Welcome from the Dean

Auckland Law School offers the largest range of postgraduate programmes in New Zealand and is ranked among the best law schools in the world*.

A postgraduate law degree from New Zealand’s world-ranked university is an important step in your career, whether in the field of Corporate and Commercial Law, Environmental Law, Human Rights Law, International Law, Litigation and Dispute Resolution or Public Law. Our postgraduate programmes are taught by our own academic staff, members of the Department of Commercial Law in the Business School, leading members of the profession and distinguished academic visitors from abroad. Our team also provides PhD supervision in a wide range of areas, with scholarship funding available.

The Master of Laws is for those pursuing a legal career in New Zealand or internationally. The Master of Legal Studies allows other professionals in areas such as planning, education, engineering and commerce to take law courses of relevance to their profession.

We also offer the Master of Taxation for law or commerce graduates who intend to make tax consulting or tax advocacy their career.

The Davis Law Library is an outstanding international research facility. Its collection of online and print resources is unequalled within New Zealand. You can access its many databases wherever and whenever you want to research. The depth and breadth of the collection provide an excellent foundation for your study.

We encourage you to join us in the postgraduate programme. You will find it challenging and rewarding. For those proposing to come from overseas, Auckland is a great place to live, study and make life-long friends. The rest of New Zealand is an added attraction for you to explore during breaks in your programme.

We look forward to welcoming you to postgraduate study at Auckland.

Why study with us?

The Auckland Law School leads the development of quality postgraduate legal education in New Zealand. Our postgraduate degrees are internationally recognised with graduates who are valued and sought after throughout New Zealand and the world.

Postgraduate study in Law

The Auckland Law School offers a wide range of courses taught by our own experts, as well as eminent scholars from the world’s premier law schools. We offer six specialisations: Corporate and Commercial Law; Environmental Law; Human Rights Law; International Law; Litigation and Dispute Resolution; and Public Law.

These specialisations enable you to focus on a particular area of study, while allowing you the opportunity to pursue other areas of interest. Postgraduate programmes offered by the Law School include the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Master of Laws (LLM), Master of Legal Studies (MLS), Master of Taxation Studies (MTaxS) and a Postgraduate Certificate in Law (PGCertLaw).

The research portfolio option enables LLM and MLS students to research in chosen subject areas. Study programmes are designed with great flexibility to cater to a diverse range of people, from legal practitioners to full-time students. The Law School offers a number of courses (intensive, part-semester and whole-semester) that are globally relevant to both domestic and international students.

If you want to study for an internationally recognised degree in a stimulating academic environment with a strong international focus, explore our study options and get your career off to the best possible start.

The benefits of advanced legal study

Postgraduate study in law is increasingly important in a globalised world, as careers now demand more focused, sophisticated and advanced legal expertise. The Law School’s postgraduate programmes allow you to specialise in areas that are important to employers, but also suit your academic interests. The programmes attract a diverse mix of new graduates, experienced practitioners, partners and industry professionals, as well as international students from various jurisdictions, all of whom bring their differing perspectives and talents to the postgraduate seminars.

Investing in postgraduate study at the University of Auckland will broaden your academic, research and employment horizons, while adding value with specialist skills and knowledge.

New Zealand’s leading university**

The University of Auckland is New Zealand’s highest-ranked university. The Auckland Law School is ranked 32nd in the QS World University Rankings. It is also ranked among the world’s top 200 universities by the Times Higher Education World Rankings of Universities, and is the highest ranked New Zealand university in the Shanghai Jiao Tong Academic Ranking of World Universities. The University of Auckland has a strong international focus. It is the only New Zealand member of Universitas 21 and is a member of the Worldwide Universities Network and the Association of Pacific Rim Universities. The University of Auckland is home to more than 42,000 students. More than 6,000 international students from over 110 countries choose to study here.

**www.worldranked.ac.nz

*QS World University Rankings by Subject 2016 – ranked 32nd for Law
Whether you plan to join the next generation of leading lawyers in New Zealand or strive to become a leader internationally, a postgraduate law qualification from the Auckland Law School will help you to stand out among your peers on the competitive international stage.

Flexible learning
Our postgraduate programmes are structured to allow you maximum flexibility. We understand that personal, family and work commitments are important factors when deciding whether to study, so we offer options that fit with your lifestyle. There are four to choose from: full-semester courses taught in the early evening; half-semester courses; intensively-taught courses over three to five days; and independent research programmes. We encourage you to come and meet with one of our advisers. They are available and happy to discuss your best fit.

Specialisation
Specialisation is optional, but you can elect to have your LLM or MLS degree awarded in Corporate and Commercial Law; Environmental Law; Human Rights Law; International Law; Litigation and Dispute Resolution; or Public Law. To specialise you must complete a minimum of three-quarters of your degree points in one of these areas.

Research centres
The Auckland Law School is home to a number of renowned research centres, including the New Zealand Centre for Environmental Law; the New Zealand Centre for Human Rights Law, Policy and Practice; and the New Zealand Centre for Law and Business. Our highly experienced team, many of whom are international leaders in their field, are available to supervise LLM or PhD dissertations or theses in their area of expertise. They also teach on the LLM, MLS and MTaxS programmes throughout the year.

Work and study facilities
We offer a number of facilities to support your postgraduate studies, including workspaces with dedicated desktop computers in the Law School and wireless network access for your laptops and devices. Whenever possible, PhD students are allocated offices in the Law School.

The Davis Law Library
The renowned Davis Law Library is one of 14 libraries in the University of Auckland Library system, and the largest law library in New Zealand. It boasts a collection of 130,000 printed volumes, 87,000 e-journals and 343,000 electronic books available to students. The focus of the collection is on the five principal Common Law jurisdictions (Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and the United States of America), with materials from other jurisdictions also available.

Electronic services feature strongly in the Davis Law Library and access is provided to 800 bibliographic databases networked to members of the University both on and off campus, plus other specialist legal databases accessible only within the library system.

The Davis Law Library is open seven days a week during semester. Further information on opening hours, contact details and services are available at: www.library.auckland.ac.nz/guides/law

A subject librarian service is available, and research consultations and assistance are provided by the library’s knowledgeable staff. Students enrolled at the University of Auckland have access to the following range of services.

- Print and audio-visual collections
- Major legal databases including LexisNexis, Westlaw.com, Brokers Online and HeinOnline
- Library web pages and electronic resources (in libraries, at other campus locations and off campus via the authorised log-in facilities)
- Borrowing facilities
- Information services
- Intercampus Library Delivery Service (ICLDS)
- Interlibrary loan and document delivery services
- Study and group discussion facilities
- Photocopying and computer printing facilities
- Training in current legal research methodologies

Bell Gully computer laboratory
The Bell Gully computer laboratory is a training facility within the Davis Law Library, comprising 15 computers, a data projector and audio-visual equipment. This facility ensures all law students are able to acquire the requisite skills for effective legal research. As a postgraduate student you are welcome to use the laboratory for research whenever it is not required for training.

Cover image: Claire McGeorge is studying for an LLM, and is a recipient of a 2016 Faculty of Law LLM Award.
What can you study?

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)
The PhD is a thesis-only research degree programme, usually requiring full-time study for three to four years or part-time study for six to eight years. The degree is undertaken under supervision and candidates must complete a sustained course of advanced legal research resulting in the production of a substantial original thesis.
Candidates for a PhD in Law must have an outstanding LLB(Hons); other honours degree; Master of Laws with at least second class (first division) honours; or the equivalent of one of these. Candidates must also have demonstrated an ability to pursue a course of advanced independent research and study in law.

Master of Laws (LLM)
The LLM can be undertaken by coursework, research or a combination of both. The programme is designed to provide an advanced level of study for both full-time students and those who are legal practitioners or engaged in other full or part-time employment. You can concentrate your study in particular areas of specialisation or study a broad range of legal subjects.
The LLM by research allows you to conduct in-depth study in an area of personal interest to enhance employment opportunities either professionally or academically.
The LLM by coursework allows you to study areas in greater depth and complexity than at undergraduate level. The programme offers courses that provide detailed analyses of particular areas of law as well as courses that are more policy oriented.
Each course contains a significant research component, usually in the form of a 12,500-word research essay. The LLM also permits cross-disciplinary study in the form of one or two masters courses (up to 30 points) from another faculty at the University of Auckland.

Master of Legal Studies (MLS)
The MLS is for graduates who do not have an undergraduate law degree but whose work involves legal issues and dealing with legislation. The programme has a similar structure to the LLM and offers six specialisations: Corporate and Commercial Law; Environmental Law; Human Rights Law; International Law; Litigation and Dispute Resolution; and Public Law.
The MLS suits professionals from non-legal backgrounds who require some knowledge of legal matters, but do not necessarily want to practise law. Professionals who will particularly benefit include: accountants and auditors; architects and town planners; business development managers; compliance managers; engineers; IT professionals; police; and public sector staff. Completion of this degree will not satisfy the entry requirements for admission as a barrister and solicitor in New Zealand and is not a substitute for an LLB degree.
The MLS allows cross-disciplinary study of postgraduate courses from other University of Auckland faculties, enabling you to advance your professional skills while acquiring knowledge of the law.
Your programme must be approved by the Associate Dean (Postgraduate), and you may also be required to take LAW 131 (Legal Method) as part of a Certificate of Proficiency before your enrolment is confirmed.

Master of Taxation Studies (MTaxS)
The MTaxS* is for graduates in either law or commerce who wish to develop their tax skills, or for practitioners wanting to update their tax knowledge. The MTaxS is suitable for graduates seeking careers in private legal practice specialising in tax law; tax accountants or consultants in commerce or industry; or those interested in a career with Inland Revenue. The programme offers courses on the New Zealand Income Tax Base; International Tax; Corporate Tax; GST; Property Taxation; Tax Disputes and Administration; and Tax Avoidance. Students enrolled in the MTaxS programme may take up to 30 points from the LLM schedule.

All of our postgraduate courses fulfil the New Zealand Law Society’s Continuing Professional Development (CPD) requirements.

*The MTaxS was ranked the 10th best specialist taxation masters in the world by EDUNIVERSAL BEST MASTERS.

Shamsul Falaah moved to New Zealand from the Maldives to undertake his PhD in Constitutional Theocracy and International Human Rights Law.

“The prime aim of my research is to study how to harmonise the potential conflicts between the theocratic constitutions and international human rights norms and standards, using islamic law and other interpretive techniques. My research outcome will allow islamic-law jurisdictions, international organisations and tribunals to see how islamic law can be used to harmonise the conflicts between the two systems of law.

“I chose the Auckland Law School because of its research facilities, its esteemed supervisors and because it is the highest ranked Law School in New Zealand. These things are paramount to every doctoral candidate.

“Another aspect that influences my study is the fact that Auckland is such a multi-cultural city with students and residents from diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds. This makes for a fascinating student life.”

Shamsul Falaah is studying towards a PhD in Law and hopes to become a full-time lecturer.
Law postgraduate pathways

**PhD**
Entry requirements: GPA of 5.0 or higher

**LLM (120 points)**
(Entry requirements: GPA of 5.0 or higher)

**MLS (120 points)**
(Entry requirements: GPA of 5.0 or higher)

**PGCertLaw (60 points)**
(Entry requirements: GPA of 4.0 or higher)

**Four-year LLB or LLB(Hons)* degree**

**Four-year non-law degree**

*Direct entry into the PhD may be possible for candidates with an outstanding LLB(Hons) degree.
**For the MTaxS you will require a three-year, non-law degree and relevant practical experience.

Postgraduate Certificate in Law (PGCertLaw)

The PGCertLaw is effectively half of an LLM or MLS degree. If you have limited time or wish to study only a few courses, this programme is ideal.

For some students, the PGCertLaw may also act as a pathway to the LLM or MLS degrees. You must achieve a B average or higher in your PGCertLaw courses to transfer to the LLM or MLS degree - if you meet all other entry requirements.

Certificate of Proficiency (COP)

The COP is perfect for members of the legal profession, and others, who wish to further their legal education by enrolling in a single course.

COP courses (to a maximum of 30 points) can be credited towards an LLM or MLS degree in accordance with the regulations found in the current University Calendar: www.calendar.auckland.ac.nz

Auditing courses

If you are interested in attending a course but do not want to enrol and work towards a qualification or complete assignments, you may be eligible to apply to audit a course. Auditing means you attend the class and take part in the discussions but when the class is concluded your commitment is complete. The full student fee is payable to audit a course.

“I absolutely loved the LLM programme. I was able to research topics I was passionate about, and the flexible structure gave me lots of choice in the way I studied. The small class sizes and lecturer-to-student ratio made for a very supportive learning environment.”

“I had always thought about undertaking postgraduate study, and I chose the Auckland Law School because it offered me the best programme for what I wanted to achieve. Through my specialisation, Environmental Law, I was able to focus on the legal impacts and implications of climate change in the Pacific. I loved being able to join my two key research areas under one umbrella.

“I am hoping my qualification will allow me to pursue my dream of working with Pacific communities, countries and governments around the issue of climate change in the Pacific region.

“Another reason I enjoyed my time at Law School was the support network – especially the Pacific Islands Law Students’ Association. It’s an amazing community and I had both mentors and friends within it. There are a lot of support services available to Pacific students.

“A postgraduate law degree gives you the ability to think critically, research deeply and articulate findings. I am very excited about my future career and where my LLM will take me.”

Kya Lal recently graduated with a Master of Laws (First Class Honours), specialising in Environmental Law.
Programme structure at a glance

### Postgraduate programmes

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*Some students may be eligible for an exemption from LAW 788 Legal Research Methodology. Details of eligibility for an exemption will be provided in the course outline. Students eligible for an exemption must contact a student adviser at the Auckland Law School Student Centre to apply for the exemption to be recorded.

Note: The University requires all students admitted into a programme to complete the Academic Integrity Course in their first semester: [www.auckland.ac.nz/academicintegritycourse](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/academicintegritycourse)

### Research programmes

**If you are interested in including a research component in your programme, you should contact the Associate Dean (Postgraduate) in the first instance to discuss your thesis or dissertation topic.**

**PhD thesis**

The PhD is an advanced degree awarded for an original contribution to research and academic debate in a student’s chosen legal specialisation, with the findings published in a substantial thesis.

Stimulating and rewarding, embarking on a PhD requires a high level of self-motivation and discipline, providing an exciting opportunity to engage in independent, cutting-edge research. Your PhD research will be guided by an appointed supervisor (usually a senior academic from the Auckland Law School) and co-supervisor. Your thesis can be completed within three to four years of full-time study or on a part-time basis.

Your PhD is an ideal qualification if you wish to pursue an academic or research career. For information about applying for doctoral studies, including tips on completing an Application for Admission (AfA), see: [www.auckland.ac.nz/applying-for-a-doctorate](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/applying-for-a-doctorate)

**LLM by major thesis**

The LLM degree by major thesis requires completion of a supervised 120-point research thesis of approximately 40,000 words on a topic approved by the Associate Dean (Postgraduate). In addition to completion of the 120 point thesis, you must complete LAW 788 Legal Research Methodology in the first semester of enrolment unless you are exempted from the course. Approval to undertake the degree by major thesis usually requires a GPA of 6.0 or higher in the LLB degree, or an LLB(Hons) degree.

**LLM, MLS or MTaxS by minor thesis**

You can also complete a supervised 90-point thesis to be credited towards the LLM/MLS/MTaxS. As with the major thesis, the topic must be approved by the Associate Dean (Postgraduate). The final 30 points of your degree can be completed by enrolling in a taught course (either one 30-point course or two 15-point courses) or you could complete a 30-point dissertation.

In addition, LAW 788 Legal Research Methodology must be completed in the first semester of enrolment unless you are exempted from the course.

**Dissertation**

You may also include a supervised 30-point dissertation of approximately 15,000 words on a topic approved by the Associate Dean (Postgraduate) in lieu of one of your 30-point taught masters courses.

### Research programmes contact

Associate Professor Chris Noonan  
Associate Dean (Postgraduate)

Phone: +64 9 923 8180  
Email: postgradlaw@auckland.ac.nz
Taught programmes

If you wish to undertake your programme by taught courses we give you the flexibility to structure your studies to suit work and personal commitments. We offer a range of courses that are worth 30 points or 15 points.

Intensive courses

These courses are held throughout the calendar year and are taught predominantly by visiting guest lecturers from New Zealand and overseas. Our 30-point taught courses are held over five days, usually Wednesday to Friday and the following Monday and Tuesday to allow a break over the weekend. Our 15-point courses are held over three days from Wednesday to Friday. Intensive courses run from 9am-4.30pm.

Full semester courses

Our 30-point full-semester courses are held weekly over the 12-week semester and usually involve one three-hour seminar per week, from 5-8pm. These courses are usually taught by staff from the Auckland Law School and the Department of Commercial Law.

Half-semester courses

Our 30-point half-semester courses are held weekly over the first or second six weeks of semester and usually involve two three-hour seminars per week, from 5-8pm. Our 15-point half-semester courses are held over the first or second six weeks of semester and usually involve one three-hour seminar per week. These courses are generally taught by staff from the Auckland Law School and the Department of Commercial Law.

Flexible options

There are many options to choose from to make studying compatible with your busy life. For example, you can enrol in a mixture of intensive, full and half-semester courses in the same semester as long as there are no timetable clashes.

Perhaps you’d prefer to enrol in a combination of 30-point and 15-point courses to make up 120 points of the LLM/MLS/MTaxS programmes, which could include a dissertation or directed study. You can enrol in a combination of 15-point and 30-point courses to complete the 60 points required for the PGCertLaw.

You can complete up to 30 points at masters level in another faculty of the University of Auckland. Prior permission must be granted by the Associate Dean (Postgraduate) to have the course counted towards your law degree. Please note that the course fees may differ from those of your law courses.

Specialisations

The LLM, MLS, MTaxS and PGCertLaw courses for 2017 will be finalised later in 2016. For full details of the 2017 courses and a course timetable, visit: www.law.auckland.ac.nz/pgcourses

Every year a number of invited teachers are added to the Auckland Law School’s group of teachers and researchers, which extends our range of subjects offered.

Corporate and Commercial Law

We have a large group of teachers and researchers in the area of Corporate and Commercial Law, covering subject areas such as Company Law; Intellectual Property; Shipping Law; Private International Law; Personal Property Security; Privacy Law; Taxation; and the traditional private law subjects (Contract, Tort, Equity and Restitution).


Environmental Law

Environmental Law has long been an area of strength in teaching and research for the Auckland Law School. Areas of study include Planning and Environmental Law; Resource Management; Mining and Energy Resources Law; and International Environmental Law. The range of courses has included Environmental Rights; Climate Change Law; Mining, Energy and Natural Resources Law; and Global Environmental Law.

Human Rights Law

The Auckland Law School is proud to be a national leader in the field of Human Rights Law, both from a domestic perspective and internationally.

Recent courses have included Torture and Disappearances in International Human Rights Law; Comparative Human Rights Law; Counterterrorism and Constitutionalism; Comparative Indigenous Peoples and the Law; and Human Rights Litigation.

International Law

International Law is an area of growing reach and importance. Recent courses taught in this field include International Trade Law, Law of the Sea and Antarctica, International Dispute Resolution, International Economic Regulation, International Peace and Security; and Selected Topics in International Law.

Litigation and Dispute Resolution

Process-oriented teaching and research is a developing area of expertise for the Law School and we have recently added a Litigation and Dispute Resolution specialisation to our LLM. A number of our staff include the study of dispute resolution mechanisms in their teaching and research.

Recent courses have included International Arbitration; WTO Dispute Resolution; Cross Border Commercial Litigation; and Mediation.

Public Law

Public law research and teaching covers a wide range of areas at the Law School. We have a core group of public lawyers whose work covers both traditional constitutional and administrative law as well as more specialised work on the Bill of Rights and the Treaty of Waitangi. Recent courses include Local Government and Resource Management; Health and Mental Health Law; Immigration and Refugee Law; Constitutions and Customs in the South Pacific; Prosecuting in the 21st Century; Waitangi Tribunal: Past, Present and Future; and a number of courses found in the Human Rights Law specialisation above.

If you are interested in completing a course outside the Auckland Law School, contact a student adviser at the Law School Student Centre in the first instance.

Email: postgradlaw@auckland.ac.nz
Study in the heart of Auckland

Auckland is a diverse, inspirational city and our Law School is right in the heart of it. You’ll be studying in the hub of the business and legal district in a city that was ranked third equal of 230 world cities for quality of living in the Mercer Quality of Living Survey 2016.

While we offer the best that city life has to give, you’re never too far from the great outdoors. Our campuses and accommodation are close to cafés, restaurants, cinemas and parks, and within 30 minutes of some of the world’s most stunning beaches and pristine forests. A seaside city with a mild climate, known as the “City of Sails”, Auckland provides opportunities to pursue many sports and outdoor activities as well as explore the harbour and many islands of the Hauraki Gulf.

Auckland is also a thriving centre for arts, culture and entertainment. From major sporting highlights and cultural celebrations, to international fashion and stage shows, there’s something for everyone.

For more information about what’s on in Auckland, see: www.biglittlecity.co.nz, www.facebook.com/biglittlecity or www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz under “news, events and culture”.

A place to call home

The University of Auckland has a variety of accommodation options which offer you an independent lifestyle, while still remaining in a university community during your postgraduate studies.

Our self-catered flats and apartments are comfortably furnished with your water, power, internet, and membership to the University Recreation Center included in the residential fees. If living on campus doesn’t appeal, our Accommodation Solutions team can help you find accommodation more to your liking – whether you are after a single room, or a more family-friendly environment. More information about our wide range of accommodation options at the University of Auckland can be found at: www.accommodation.auckland.ac.nz or email accom@auckland.ac.nz

Employment during study

Advanced postgraduate students are sometimes employed as paid tutors or teaching assistants for undergraduate courses. Tutoring is a great way to gain valuable professional and teaching experience during your masters or PhD study.

Other opportunities include part-time research assistantships, administrative duties or library work. There may be limits on allowable work hours (particularly for scholarship or international students), so you need to check any conditions that may apply. If you are working outside of the University to finance your study, it is important that you discuss your work commitments with a student adviser or your supervisor to ensure you can balance your workload realistically.

“I have a Bachelor of Arts from McGill University in Montreal, Canada, and was keen to develop my skills in legal areas such as corporate governance and company law.”

“I own a boutique consulting firm called Board Dynamics which provides advisory services to boards of directors. Further study around corporate governance will strengthen my skill set, and continuous education on the latest thinking around corporate law will be very helpful in my field of work.

“I’m very pleased with my decision to study at the University of Auckland. I enjoy the diversity of things to do in Auckland City, and it’s a great place to live and study. The staff and lecturers at the Law School are wonderful – very professional but at the same time down to earth and approachable.

“I really enjoyed researching for my recent essay on corporate governance, focused on whether independent directors improve company performance. Our visiting professor, Mike Moore from the University of Cambridge, was amazing and provided invaluable insight.

“Interaction with lecturers and my fellow students has been a highlight of my studies, and my time at Auckland. The skills I’m learning will be of benefit to my future career, and the life experiences I’m having will help shape who I become.”

Henri Eliot is studying towards a Master of Legal Studies, specialising in corporate governance and company law.
We recommend you contact a student adviser at the Auckland Law School Student Centre to discuss your proposed programme of study prior to making a formal application to the University of Auckland. This will help you ascertain whether your previous study qualifies you for entry and familiarise you with the specific requirements and regulations for that programme. Specific admission requirements can be found in the current University Calendar at: www.auckland.ac.nz/calendar

English language requirements

A high level of English language proficiency is needed to successfully study postgraduate law at the University of Auckland. All international students are required to provide evidence of their English language competency. For some students, evidence of previous tertiary study in English will be sufficient. If you do not qualify for an exemption you will have to demonstrate your English language competency.

The required standards for entry to postgraduate study in law are:

- 100 TOEFL internet with minimum writing band of 24
- 7.00 IELTS with a minimum score of 6.5 in all bands
- 600 TOEFL (paper-based) with a minimum TWE score of 5.0
- CAE 67 or higher, with no individual language skill below Borderline
- CPE 51 or higher
- PTE 73 with no PTE communicative skills score below 64
- MELAB 90
- Vitnemal English level 4 pass for Norwegian students (subject to DELNA assessment)
- Completion of the German FFA programme

Application process

If you have not previously enrolled at the University of Auckland you will need to apply for admission online. You can do this using the online application form: www.auckland.ac.nz/applynow

Your application will be acknowledged by email, which will provide a login and password to allow you to check the progress of your application online. The email will list the certified documents the University requires to verify your personal details and entrance qualifications, and will tell you how to complete the next steps of the process. Once your application for admission has been assessed, the Law School or International Office (for international students) will inform you of its decision.

If you are returning to the University of Auckland:

- If you were enrolled in the semester prior to beginning your postgraduate programme, make an Add/Change Programme request on Student Services Online. A supplementary application may also be required.
- If you were not enrolled in the semester prior to beginning your postgraduate programme, complete the online application for admission form: www.auckland.ac.nz/applynow

- A supplementary application may also be required.

International student admission

If you are an international student, we recommend you start the application process as early as possible so you have sufficient time to apply for your visa. The University has a number of official agents and representatives overseas who can assist you with the application process in person. To find a list of people who can help, visit www.auckland.ac.nz/overseasrep and click on “How to apply”.

The International Office is available to assist with all international student admission applications. You can apply online at www.auckland.ac.nz/applynow, but for help at any stage contact the International Office:

Phone: +64 9 373 7513
Email: int-questions@auckland.ac.nz
Web: www.international.auckland.ac.nz

For general assistance on the postgraduate enrolment process, please contact the Applications and Admissions Office:

Phone: 0800 61 62 65 or +64 9 923 1535 (outside New Zealand)
Email: postgradinfo@auckland.ac.nz
Web: www.postgraduate.ac.nz
“The professors and lecturers are all very knowledgeable and highly distinguished in their area of expertise. Their experience not only helped me to get the most out of my studies, but also inspired and motivated me to excel with my research.”

“After obtaining my law degree and passing the bar exam in the Philippines, I decided to pursue higher education that would help me specialise in a particular field. I chose the Auckland Law School because I wanted to experience life in New Zealand. The Law School being one of the top in the world was also a factor.

“Studying how to make our planet more liveable and sustainable for future generations is one of the most relevant and fulfilling things I’ve done. It’s valuable to have a comparative view of how laws and policies are enacted and implemented in different parts of the world. This enriches my knowledge and helps me apply them to the legal framework of my country."

“Studying for a Postgraduate Certificate in Law at the Auckland Law School was a great step towards my goal of helping to shape policies and laws that will benefit the environment.”

Maria Ara Garcia completed a Postgraduate Certificate in Law, specialising in Environmental Law and is studying towards a Master of Laws.

Fees

Fees for 2017 will be set towards the end of 2016. As a general indication, the 2016 annual tuition fees for a Law postgraduate programme were approximately $8,101 – $9,523.20 (the MTaxS was $17,199) for domestic students and approximately $31,510 for international students. These amounts are based on a standard full-time enrolment.

The 2016 annual tuition fees for a PhD were $6,699. New international PhD students will be accorded domestic status for the purposes of tuition fees, subject to supervisory and residency requirements.

For information on fees for international students for all of our postgraduate programmes, including the domestic status for international PhD students visit: www.international.auckland.ac.nz

If you are not enrolled full-time you will pay proportionately lower fees.

All students also pay a student services fee. As an indication, the 2016 fee was $754.80 for students undertaking a full-time load of 120 points. Students taking fewer than 120 points pay proportionately lower fees.

For more information on fees and money matters visit: www.auckland.ac.nz/fees

Student loans

Student loans may be available to students who are New Zealand citizens and permanent residents to support their costs.

You may apply for a loan to cover tuition fees, course-related costs (ie, books, stationery and travel) and living costs. Contact StudyLink on 0800 88 99 00 or for more information visit: www.studentlink.govt.nz

Doctoral Funding – PreSS accounts

If you are a doctoral student undertaking supervised research, you are automatically entitled to research support funding through a University PreSS (Postgraduate Research Student Support) account for up to four years.

You can use the money for expenses such as attending conferences, research-related travel and accommodation costs, photocopying and printing and other research requirements.

Email: pressaccounts@auckland.ac.nz

www.auckland.ac.nz/press-accounts

Scholarships

The University of Auckland is committed to ensuring the very best students are able to study with us. We are offering guaranteed scholarships to high-achieving domestic research postgraduate students.

The University also has some of the most generous postgraduate scholarships in New Zealand. For more information visit www.auckland.ac.nz/makethegrade

Scholarships on offer include:

- University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarships
- Masters/Honours/Postgraduate Diploma Scholarships
- Māori and Pacific Graduate Scholarships (Masters/Honours/Postgraduate Diplomas)
- Universitas 21 Doctoral Mobility Scholarships
- Universitas 21 Joint PhD Programme Scholarships
- Various subject-specific scholarships

Scholarships are generally awarded on academic merit. However, many scholarships also make provisions for additional criteria (such as ancestry, gender or financial hardship).

In addition to administering the University of Auckland’s scholarships, our Scholarships Office provides access to a comprehensive database of external scholarships.

For detailed information, including criteria, closing dates, online applications and application forms, visit: www.auckland.ac.nz/scholarships

Summer Research Scholarships

$2 million is granted each year in Summer Research Scholarships, which provide financial support to high-achieving international and domestic students to work on research projects with leading academics over the summer months.

The scholarships provide a $5,500 stipend and are a great way to get some research experience and help you think about pursuing postgraduate study.

For more details visit: www.summer.ac.nz
Faculty of Law Doctoral Fellowship, and University Doctoral Scholarship

The Auckland Law School is offering a Faculty of Law Doctoral Fellowship for 2017, open to candidates embarking on full-time enrolment into the University of Auckland’s Doctoral Programme in Law. The Fellowship entitles the holder to work in the Law School as a Graduate Teaching Assistant on a part-time contract for 12 months.

All applicants for Law’s doctoral programme will also be considered for the new University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarship, providing $27,000, plus fees per year for three years. Applications for the Fellowship close on 30 October 2016. For more information visit www.lawfellowship.ac.nz

Information for international students

The Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students

The University of Auckland has agreed to observe and be bound by the Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students published by the Ministry of Education. Copies of the Code are available in six languages at: www.nzqa.govt.nz/the-code

Immigration

To complete enrolment international students must have a current student visa. Full details of visa requirements, advice on rights to employment in New Zealand while studying, and reporting requirements are available through the New Zealand Immigration Service, and can be viewed on their website at: www.immigration.govt.nz/study

Eligibility for health services

Most international students are not entitled to publicly funded health services while in New Zealand. If you receive medical treatment during your visit, you may be liable for the full cost of that treatment. Details on entitlements to publicly funded health services are available through the Ministry of Health and can be viewed on its website: www.health.govt.nz

Medical and travel insurance

All international students are legally required to have appropriate medical and travel insurance, and your enrolment will not be completed until you have provided proof of suitable coverage. The University of Auckland offers a scheme that meets these requirements and can assist you with any questions or concerns you may have. Details will be provided with your offer of admission into the University. For more information visit: www.auckland.ac.nz/is-insurance

Costs

All costs are shown in New Zealand dollars and are expressed inclusive of New Zealand Goods and Services Tax if applicable.

Privacy

The University of Auckland undertakes to collect, store, use and disclose your information in accordance with the provisions of the Privacy Act 1993. Further details of how the University handles your information are set out in a brochure available from the ClockTower Call Centre or by phoning 0800 61 62 63.

Disclaimer

Although every reasonable effort is made to ensure accuracy, the information in this document is provided as a general guide for students and is subject to alteration. All students enrolling at the University of Auckland must consult its official document, the current Calendar of the University of Auckland, to ensure that they are aware of and comply with all regulations, requirements and policies.