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# Graduate Destination Survey 2022



## 2022 Graduate Destination Survey Findings

Waipapa Taumata Rau, the University of Auckland's fourth Graduate Destination Survey (GDS) was launched on the 5<sup>th</sup> of November 2022. This was the first year the GDS moved from bi-annual to annual. Graduates who completed their qualifications between March 2021 and February 2022 were invited to participate in the survey. An overall response rate of 22% (2021: 24%, 2019: 25%, 2017: 22%) was achieved.

Table 1: Response rate by faculty

Faculty	Response Rate	Total Invited
Arts	24%	1,325
Business and Economics	17%	1,693
Creative Arts and Industries	21%	563
Education and Social Work	25%	1,110
Engineering	22%	1,043
Law	24%	415
Medical and Health Sciences	23%	2,207
Science	22%	2,251
Other	33%	452
<b>Total</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>11,059</b>

Table 2: Response rate by programme level

Programme Level	Response Rate	Total Invited
Doctorate	33%	465
Postgraduate	22%	4,560
Undergraduate	22%	6,034
<b>Total</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>11,059</b>

**22%**

Response rate

**67%**

Female respondents

**32%**

Male respondents

**97%**

Full-/part-time  
employment rate

## Employment

In 2022, the employment rate of 2022 GDS respondents was over 97%, maintaining momentum since 2021 (2021: 97%, 2019: 96%, 2017: 95%).

The degree-level employment rates remain the same as those reported in the 2021 GDS, at 96% for respondents with an undergraduate degree, and 97% for those with a postgraduate degree.

The median salary reported by the 2022 respondents remains the same as that of 2021 at the NZD 60,000 - 69,999 range, compared to that of NZD 50,000 - 60,000 in the 2019 and 2017 surveys.

Table 3: Employment rate by faculty and programme level (Doctoral graduates were included since 2021)

Faculty	Programme Level	Employment Rate			
		2022	2021	2019	2017
<b>Arts</b>	Doctorate	94%	100%		
	Undergraduate	94%	89%	91%	89%
	Postgraduate	92%	94%	95%	96%
Arts Total		<b>93%</b>	<b>91%</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>93%</b>
<b>Bioengineering Institute</b>	Doctorate	100%	100%		
Bioengineering Institute Total		<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>		
<b>Business and Economics</b>	Doctorate	90%	94%		
	Undergraduate	96%	97%	97%	94%
	Postgraduate	100%	99%	94%	99%
Business and Economics Total		<b>97%</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>96%</b>
<b>Creative Arts and Industries</b>	Doctorate	100%	100%		
	Undergraduate	94%	97%	97%	88%
	Postgraduate	96%	95%	94%	95%
Creative Arts and Industries Total		<b>95%</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>93%</b>
<b>Education and Social Work</b>	Doctorate	95%	97%		
	Undergraduate	99%	100%	97%	96%
	Postgraduate	99%	99%	99%	99%
Education and Social Work Total		<b>99%</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>98%</b>
<b>Engineering</b>	Doctorate	92%	100%		
	Undergraduate	97%	99%	99%	98%
	Postgraduate	93%	97%	94%	94%
Engineering Total		<b>96%</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>96%</b>
<b>Law</b>	Doctorate		100%		
	Undergraduate	99%	97%	97%	98%
	Postgraduate	91%	100%	94%	100%
Law Total		<b>98%</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>99%</b>
<b>Liggins Institute</b>	Doctorate		100%		
Liggins Institute Total			<b>100%</b>		
<b>Medical and Health Sciences</b>	Doctorate	97%	94%		
	Undergraduate	99%	99%	98%	98%
	Postgraduate	99%	99%	98%	96%
Medical and Health Sciences Total		<b>99%</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>97%</b>
<b>Science</b>	Doctorate	97%	97%		
	Undergraduate	94%	93%	89%	92%
	Postgraduate	93%	92%	96%	92%
Science Total		<b>94%</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>92%</b>
<b>University Of Auckland</b>	Postgraduate	100%	0%	50%	
University Of Auckland Total		<b>100%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>50%</b>	
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>97%</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>95%</b>

## Further Study

Among the 2022 respondents, 21% were undertaking further study at the time of the survey (2021: 21%, 2019: 24%, 2017: 24%). Among these graduates, more than 65% were doing non-doctoral postgraduate degrees (2021: 62%) and 19% doctoral degrees (2021: 17%). 'To improve my career options' and 'enhance my knowledge in my specialist field' remained the most popular main reasons for taking up further study. The proportion of participants who reported studying online under Covid-19 impact dropped noticeably from 59% in the 2021 GDS to 8%, while those in pure on-campus study mode increased from 17% in 2021 to 54%.

## Programme Satisfaction and University Experience

Among our 2022 respondents, the vast majority considered their programmes of study at the University of Auckland as worthwhile (89%), contributing to their personal development (92%), giving them a broad overview of their subject area field (90%), and helping them develop skills that are useful in the workplace (77%) and for making a positive contribution to society (83%).

Respondents also indicated that their programmes helped them develop skills in finding information and using it effectively (89%), problem-solving (86%), written communication (89%), spoken communication (76%) and working with others (77%).

Among the 2022 respondents with postgraduate research and doctoral degrees, 90% said their programmes at the University of Auckland helped develop skills in research and data analysis, and 78% were satisfied with the supervision they received.

## Doctoral graduates' feedback

Since 2021, the GDS has expanded to include our doctoral graduates with questions specifically designed to understand this cohort. Within one year of completing their doctorate degree, 90% of these respondents were working full-time or part-time. Among those in the workforce, 65% at the time of the survey were already working in an academic position (21%), a post-doctoral fellowship or scholarship (22%), or in paid employment related to their doctorate (22%).

**\$60-70k**

Median salary

**21%**

Further study

**89%**

Rated their programmes worthwhile

**77%**

Satisfied with their programmes