation



REGISTER AT:
<https://2026-aut-research-week-te-wiki-rangahau.lilregie.com/>



MORE INFO:
aut.ac.nz/research-week



SPECIAL EVENT

 **TUESDAY 25 AUGUST 2026**

Ngā hua a Tāne-te-wānanga – AUT Māori Research Symposium 2026	8.30am – 3.30pm Te Puna Innovation Quarter 8/14 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson
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 2026, celebrating the strength of connection within our research whānau. Building on previous symposia, we welcome Māori researchers at all stages – from established leaders to emerging voices – to share Indigenous methodologies, interdisciplinary innovation and transformative thinking. Together, we weave a whāriki of knowledge showcasing the vital contributions of Māori research to Aotearoa New Zealand and beyond. <i>Nāu te rourou, nāku te rourou, ka ora ai te iwi</i> <i>With your basket and my basket, the people will thrive.</i> Target audience: Open to all Please note: This event is held the week prior to AUT Wiki Rangahau Research Week To register for this event email dctevents@aut.ac.nz	



EVENT DESCRIPTIONS

 **MONDAY 31 AUGUST 2026**

Faculty of Culture and Society Research Showcase	9am – 3pm WZ100
The Faculty of Culture and Society warmly invites you to a research showcase celebrating how inquiry across our schools and centres creates change. Featuring presentations from early-career researchers through to professors across the School of Education, School of Social Sciences and Humanities, School of Hospitality and Tourism, and the Centre for Critical Food Studies, this event explores how research and technology can be applied for good by generating insights and practical solutions for people and communities. Open to all staff, students and industry partners. Morning tea and lunch provided. Come curious. Leave inspired. Target audience: Open to all. Please note: Refreshments will be served at this event.	

School of Art and Design Research Showcase	10am – 4pm WA224A-B
The School of Art and Design at AUT invites you to their Research Week showcase dedicated to the presentation of collaborative and interdisciplinary research. This one-day event will feature innovative projects encompassing creative practice, emerging technologies, artificial intelligence and cross-school partnerships, alongside research involving external and international collaborators. Through a programme of presentations, showcases and facilitated discussions, the event will examine how research practices intersect across disciplines to address contemporary challenges and extend creative inquiry. Intended to promote scholarly dialogue and foster new collaborations, the showcase brings together staff, students and partners. Target audience: Open to all. Please note: Refreshments will be served at this event.	

Prompting GPTs to Communicate Research	10.30am – 12pm WA505
You've published your research, now what? In this interactive workshop we'll focus on: • Selecting one concept or process in your research and considering why it is interesting to others – and who this audience is • Exploring LinkedIn as one possible platform and effective ways to capture audience attention • Discussing copyright considerations • Translating these considerations and observations into prompt phases, using AUTGPT or Copilot • Discussing what works, what doesn't, and what you need to tell AI to make it better Please bring a laptop and an example of your own published work to use – open access publications are best. Target audience: AUT research staff and students. Please bring your own research article.	

Rainbow Research Seminar: Heated Rivalry – Queer Masculinities in Sports	2pm – 3.30pm WG609
Sports, including rugby and hockey, have historically been associated with forms of masculinity that privilege toughness, stoicism and heterosexual normativity. This talk uses Heated Rivalry, archival evidence and material culture to consider the long history of queer men's participation in sport, queer masculinity and the significance of queer male visibility in sports. Target audience: Open to all. Please note: Refreshments will be served at this event.	

TUESDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2026

4th Symposium on Industrial-based Biomedical Engineering Research (SIBER-2026)

8.30am – 5pm
WZ416

The 4th Symposium on Industrial-based Biomedical Engineering Research (SIBER) returns this year, focusing on applying research and technology for societal good and delivering real impact to industry. This forum brings together researchers, industry leaders and academics to showcase how innovative biomedical engineering solutions translate into practical healthcare applications. Attendees will explore emerging technologies, real-world implementations, and industry-driven research addressing current healthcare challenges. Featuring keynote speakers, technical presentations and postgraduate contributions, the symposium highlights collaboration and translational impact at the intersection of engineering, medicine and industry.

Target audience: All AUT research staff, faculty/school research staff and students and external partners.

Please note: Refreshments will be served at this event.

ECMS Research Showcase

8.30am – 2pm
WZ100

The School of Engineering, Computer and Mathematical Sciences is pleased to present the latest research accomplishments from their five research centres through a blend of illuminating research talks and captivating physical showcases on the applications of new technologies, spanning the fields of AI, data analytics, renewable energy, EV, robotics, manufacturing and more. All are welcome!

Target audience: Open to all

Please note: Refreshments will be served at this event

Moanaroa Mana Ola: Navigating Health Together: Interdisciplinary Pacific Health Research Conference – Day 1

9.30am – 5pm
MH102 + MH116
SOUTH CAMPUS

Moanaroa Mana Ola: Navigating Health Together is an interdisciplinary Pacific Health Research Conference grounded in the proverb “E dua na liga e sega ni bau tara na koro” – one hand alone cannot build a village. Hosted by AUT’s Moanaroa Pacific Research Network, with support from the Faculty of Health and Environmental Sciences Nofo a Kainga Pacific advancement office, the conference brings together researchers, practitioners, creatives, policymakers and community leaders. Moanaroa Mana Ola explores culturally grounded, clinically effective and innovative interdisciplinary pathways that uplift mana and advance holistic Pacific wellbeing.

Target audience: Open to all

Please note: Refreshments will be served at this event. There is a cost associated with this event – **General: \$100 for both days, Student: \$50 for both days.**

To find out more or to register for this event visit phrc2026.lilregie.com

Postgraduate Research Symposium

9.30am – 5.30pm
WG306 + WG308

Join us on Tuesday 1 September 2026 for the annual Postgraduate Research Symposium. This event provides an opportunity for our postgraduate research and doctoral students to share their research with fellow students, AUT staff, and the wider community. This year’s event will open with a keynote presentation before continuing onto sessions that feature oral presentations, creative works, and posters by postgraduate and doctoral research students. The day will also include a panel discussion around publication.

Target audience: Open to all

Please note: Refreshments will be served at this event.

WEDNESDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2026

School of Communication Studies | Te Kura Whakapāho Research Showcase

9am – 4pm
WG126

The School of Communication Studies | Te Kura Whakapāho Research Showcase celebrates innovative, critical and creative research that shapes the future of media, communication, and the cultural and creative industries. The showcase highlights impactful scholarship across journalism, sonic cultures, screen production and storytelling, digital communication, media cultures, public relations, advertising, communication for social change, media ecosystems and emerging technologies, including AI. Reflecting AUT’s commitment to research with impact, the event showcases a vibrant interdisciplinary research culture that engages communities, responds to social, cultural and industry challenges, and advances new ways of thinking, creating and communicating in Aotearoa and global contexts, while fostering future communication experts, leaders and skilled media practitioners.

Target audience: Open to all

Please note: Refreshments will be served at this event.

AUT Research Networks Showcase

9am – 3pm
WG306 + WG308

Hosted by the Toi o te Ora – AUT Wellbeing Research Network, Te Whare Tūroa – AUT Regenerative Environments Research Network and Te Rau Auaha – AUT Transformational Technologies Research Network, this interactive series is a chance to learn about and connect across these three research networks, bringing together researchers, industry partners and community stakeholders from Aotearoa New Zealand and beyond.

Each network will host its own focused session, showcasing key research areas and emerging priorities. Between sessions, attendees will come together for networking over shared kai, creating space to build relationships, spark collaboration, and strengthen cross-disciplinary connections.

Target audience: Open to all

Please note: Refreshments will be served at this event.

Moanaroa Mana Ola: Navigating Health Together: Interdisciplinary Pacific Health Research Conference – Day 2

9.30am – 3.30pm
MH102 + MH116
SOUTH CAMPUS

Day 2 of Moanaroa Mana Ola: Navigating Health Together Research Conference. See full description on page 5.

Target audience: Open to all

Please note: Refreshments will be served at this event. There is a cost associated with this event – **General: \$100 for both days, Student: \$50 for both days.**

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ASTRI Presents: Doing Research for Social Change

10am – 11.30am
WG701

This seminar highlights some of the ways in which members of the AUT Social Transformation Research Institute (ASTRI) have used creative or innovative methods to advance social change in their research. We’ll share the ‘wins’ and some of the challenges or reflections using these methods.

The seminar will start with a panel discussion, followed by time for discussion with the audience, with tea/coffee and biscuits. This is aimed at all AUT researchers, and postgraduate and early career researchers are very welcome.

Target audience: AUT research staff/students

Please note: Refreshments will be served at this event.

African Postgraduate Research Symposium

11am – 2pm
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

Please note: Refreshments will be served at this event.



THURSDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2026

FHES Research Roadshow: Our Research, Our Communities – Shared Impact, Shared Futures	9am – 5pm WA224A-B	2026 AUT 3MT Competition Finals	2pm – 3.30pm WG306 + WG308
This year's Faculty of Health and Environmental Sciences roadshow celebrates our research community – the creativity, curiosity, and connections that shape our work and what that makes possible. Grounded in real-world challenges and possibilities, our work is driven by a shared desire to understand and improve the world we're part of. Through bold TED-style talks, lightning presentations, impact stories and open discussions, we bring research to life – not just what we do, but how we think, question and explore. Whether you identify as a researcher or are just beginning to wonder if you might, join us to discover, connect, and imagine the futures we can shape together. Target audience: Faculty research staff/students, external partners, wider community Please note: Refreshments will be served at this event.		Join us for the finals of AUT's 2026 Three Minute Thesis Competition! Three Minute Thesis (3MT®) is a research communication competition developed by the University of Queensland. In it, doctoral students who have successfully passed their Confirmation of Candidature milestone present their thesis and its significance in just three minutes. Presentations are done by video, and should be both informational and captivating. This event is the finals for doctoral students who have passed through AUT's 2026 3MT pre-heats. The finalists' videos will be live-streamed, and there will be an opportunity for those attending to cast their audience vote before the award winners for this year's competition are announced. Those attending in person will also have the opportunity to network over nibbles and non-alcoholic drinks. Target audience: Open to all Please note: Refreshments will be served at this event. Please note: This event is being livestreamed.	
Future Environments Research Symposium	9am – 12pm WZ100	AUT Innovation Showcase	5pm – 8pm WZ100
Celebrating research success and early career research. The School of Future Environments Research Week Symposium celebrates the diverse and transdisciplinary research shaping future architecture, engineering, construction, design, sustainability, and creative technologies. Bringing together staff, postgraduate students, early career researchers and industry partners, the symposium provides a platform to showcase current research, emerging ideas, collaborations and future opportunities across the school. The event highlights research excellence, supports emerging researchers, and strengthens connections across AUT and the wider industry and community ecosystem. Target audience: Open to all Please note: Refreshments will be served at this event.		We're the Auckland University of Technology, innovative by nature and by reputation. Join us for the second annual Innovation Showcase to explore the projects and services that AUT offers to the world. From early-stage research to full-scale prototypes, you'll 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.	



FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2026

Whakanui Rangahau Lunch	12pm – 2pm
Whakanui Rangahau is a special lunch event bringing together a group of AUT researchers whose work over the past year has been truly exceptional. Whether through a major publication, significant funding success, a breakthrough discovery or other achievements, each invitee has demonstrated what it means to pursue knowledge with ambition and purpose. This lunch is a chance to pause, to share kai and to acknowledge the mahi that too often goes unsung. Target audience: By invitation only	

HOW TO REGISTER FOR TE WIKI RANGAHAU / AUT RESEARCH WEEK EVENTS

Registrations are via LilRegie at:
<https://2026-aut-research-week-te-wiki-rangahau.lilregie.com>

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

To register for **Ngā hua a Tāne-te-wānanga – AUT Māori Research Symposium 2026** – please email dctevents@aut.ac.nz

To register for **Moanaroa Mana Ola: Navigating Health Together: Interdisciplinary Pacific Health Research Conference** – please visit phrc2026.lilregie.com

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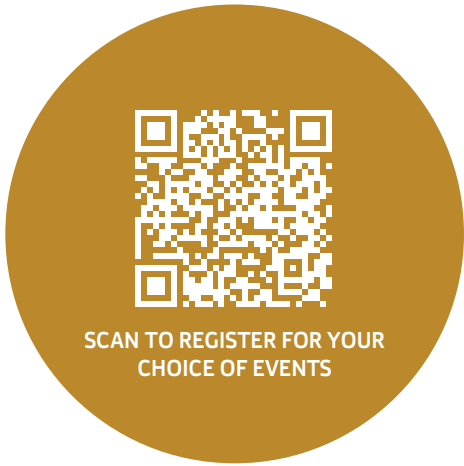
Journalism, Media and Democracy (JMAD) international conference
September 3–4, 2026

Link to register: <https://ai-big-tech-and-journalism-conference.lilregie.com/booking/attendees/new>

Please visit www.jmadresearch.com for further information.

FIND MORE INFORMATION

Check out our page on the AUT website here:
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

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.

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