GRADUATE PROFILE

Waipapa Manawa Whenua
Realising student potential; the heartbeat of our University

Ingenio et labore | Mā te pūmanawa me te pukumahi
Aspirations

Waipapa Taumata Rau, Waipapa Tāngata Rau
Pinnacles of excellence and place of great people

The University has ambitious aspirations for our students. These are embodied by our Māori name, Waipapa Taumata Rau. Gifted to the University by Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei, te ahi kā of Tāmaki Makaurau, this name signals a call to excellence in scholarship and the pursuit of knowledge, sustainability, relevance, fairness and a positive impact in all we do. While at university all students will have the opportunity to thrive as Pūmātauranga | Scholars, Aronga Raraupori | Global Citizens, Kiriauaha | Innovators and Kaiarataki | Leaders. These opportunities are embedded within programmes and students’ wider experiences at university.

Pūmātauranga | Scholars
Graduates are knowledgeable and curious, excited by ideas and conscientious in their efforts to understand the complexities of their communities and the world.

Aronga Raraupori | Global Citizens
Graduates are interculturally aware and connected to the peoples of New Zealand, Te Moananui-ā-Kiwa (The Pacific) and our international communities. Graduates seek to make the world a fair and better place.

Kiriauaha | Innovators
Graduates are creative and inventive, building sustainably on the past to respond to current and future challenges.

Kaiarataki | Leaders
Graduates are influential, inspiring and impactful. They are inclusive, empowering and service-minded.
The following themes articulate Waipapa Taumata Rau | University of Auckland graduates’ educational journey. They reflect the ties between this place of learning, its people and contexts, the central concern for our shared academic ambition and achievement, and graduates’ ongoing connections to others within and beyond the University. Taken holistically, they cluster capabilities which the University seeks to foster in all graduates and so prepare students for their future lives and careers.

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| **Waipapa Herenga Waka: The Mooring Post**  
Connecting to place for thriving and equitable communities | **People and Place**  
Graduates connect to knowledge of place. They are conversant with mātauranga Māori, kaupapa Māori and Te Tiriti o Waitangi and their context in Te Moananui-ā-Kiwa and the world. They appreciate the importance of belonging and diversity. They advocate for just and equitable societies. |
| **Waipapa ki Uta: The Landing Place**  
Connecting to place for sustainable and enduring partnerships | **Sustainability**  
Graduates realise that they are interdependent with the natural world and acknowledge kaitiakitanga. They recognise their responsibilities to contribute to the protection, conservation and regeneration of local, regional and global ecosystems, communities and economies. |
| **Waipapa Ngā Maunga Whakahī: Land of Proud Mountains**  
Knowledge engagement for excellent practice  
Robust inquiry for innovative responses | **Knowledge and Practice**  
Graduates understand the thinking, research, theory and practice in their field(s) of study. They are aware of different knowledge systems and transdisciplinary perspectives.  
**Critical Thinking**  
Graduates think critically and creatively to engage constructively with knowledge systems, practices, theories, evidence, and ideas.  
**Solution Seeking**  
Graduates demonstrate innovative and entrepreneurial approaches. They consider multiple perspectives in their solution-seeking and decision-making. |
| **Waipapa Tātai Hono: Ancestral Ties**  
Communicating and engaging in the service of relationships | **Communication**  
Graduates listen and express ideas respectfully. They share knowledge with diverse audiences using a range of technologies and formats.  
**Collaboration**  
Graduates establish reciprocal, productive relationships and maintain whanaungatanga with the communities of Te Moananui-ā-Kiwa and beyond. They are collaborative, able to both influence and work in the service of others. |
| **Waipapa Tāngata Rau: The Place of Great People**  
Flourishing relationships through principled action | **Ethics and Professionalism**  
Graduates demonstrate manaakitanga towards others and care for their own well-being. They act ethically and responsibly, exhibiting independent thought, resilience and lifelong learning |
Programme Capabilities

Each programme will develop its own capabilities based on the themes.

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