



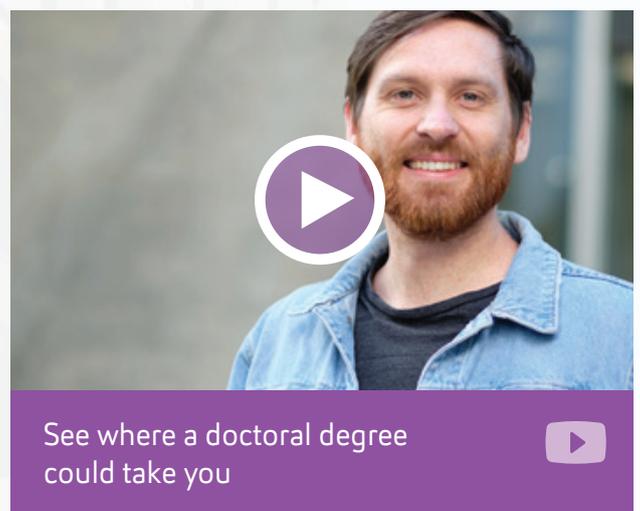
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GO FURTHER WITH A
DOCTORAL DEGREE



INTRODUCTION

Go further with your education and advance your career with a doctoral degree. Whether you want to research your passion, make a difference or revolutionise your industry, a doctoral degree from the university that is ranked number one in New Zealand for global research impact* can help get you there.



*Times Higher Education and the US News Global Universities Rankings.

DOCTORAL DEGREE OVERVIEW

DOCTORAL DEGREE QUICK FACTS:

- A doctoral degree is a university's highest qualification
- It's an opportunity to research an area of your interest
- Doctoral students make significant contributions to their professional communities and societies through high-quality research, innovations and developments
- Leads to advanced academic and theoretical knowledge in a specialist area

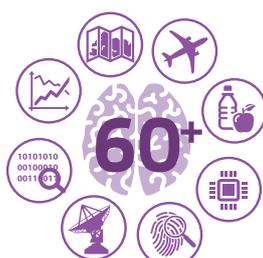
A DOCTORAL DEGREE IS SUITABLE FOR STUDENTS PURSUING A CAREER IN:

- Academia
- Research
- Senior positions in the public sector
- Senior positions in the private sector

TOP 1%
UNIVERSITIES
WORLDWIDE



60+
60+ research centres
and institutes with
world-class expertise



#1 IN NEW ZEALAND
FOR
**GLOBAL
RESEARCH
IMPACT**

#1
Fastest growing
postgraduate
study destination
in New Zealand



1000
current doctoral
students



**TOP
RATED
FOR
ACADEMIC
TEACHING**



DOCTORAL DEGREE OPPORTUNITIES

Upgrade your knowledge and advance your career. A doctoral degree is suitable for students who want to pursue an academic or research career, or a senior position in the public or private sector. Doctoral studies present you with the opportunity to generate new ideas that can benefit business and society. You will make a significant original contribution to knowledge and understanding in your field of study and meet recognised international standards for your work.



CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

OUR DOCTORAL STUDENTS

At AUT we have 1000 doctoral students completing research in all of AUT's disciplines. Read more about some of our doctoral students here.

Dr Hana Salati

Senior CFD Engineer, Dynamic Technology Solutions Ltd / Visiting Scholar, RMIT University, Melbourne, Australia

Doctor of Philosophy

For her PhD in biomedical engineering, Dr Hana Salati focused on exploring better treatment options for chronic rhinosinusitis, a painful nasal infection.

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Jun Su

Electrical Engineer, Ergo Consulting Ltd

Doctor of Philosophy candidate

For his PhD research, Jun Su developed a smart charging strategy for electrical vehicles to help electric utility operators prepare for the growing popularity of these vehicles.

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SUPPORT SERVICES

When you become a doctoral student, you join a community of like-minded people who are fully committed to supporting your study journey. Our dedicated team at the Graduate Research School are here; whether you need to find a postgraduate study space to do your research, don't know who to contact for a specific issue, or want to develop your skills as a researcher. Graduate researchers can also make use of the support services offered to all AUT students. Click the button below to check out the different resources available.

[DOCTORAL STUDENT SUPPORT AND SERVICES](#)



SCHOLARSHIPS (FACULTY SPECIFIC)

Doctoral students are at the heart of our research culture, and to attract and recognise highly achieving research students AUT provides a range of doctoral scholarships.

See if you meet the criteria below.

[DOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIPS](#)



DOCTORAL DEGREE CHECKLIST

YOUR CHECKLIST – HELPFUL TIPS BEFORE YOU APPLY

Before you apply here are some helpful tips to ensure you have everything you need:

✓ ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Minimum entry requirements for doctoral degrees include completing a master's degree with honours OR bachelor's degree with honours in a discipline appropriate to the proposed research.

✓ CHOOSING YOUR RESEARCH TOPIC

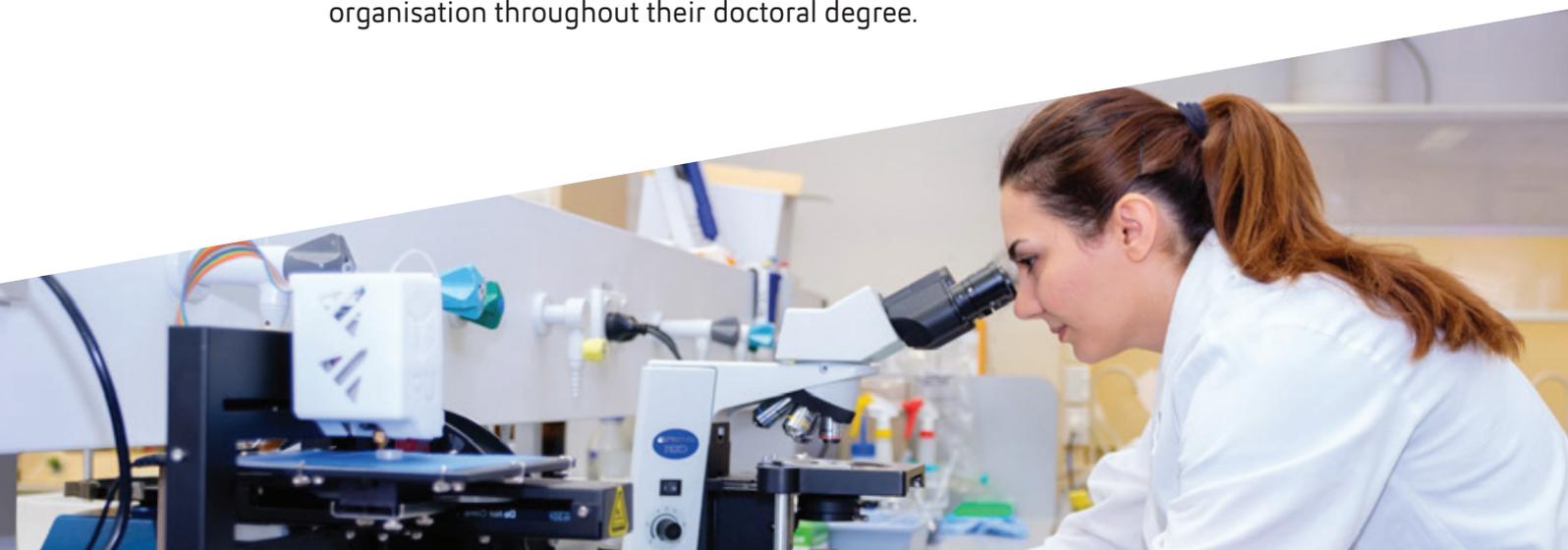
It's important that the research topic you choose to pursue has a strong purpose and is something you're truly passionate about.

✓ FIND A SUPERVISOR

As a doctoral student, you work closely with an academic staff member for supervision purposes, so it's important to find the right supervisor for your research. Your Faculty Postgraduate Office will be able to help you with this process.

✓ WHAT TO EXPECT

No two days in the life of a doctoral student are the same. Depending on your topic and the stage of your research, you could be involved in fieldwork, conducting interviews or writing up your thesis. Some of our students also work closely with an industry organisation throughout their doctoral degree.



CONTACT US

To find out more on how your doctoral journey could look, contact our friendly team at the Graduate Research School:

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