

Research Postgraduate Profile: Doctoral Graduate

A doctoral graduate will demonstrate advanced skills in the definition, management and communication of original research in a specialist area and a high level of potential for independence, creativity, innovations and leadership throughout their career.

The university of Auckland expects its doctoral graduates to have the following attributes:

Specialist Knowledge

- A mastery of a body of knowledge, including a high level understanding of conceptualist and theoretical elements, in the field of study
- A high level understanding and appreciation of current issues and debates in the field of knowledge studies
- A high level understanding and appreciation of the philosophical bases, methodologies and characteristics of scholarship, research and creative work
- A capacity for the transmission of information and understanding to others new to scholarship in the specialist area
- An understanding of the relevance and values of their original contribution to the national and intentional communities' knowledge of fact, theory and / or mastery of practice

General intellectual skills and capacities

- A capacity for critical, conceptual and reflective thinking
- An intellectual openness and curiosity
- A capacity for creativity and originality
- Intellectual integrity, respect for truth and for the ethics of research and scholarly activity
- An ability to recognise when information is needed and a capacity to locate, evaluate and use this information effectively
- An awareness of international and global dimensions of intellectual, political and economic activities, and distinctive qualities of Aotearoa / New Zealand
- An ability to access, identify, organise and communicate knowledge in both written and spoken English and / or Maori
- An ability to undertake numerical calculations and understand quantitative information
- An ability to make appropriate use of advanced information and communication technologies
- An advanced ability to initiative, design, sustain and report independent and original research
- A willingness to seek continuous improvement in research skills and quality of research
- An advanced ability for critical evaluation and contextualisation of relevant, multidisciplinary scholarly literature and perspectives
- An ability to identify, define, analyse and solve problems in a flexible manner
- An awareness of the implications and potential of their research in terms of intellectual property and commercialisation

Personal Qualities

- A love and enjoyment of ideas, discovery and learning
- An ability to work independently and in collaboration with others
- Self-discipline and an ability to plan and achieve personal and professional goals
- An ability to be leaders in their communities, and a willingness to engage in constructive public discourse and to accept social and civic responsibilities
- Respect for the values of other individuals and groups, and an appreciation of human and cultural diversity
- Personal and professional integrity and an awareness of the requirements of ethical behaviour