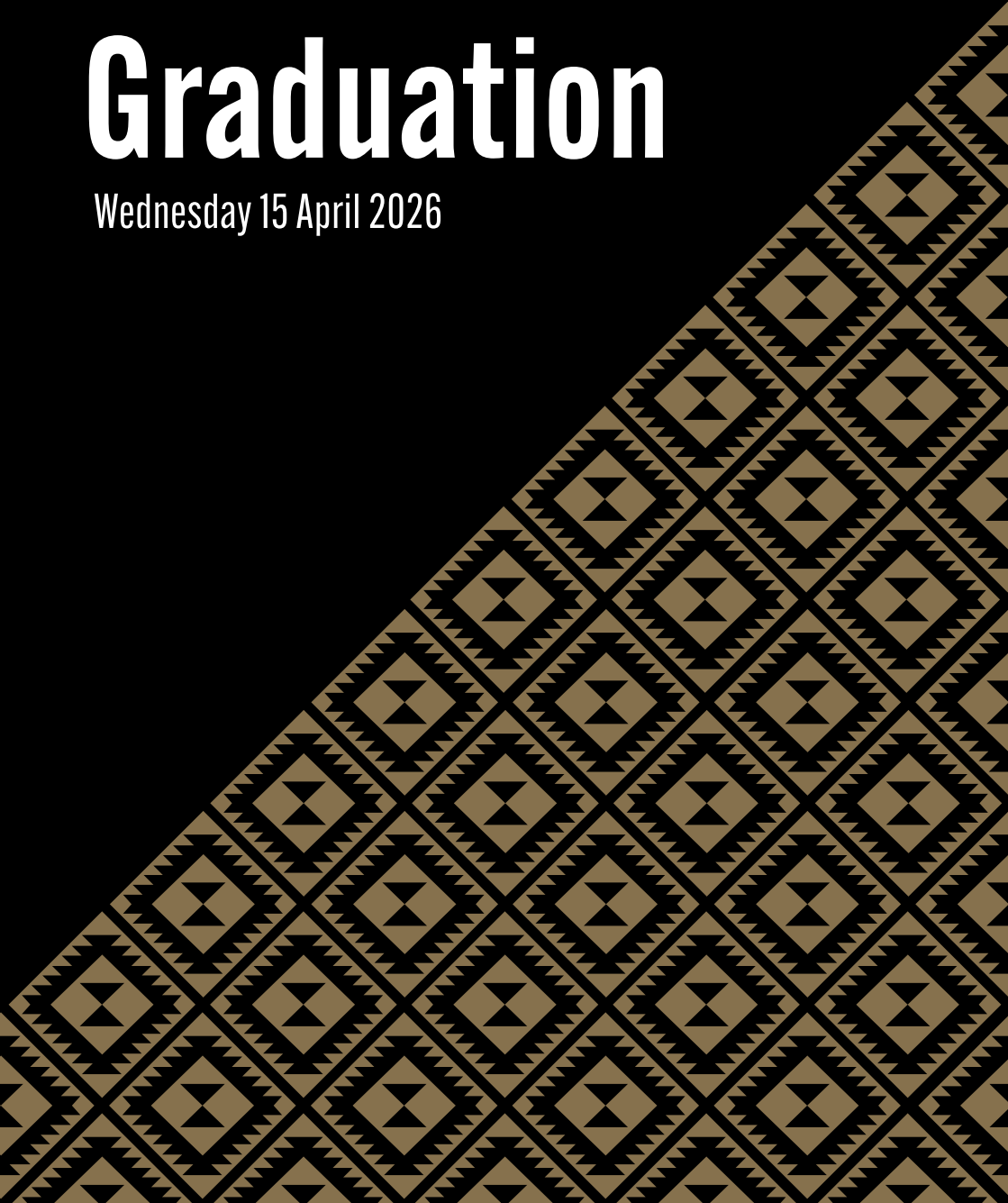




THE UNIVERSITY OF  
**WAIKATO**  
*Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato*

# Graduation

Wednesday 15 April 2026



He toi whakairo, he mana tangata. Where there is artistic excellence, there is human dignity.

We sincerely acknowledge Nikki Kennedy, alumna of the University, and Taputapu Ltd for the patterns used on the cover of this publication.

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# Welcome

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**Susan Hassall**  
*Chancellor*  
*University of Waikato*

Today is a time of joy, excitement and shared sense of fulfilment, as you come to this final point of your study and realise your goal. As Chancellor, I feel privileged to share a moment of your celebration, as you take this opportunity to reflect both on the time you have spent as part of the University of Waikato whānau and on your achievements, which we recognise today.

In life, there are pivotal moments which mark both an end and a beginning. They are moments to cherish. We stop today for one of those moments, to recognise and experience that sense of fulfilment as each of you crosses the stage.

Savour your special moment; be proud of all that you have contributed to the realisation of this dream. Recognise the support of those with you today. They are your families, the staff, and your fellow students. As you stand with us all together in the beauty of The Pā, remember and be grateful.

“Ko te tangata” is the vision which makes this University so special. It is always the people who make that difference, and we greatly appreciate the difference you have made.

My very best wishes for your future, as you step forward into the next stage of your journey.

Arohanui.



**Professor Neil Quigley**  
*Vice-Chancellor*  
*University of Waikato*

Graduation is a wonderful part of the tradition of universities. Your ceremony today combines elements that reflect 800 years of tradition since the first universities were established, as well as elements that reflect the University of Waikato's unique culture.

Today's graduation ceremony recognises the hard work and scholarly achievements of each of our graduates. The perseverance and intellectual effort that you have put into every assignment, every exam, every lab experiment and late-night study session is reflected in our celebration of your achievements. As Vice-Chancellor, it is an honour and pleasure to share it with you.

It is also a special moment for those who have supported each of our graduates as they have undertaken study towards their degree or diploma. The cost of studying is substantial, and the focus and the effort required for successful completion of a qualification requires sacrifices that impact on family and friends. Your support has no doubt played an important part in making our graduates' journey in tertiary education the success it has been.

To our graduates, I hope your experience at the University of Waikato has been fulfilling. I trust that you take away not only the skills and knowledge that you have acquired during your studies, but also great friends and memories of your time at the University of Waikato.

From today, you are a member of the alumni of the University of Waikato. We look forward to staying connected with you through the years and of hearing about your future achievements and success.

# Order of proceedings

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The assembly will be invited to stand as the academic procession enters Te Āhurutanga (the Student Hub) to the welcoming call of the karanga

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Opening karakia

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The New Zealand national anthem will be sung

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The Chancellor will address the assembly

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The Chancellor will confer the qualifications on graduates from each division/faculty

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The graduate speaker will be introduced and address the assembly

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Proceedings will conclude with a closing karakia

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Official procession from Te Āhurutanga

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Graduates' procession from Te Āhurutanga  
(please remain standing until the procession has left)

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Following the ceremony, graduates and guests are warmly invited to join University staff for light refreshments at the Alumni Village on the Village Green

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# Qualifications to be conferred at The Pā, University of Waikato

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Wednesday 15 April 2026

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Wednesday 15 April 2026, 10.30am

## Te Wānanga Pūtaiao | Division of STEM

### Doctor of Philosophy

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**Ayman Chaouki, ME Ecole CentraleSupélec, France**

*Thesis title: "Optimal Decision Trees via Search: A Reinforcement Learning framework"*

Supervised by: Albert Bifet Figuerol, Jesse Read

**Raiza Miranda Corpuz, BS, MS University of the Philippines, Philippines**

*Thesis title: "Iwasawa theory for tensor products of Hilbert modular forms"*

Supervised by: Timothy Stokes, Daniel Delbourgo, Antonio Lei

### Master of Philosophy

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Ivy Moana Hinehotua Taia

## Au Reikura | School of Computing and Mathematical Sciences

### Master of Cyber Security

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Sreeja Ajithkumar, *with First Class Honours*

Rachel Cait Martin, *with Second Class Honours (first division)*

Emily Sarah McCullagh, *with First Class Honours*

### Master of Design

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Nikkaella Zagala Lulu, *with First Class Honours*

Apurva Amol Vanmali, *with Second Class Honours (second division)*

Minyu Wang, *with First Class Honours*

Stuart Rohan Price, *with First Class Honours*

### Master of Information Technology

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Temitope Grace Ajanaku, *with First Class Honours*

Farhan Israk Alvy, *with Second Class Honours (first division)*

Benit Babu, *with First Class Honours*

Rashmi Pramoda Alagiyawanna Alagiyawanna Mohotti Appuhamilage, *with First Class Honours*

Tingtao An, *with Second Class Honours (first division)*

Sai Swaroopa Basava, *with Second Class Honours (first division)*

Safal Ali Khan, *with First Class Honours*

Tingyu An, *with Second Class Honours (first division)*

Bhavna, *with First Class Honours*

Ram Prasad Aryal, *with Second Class Honours (first division)*

Aman Chandra, *with First Class Honours*

Manqi Chen, *with First Class Honours*

Yuzhou Chen, *with First Class Honours*

Praise Steven Christian, *with First Class Honours*

Anand Dhanapal, *with First Class Honours*

Pham Huy Khanh Do, *with First Class Honours*

Aswin Kumar Edward Raja, *with Second Class Honours (first division)*

Lalinda Ekanayaka Ekanayaka Appuhamilage, *with First Class Honours*

Hongquan Feng, *with First Class Honours*

Jieying Feng, *with First Class Honours*

Mary Shaniya Fernando, *with Second Class Honours (first division)*

Aakaash Charles Francis Jayaraj, *with Second Class Honours (first division)*

Credu Gapson, *with Second Class Honours (first division)*

Sujan Gharti Magar, *with First Class Honours*

Yizhe Guo, *with Second Class Honours (first division)*

Renke He, *with First Class Honours*

Hasitha Prasanga Abewardana Houpe Mudiyanseleage, *with First Class Honours*

Di Huang, *with First Class Honours*

Zicong Jiang, *with Second Class Honours (second division)*

Tushar Jolly, *with Second Class Honours (second division)*

Daniyel Joseph, *with First Class Honours*

Reshma Joseph, *with First Class Honours*

Jashwanth Arun Kannikathiravan, *with First Class Honours*

Chandrika Sepali Fernando Koralamage, *with First Class Honours*

Abhishek Kumar, *with First Class Honours*

Jie Li, *with First Class Honours*

Minglue Li, *with Second Class Honours (first division)*

Ying Li, *with First Class Honours*

Zihou Li, *with First Class Honours*

Shidi Liang, *with First Class Honours*

Jialin Liu, *with First Class Honours*

Yang Liu, *with First Class Honours*

Xiang Ma, *with First Class Honours*

Kunal Malhotra, *with First Class Honours*

Tushar Marwah, *with Second Class Honours (first division)*

Yash Vardhan Mishra, *with First Class Honours*

Neeraj, *with Second Class Honours (first division)*

Neil Goud Nadiminti, *with Second Class Honours (second division)*

Vrutika Sandipkumar Paghadal, *with Second Class Honours (first division)*

Kevin Ashvinbhai Pansuriya, *with Second Class Honours (second division)*

Youngjin Park, *with First Class Honours*

Smit Ashwinkumar Patel, *with First Class Honours*

Hettiarachchige Don Dinuka Shameera Perera, *with First Class Honours*

Shiva Krishna Pottabathini, *with First Class Honours*

Jian Qi, *with First Class Honours*

Subhiksha Ramalingam Sreekanth, *with First Class Honours*

Velmurugan Ravichandran, *with First Class Honours*

Chao Ren, *with Second Class Honours (first division)*

Jainee Mariam Sabu, *with Second Class Honours (first division)*

Anna Savitskaia, *with First Class Honours*

Harrish Kumar Sekar, *with First Class Honours*

MD Nazib Mahmud Shajib, *with First Class Honours*

Lingli Shen, *with First Class Honours*

Meidun Shen, *with First Class Honours*

Shemeena Sijin Taj, *with First Class Honours*

Skye James Sinclair, *with First Class Honours*

Gurmail Singh	Kavitha Venugopal, <i>with First Class Honours</i>	Xiaoyi Yu, <i>with Second Class Honours (first division)</i>
Ramanpreet Singh, <i>with Second Class Honours (second division)</i>	Mingxue Wang, <i>with Second Class Honours (first division)</i>	Bin Zhang, <i>with First Class Honours</i>
Haricharan Sivaraman, <i>with First Class Honours</i>	Xiaoqi Wang, <i>with Second Class Honours (first division)</i>	Gongfan Zhang, <i>with First Class Honours</i>
Vignesh Subramaniam, <i>with First Class Honours</i>	Xiaoyang Wang, <i>with First Class Honours</i>	Wangli Zhang, <i>with Second Class Honours (first division)</i>
Prince Sunny, <i>with Second Class Honours (second division)</i>	Yuhan Wang, <i>with First Class Honours</i>	Lixing Zhao, <i>with Second Class Honours (first division)</i>
Sriarani Surenther, <i>with First Class Honours</i>	Zhiyuan Wei, <i>with First Class Honours</i>	Zihang Zheng, <i>with First Class Honours</i>
Shumit Ibne Taher, <i>with First Class Honours</i>	Baiyang Wu, <i>with First Class Honours</i>	Ji Zou, <i>with First Class Honours</i>

## Master of Science

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Kingsley Wey Chaie Eng, <i>with First Class Honours</i>	Rudra Narayan Kar, <i>with First Class Honours</i>	Jiya Peter
Munaz Jahan, <i>with First Class Honours</i>	Manu Chauhan Mudavath, <i>with Second Class Honours (first division)</i>	Fiona Wahira Michaelyn Tenakanai, <i>with Second Class Honours (second division)</i>

## Master of Technology Innovation

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Nikareayi Aisikaer, <i>with Distinction</i>	Geoffrey George Wakelin Kelly Hexian Li	Mobassira Nasin, <i>with Distinction</i>
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## Bachelor of Design

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Rachel Ann Nicole Garcia Astronomo	James Lachica Esmarialino	Alexis Kate McKinnon
Evelin Bate	Bianca Paulette Fafeita	Tyla Murray
Jaden Angel Beljac	Brianna Caitlin Fulton	Radu Cristian Nicolae
Isabelle Heather Bray	Kate Mary Gallien	Milica Pandurevic
David Sau Chang	Te Ata-A-Rua Hansen-Cribb	Calista Park
Jairus Pedro Conate	Penny Janice Harlow	Sawan Krishnashivan Raman
Ma Genea Gabrielle Espeleta Cuanan	Dhwani Jha	Anson Everton Ray
Dylan Max Cumming	Lance Patrick Kelly	Tamsin Maree Riddell
Kanye Davey Lee Edwards	Emerentia Kemp	Samuel John Falcon Rili
	Natalie Rose Lowe	Shaheer Ali Shabbir
	Marcus Jacob Tejada Mateo	Ian Shin

Stefan Koji Smart  
Omar Cortez Smith  
Tautuuaina Christian Tatupu

Anthony Patrick Westbrook  
Cheyenne Aisha Storm Weterere  
Olivia Pamela Yates

Jianhao Zhou

## Bachelor of Science

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Agueda Alemany Sanchez  
Vitor Ames De Carvalho  
Anthony Jack Cole  
Culhane George Cookson  
Jack Daniel Couchman  
Lucas Cubas Oda  
Rosie Grace Gordon, *also  
conferred Bachelor of Business*

Min Soe Htut  
Eli Huang  
Jake Peter Jordy Johnson  
Elisa Jane Krippner  
Nathan Michael Ludlow  
Chianne Rose Lyford-Shields  
Celine Sheree Mason  
Caleb Tipene Fairest McNae

Curtis Simon Osborne  
Ezra David Palmers  
Mitchell Te Rawahi Pincham  
Tony Shaun David Prujean  
Daniel Charles Richards  
Jacob Gregory Watters  
Michael John Young

## Postgraduate Certificate in Information Technology

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Kumchupong Chareonsuk

## Graduate Diploma in Data Analytics

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Joseph Seahan Park Dean

## Diploma in Design

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Nikita Emily-May Cortland

Wednesday 15 April 2026, 12.30pm

Te Wānanga Pūtaiao | Division of STEM

Doctor of Philosophy

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**Hadi Abbaszadeh, BSc Azabaijan Shahid Madani University Iran,  
MSc Istanbul Technical University, Turkey**

*Thesis title: "Developing new multiscale models for the numerical simulation of GFRP structural elements"*

Supervised by: Yusuke Mochida, Kim Pickering

**Sangapala Arachchige Dona Asanka Nilakshi Dissanayake, BTech(Eng),  
MPhil The Open University of Sri Lanka, Sri Lanka**

*Thesis title: "Towards Identification of Floc Compounds in Water using Multi-Frequency Fluorescence Lifetime Analysis"*

Supervised by: Michael Cree, Lee Streeter, Graeme Glasgow, Mark Lay

**Elsa Mei Aimer Klinac, BSc, BE(Hons), Waikato**

*Thesis title: "Multi-Level process integration of heat pumps in a non-continuous processing site"*

Supervised by: James Carson, Tim Walmsley, Duy Hoang, Donald Cleland

Au Reikura | School of Computing and Mathematical Sciences

Bachelor of Computing and Mathematical Sciences with Honours

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Leneshen Govender, *with First  
Class Honours*

Parthiv Kanji, *with First Class  
Honours*

Sara Jane Margaret Rawlence,  
*with First Class Honours*

Bachelor of Engineering with Honours

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Emma Nicole Campbell, *with  
First Class Honours*

Mahaki Justus Leach, *with Second  
Class Honours (first division)*

Rafeea Siddika, *with First Class  
Honours*

Christopher Max Cason, *with  
Third Class Honours*

Irene Christina Andrea Paul, *with  
Second Class Honours (second  
division)*

Aryan Samir Thanki, *with Second  
Class Honours (first division)*

Sabina Yereem Han, *with First  
Class Honours*

Aditya Sharma, *with Second Class  
Honours (second division)*

Edward Michael Wilson, *with  
Second Class Honours (first  
division)*

Bachelor of Computer Science

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Drew Arthur Jan Chadwick

Isabela Marie Dean

Tyler James Handley

Benjamin Llanes Coronado

Taylah Morgan Edwards

Aslan Lyall Schall Harrison

Joel William Crombie

Thomas James Fox

Gerhardus Janse Human

Anila Jacob	Morse Parker McClennan	Toby Haze Roberts
Ashutosh Eknath Jambhale	Ralph Christian Sy Mendoza	Daniel Christopher Francis Ronalds
Jacob Dale Johnson	Evangeline Elizabeth Rose Mitchell	Matthew Ernst Ruetsch
Jacob James Lee	Lois Kenji Zapatero Olegario	Parth Prashant Salgaonkar
Cameron Perry Lester	Nishchaity Pahwa	Geoffrey Douglas Gordon Smith
Elrod Liliolelagi Leung Wai	Simon Peun	Damian Gedrik Van Der Merwe
Daniel James Thomas Longhurst-Lee	Rishel Riya	Michael William Wilson

## Te Kura Mata-Ao | School of Engineering

### Master of Engineering

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Yixin Chen, <i>with First Class Honours</i>	Anisha Sharma, <i>with First Class Honours</i>
Sandeepa Thatthasrani Wickramasinghe Pitaduwa Gamage, <i>with First Class Honours</i>	Shun Lei Shwe Yee Shein, <i>with Second Class Honours (first division)</i>

### Master of Engineering Practice

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Eapen Abraham Arikupuram	Sheikh Sajjad Hossain	Raj Jayeshbhai Oza
Muhammed Rafi Abdul Nazar	Birendra Jora	Ankitsinh Manharsinh Parmar
Pujitha Padmal Abesing Kodippily	Chinchu Jose	Dhruv Pravinkumar Prajapati
Sudhir Adhikari	Ridhul Joshy	Sharon Regi George
Anjan Baniya	Minu Joy	Lance Sabu
Binsy Benny	Jyothish Julius	Pandiyarajan Sakhthivel
Harsh Kailashbhai Chaudhari	Siyuan Liu, <i>with Distinction</i>	Nithin Seenivasan
Elena Delakhova	Anantharaj Mariappan	Muhammad Shah Zaib
Ashok Gautam	Kevin Mathew Sajan	Swastika Siwakoti
Hassan Ali Haider	Mekha Neduvankal Pushparajan	Jiajun Wang

### Bachelor of Engineering with Honours

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Omar Zaky Hassan Abuellif, <i>with Second Class Honours (second division)</i>	Abbas Abusaleh, <i>with Third Class Honours, also awarded Graduate Diploma in Engineering Management</i>	Dana Nael Abusaleh, <i>with Second Class Honours (second division), also awarded Graduate Diploma in Engineering Management</i>
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Timothy Todd Robert Aiken, with *First Class Honours*, also awarded *Graduate Diploma in Engineering Management*

Al-Khalil Ahmed Mudhafar Abdullah Al-Rawahi, with *Second Class Honours (first division)*

Liam Glen Anderson, with *First Class Honours*, also awarded *Graduate Diploma in Engineering Management*

Katelyn Brooke Baker, with *Second Class Honours (first division)*

Matthew Davidson Boettcher, with *Second Class Honours (first division)*

Isaac Ari Brown, with *Second Class Honours (first division)*, also awarded *Graduate Diploma in Engineering Management*

Theo Richard Bruintjes, with *Second Class Honours (second division)*

Izaak Lucas Cameron, with *Second Class Honours (first division)*

Heath Jacob Theo Carter, with *Second Class Honours (second division)*

Samir Chaulagain, with *Second Class Honours (second division)*, also awarded *Graduate Diploma in Engineering Management*

Sean Windermere Clark, with *Second Class Honours (first division)*

Jesse Jacob Collier, with *Second Class Honours (second division)*, also awarded *Graduate Diploma in Engineering Management*

Ethan Cooke, with *Second Class Honours (second division)*, also awarded *Certificate in Professional Engineering Practice*

Keean George Cooper, with *Third Class Honours*

Ethan Joseph Cornforth, with *Second Class Honours (first division)*

Rico Michael D'Anvers, with *First Class Honours*

Jizer Alejo Dela Cruz, with *Second Class Honours (second division)*

Alexander Raj Deo, with *Second Class Honours (first division)*

David MacKay Dickson, with *Second Class Honours (first division)*

Nathan Marc Dinan, with *First Class Honours*, also awarded *Graduate Diploma in Engineering Management*

Samuel Connor Dromgool, with *Second Class Honours (second division)*, also awarded *Graduate Diploma in Engineering Management*

Uriaan Alexander du Plessis, with *Second Class Honours (first division)*, also awarded *Graduate Diploma in Engineering Management*

Ryan Arthur Fawcett, with *First Class Honours*

Jayden Timothy Fox, with *Second Class Honours (second division)*

Caleb Campbell Gavin, with *Second Class Honours (first division)*

Crawford James Eves Glass, with *Third Class Honours*, also awarded *Certificate in Professional Engineering Practice*

De Wet Cilliers Groves, with *Second Class Honours (first division)*, also awarded *Graduate Diploma in Engineering Management*

Cayla Bo Hawkins, with *First Class Honours*, also awarded *Graduate Diploma in Engineering Management*

Joel Perry Hawkins, with *First Class Honours*, also awarded *Graduate Diploma in Engineering Management*

Jaime Kate Endres Hayvice, with *Second Class Honours (second division)*

Tiaki Wharetaiki Hirini, with *Second Class Honours (first division)*

Leanne Sonja Hofer-Nigg, with *First Class Honours*, also awarded *Certificate in Professional Engineering Practice*

Jethro Hilton Jackson, with *First Class Honours*, also awarded *Graduate Diploma in Engineering Management*

Aleksia Nicole Junge, with *Second Class Honours (first division)*

Danika Judith Kelly, with *Third Class Honours*

Deepak Kumar, with *Second Class Honours (first division)*, also awarded *Diploma in Engineering Management*

Kaio Soares Lart, with *First Class Honours*

Michael Lechtchinski, with *Third Class Honours*

Nicholas Johan McAdam, with *Second Class Honours (first division)*

Tarquin Fraser McKenzie, with *Second Class Honours (second division)*, also awarded *Graduate Diploma in Engineering Management*

Isaiah Lawrence Moran, with *Second Class Honours (first division)*

Isobella Moana Nicholls, with *Second Class Honours (second division)*, also awarded *Graduate Diploma in Engineering Management*

Koby John Niwa, with *First Class Honours*

Ethan James O'Brien-Watson, with *Second Class Honours (second division)*

Ethan Raymund O'Donnell

Anna Margaret O'Leary, with *First Class Honours*, also awarded *Graduate Diploma in Engineering Management*

Jacob Jamie Oliver, with *First Class Honours*, also awarded *Graduate Diploma in Engineering Management*

Bennett Fraser Owen, with *Second Class Honours (first division)*

Allan Jun Kit Pang, with *Second Class Honours (first division)*

Pieter Jan Pape, with *Second Class Honours (first division)*, also awarded *Graduate Diploma in Engineering Management*

Peter Edward Jasper Parker, with *First Class Honours*

Daniel William Pipe, with *First Class Honours*, also awarded *Graduate Diploma in Engineering Management*

Cameron Stuart Potts, with *Second Class Honours (first division)*, also awarded *Certificate in Professional Engineering Practice*

Dean Ralph, with *Second Class Honours (second division)*

Levi James Reid, with *First Class Honours*

Thomas Graham Robinson, with *First Class Honours*

Samuel Mark Roche, with *Second Class Honours (first division)*

Reuben Ian James Ronalds, with *First Class Honours*

Daniel Thomas Shanahan, with *Second Class Honours (second division)*, also awarded *Graduate Diploma in Engineering Management*

Craig Austen Shepherd, with *Second Class Honours (first division)*

Avitesh Singh, with *Second Class Honours (first division)*, also awarded *Graduate Diploma in Engineering Management*

Karanjot Singh, with *Second Class Honours (second division)*, also awarded *Certificate in Professional Engineering Practice*

Navdeep Singh, with *Second Class Honours (second division)*

Daniel Charles Smith, with *Second Class Honours (first division)*

Troy Levon Smith, with *Second Class Honours (second division)*

Alexandra Rose Sorensen, with *Second Class Honours (first division)*

Kurt Vincent De Chavez Sumayop, with *First Class Honours*, also awarded *Certificate in Professional Engineering Practice*

Andrew Laichi Sun, with *First Class Honours*

Fuad Syed, with *Second Class Honours (second division)*, also awarded *Graduate Diploma in Engineering Management*

Indie Diane Szetu, with *Second Class Honours (second division)*

Aryan Samir Thanki, with *Second Class Honours (first division)*, also awarded *Graduate Diploma in Engineering Management*

Jackson Ross Thornton, with *Second Class Honours (first division)*, also awarded *Graduate Diploma in Engineering Management*

Micah Joel Tritscher, with *First Class Honours*

Sai Shruthi Vantharam, with *Second Class Honours (first division)*

Jack Merson Grey Walker, with *Second Class Honours (first division)* also awarded *Diploma in Engineering Management*

Megan Jane Ryde Walker, with *First Class Honours*

Dylan James Wallis, with *Second Class Honours (first division)*, also awarded *Graduate Diploma in Engineering Management*

Caitlin Rose Ward, with *Second Class Honours (first division)*

Rhys Tadeusz Ward, with *Second Class Honours (first division)*

Jonathan Jay Watkinson, *with First Class Honours, also awarded Graduate Diploma in Engineering Management*

Christopher William Wotton, *with Third Class Honours, also awarded Graduate Diploma in Engineering Management*

Esteban Wu Xie, *with Third Class Honours, also awarded Graduate Diploma in Engineering Management*

## Graduate Diploma in Engineering Management

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Deon Shane Stevenson





Wednesday 15 April 2026, 2.30pm

## Te Wānanga Waiora | Division of Health

### Doctor of Philosophy

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**Anna Joy Butcher, BSES, MSc, Wintec**

*Thesis title: "The effects of pubertal maturation and sex on biomechanics associated with risk of anterior cruciate ligament injury"*

Supervised by: Kim Hebert-Losier, Sarah Ward, Tracey Clissold, Jim Richards

## School of Health Equity and Innovation

### Bachelor of Health

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Emilia Jane Ackerman

Nandani Devi Ram

Nicola Joy Stanton

Poppy Rebecca Brill Gibson

Jennifer Rose Roberts

Madison Grace Prowse

Luke Haddon Rush

## School of Nursing and Midwifery

### Master of Health Science

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Sugandha Arora, *with First Class Honours*

Judy Diane Ngatia, *with Second Class Honours (first division)*

Rahul Vasudevan Nair, *with Second Class Honours (second division)*

Samantha Coffey, *with First Class Honours*

Haley Jane Scown, *with First Class Honours*

Melanie Leslie Wilson, *with First Class Honours*

Shannin Rae Howe, *with First Class Honours*

Eleanor May Terrill, *with First Class Honours*

Ying Xue, *with Second Class Honours (first division)*

Michael Dave Sibayan Nadela, *with First Class Honours*

Philippa Marie Twigg, *with Second Class Honours (second division)*

### Master of Nursing Practice

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Loveson Abraham, *with Second Class Honours (first division)*

Ancy Anthony Vithayathil, *with First Class Honours*

Madelaine Poppy Ashworth, *with First Class Honours*

Gladia Baby, *with Second Class Honours (first division)*  
 Han Bao, *with First Class Honours*  
 Luis Gregorio Soliman Bondoc, *with Second Class Honours (second division)*  
 Yam Prasad Chapagain, *with Second Class Honours (first division)*  
 Mona Umeshchandra Chaudhary, *with Second Class Honours (first division)*  
 Parul Chaudhary, *with Second Class Honours (first division)*  
 Xue Chen, *with Second Class Honours (second division)*  
 Sidney Margaret Coffey, *with First Class Honours*  
 Don Davis, *with Second Class Honours (second division)*  
 Arti Arishma Devi, *with Second Class Honours (first division)*  
 Wenjie Duan, *with Second Class Honours (first division)*  
 Rafaella Yana Garlick-Grice, *with First Class Honours*  
 Varsha Hooda, *with First Class Honours*  
 Xi Hu, *with Second Class Honours (first division)*  
 Pardeep Kaur Hundal, *with Second Class Honours (second division)*  
 Grace Delavin Ibanez, *with Second Class Honours (first division)*  
 Poonam Jarial, *with First Class Honours*  
 Nanyu Jiang, *with Second Class Honours (first division)*  
 Bhupinder Pal Kaur, *with Second Class Honours (second division)*  
 Gurpreet Kaur, *with Second Class Honours (first division)*  
 Hardeep Kaur, *with Second Class Honours (first division)*  
 Jaspreet Kaur, *with Second Class Honours (second division)*  
 Manpreet Kaur, *with Second Class Honours (first division)*  
 Simranjeet Kaur, *with Second Class Honours (first division)*  
 Lai Ting Lau, *with First Class Honours*  
 Echo Lee, *with Second Class Honours (first division)*  
 Eun Sil Lee, *with First Class Honours*  
 Lishad Lenin, *with Second Class Honours (first division)*  
 Lun Li, *with Second Class Honours (first division)*  
 Sandeep Loona, *with Second Class Honours (first division)*  
 Harish Madheswaran, *with First Class Honours*  
 Preethi Manoj, *with Second Class Honours (first division)*  
 Renu Masih, *with Second Class Honours (second division)*  
 Kay McDonald, *with First Class Honours*  
 Sandra Merin Thomas, *with Second Class Honours (second division)*  
 Yetunde Bolanle Omoyeni, *with Second Class Honours (first division)*  
 Athulya Paul, *with Second Class Honours (first division)*  
 Teena Pauly, *with Second Class Honours (first division)*  
 Hettimullage Dona Subhani Prasanthi Perera, *with Second Class Honours (first division)*  
 Liji Puthuparampil Joy, *with Second Class Honours (first division)*  
 Sreeja Ramachandra Kurup, *with First Class Honours*  
 Vijaya Bhaskar Reddy Rebala, *with Second Class Honours (first division)*  
 Ritu, *with Second Class Honours (first division)*  
 Amandeep Kaur Sandhu, *with Second Class Honours (first division)*  
 Aishwarya Sharma, *with Second Class Honours (first division)*  
 Raminder Kaur Sidhu, *with Second Class Honours (first division)*  
 Mohammad Hussain Simlawad Wala, *with Second Class Honours (first division)*  
 Mandeep Kaur Sohi, *with Second Class Honours (first division)*  
 Xiaowen Sun, *with Second Class Honours (first division)*  
 Rijose Thomas, *with Second Class Honours (first division)*  
 Manju Timilsina, *with Second Class Honours (first division)*  
 Josekutty Vincent, *with Second Class Honours (first division)*  
 Mengshi Wang, *with First Class Honours*  
 Li Xu, *with Second Class Honours (first division)*  
 Alva Yan, *with First Class Honours*

Jingdan Yang, *with Second Class Honours (second division)*

Jun Zhu, *with Second Class Honours (first division)*

## School of Pharmacy and Biomedical Sciences

### Bachelor of Health

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Yasir Mujtaba Chaudhry

Yixin Liu

Kyla Pagara

Franscine Fidow

Hinetu Kallon Arizona Nikora

## School of Sport and Human Movement

### Master of Health, Sport And Human Performance

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Blake William Anderson, *with First Class Honours*

Christiaan Carl-Antony Cumming, *with First Class Honours*

James Wilson Rountree, *with First Class Honours*

Benjamin Jeffrey Bidois, *with First Class Honours*

### Bachelor of Health

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Ava Heather Dillon

Tebi Ngaire Tabokaai

Rameriz Brett Pelenato Viane

Sydney Rose Stuart

Te Aniwa Taraiora Maree Te Kani

### Bachelor of Health, Sport and Human Performance

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Lane Alberts

Cole MacRae Francis Goodson

Georgia Nicole Miller

Jovan Aleksovski

Joshua Quinn Gurnell

Olivia Anne Nielsen

Jayda-Rayne Ngarongoa Arthur

Sienna Lily Hall

Carly Rae Ohia

Rachel Marie Brown

Alistair Douglas John Hearmon

Jonathan Roger Thomas Park

Andrew David Graham Bullock

Bradley Thomas Hopkins

Fynn Edward Pierce

Cole Jayden Carter

Lela Faasega Ieremia

Kyla Joy Richardson

Oliver James Douglas Clare

Benjamin Stanley Jupe

Katelyn Eliza Rose Riches

Alicia Anne Craig

Elijah Nathan Kemp

Arikinoa Kay Shortland

Tayla Joy Denton

Prisayus Riwhi Kenney

Samuel Paul John Slone

Alexander Julian Richard Eaglestone

Dante Manolito Kirkpatrick

Bella Margaret Stark

Teina Jack Faire

Natthanael Katina Lavasi'i

Petaia Waitangi Ualesi

Matthew Joel Forman

Joshua John McCarroll

A'Goston Pal Volf

Marko Mihaljica

Miriama Hine-Au-Pounamu  
Rere-Noa Waiwiri-Hetet

Eve Caitlin Williamson  
Isabella Kloosterman Wilson

Rian Jade Wilson

Amber Marie Te Haate Waretini

## Bachelor of Sport and Human Performance

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Molly Heather Jennifer Berney

Hyrum Manassah Brown

Luka Joseph Cassidy



### School of Nursing and Midwifery

#### Bachelor of Nursing

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Amal Abdulkadir Haji	Kate Madison Hamley	Athul Manoj
Jyazmine Beatrice Jabat Alcartado	Marisa Margaret Hart-Dehar	Althea Eoshuabelle Bayas Marquina
Ismahan Ali Abdi	Kate Marie Harvey	Jini Mattapilly Joy
Maryam Ali Abdi	Caitlin Judith Lindsay Hedge	Sophie Louise Matthews
Brooklyn Heiarrii Alves-Culley	Ylelol Kee-Ann Hernandez Villamor	James Robert McAuley
Nishanthi Deepani Atthanayake Mudiyanseleage	Te Aomarama Juleah Biliiegh-Jo Heta	Jessica Megan McCurdy
Cristina Baby	Janae Horn	Paige Isabella McKay
Charlotte Joy Banfield	Jing Huang	Demi Anne McNally
Britney Samantha Maria Bell	Elise Catherine Jeane Hulme	Annabelle Jayne McRobie
Penny Josephine Louise Bell	Karen Enita Itaaka	Beth Yohanna Montgomery
Jade Ezekiel Taguan Bendillo	Caitlyn Hanah Jacobs	Nazeera Moosa
Georgia Rose Binnie	Milena Jeremic	Mya Tate Murray
Nicole Jesse Bond	Shiquila Ann Johns Raumati	Kim April Gloria Narbasa
Brianna Joy Burns	Rebecca Sheree Johnson	Pratima Nepal
Cerys Margaret Byrne	Rebin Jose	Sana Nisar Ahmad
Charlotte Ellen Coleman	Rettu Jose	Shelley Ileana Abdon Ocampo
Madison Grace Coleman	Amandeep Kaur	Kyla-Rose Hokimate Onehi-Karena
Lulu Charlie Cooper	Gurpreet Kaur	Zaranaben Nayankumar Pandya
Rajni Devi	Zammikah Kispaa	Seonghyeon Park
Niamh Karen Lorraine Fahey	Diana Ere Lee	Bincy Babu Perumpamkuzhiyil
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Sandie Rochelle Goodrick	Shwelat Hnin Lick Mai	Ruby Ann Ruth Prebble
Emily Jane Gordon	Kellie Paige Lovegrove-Blake	Emily Nicole Purves
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Erin Jane Rose	Tarawhiti-Hape	Yuchen Zhou
	Rebecca Louise Taulu	

## Postgraduate Diploma of Health Science

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Raea Jack Bainbridge	Dulanjani Thilanga Buddhini	Natasha Aimee Muller, <i>with Distinction</i>
Simrat Kaur Bal	Gunawardana Edirisinghage	
Michaela Louise Buhrs	Erana Susan Giddens, <i>with Distinction</i>	Rizwana Fazia Nisha
Melissa Fernando Castillo, <i>with Distinction</i>	Nerida Michelle Griffiths	Sharne Phillips, <i>with Distinction</i>
Allison Chloe Downs	Anthea Leonie Higgins	Preeti, <i>with Distinction</i>
Anitha Christy Easumani	Courtney Jean McGregor	Susan Janeen Pye, <i>with Distinction</i>
	Amber Karen Morris	Kelly Marie Symons

## Postgraduate Certificate of Health Science

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Richa Arora	Mary Grace Uy Matutina-Brain	Sanjana Reddy
Charlotte Miriam Body	Madison Isabella Brettargh	Archana Santhi Kumari
Sara Chapagai	Montgomerie	Renee Linda Streatfield
Lina Dorol Diaz	Abhineet Nagra	Samantha Irene Sula
Binish Dominic	Ranmali Arundi Rathnaweera	Xin Zhang

## School of Sport and Human Movement

### Postgraduate Diploma in Health, Sport and Human Performance

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Ashleigh Paige Halse	Grace MacKenzie Koch
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# Major scholarship recipients

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We proudly recognise graduates who have been awarded major scholarships while studying at the University of Waikato. These scholarships celebrate outstanding achievement, leadership, dedication, and potential across a range of fields. Recipients of these major scholarships are detailed below.

We also acknowledge the many other graduates who have earned scholarships throughout the year. While we are unable to include every recipient in this booklet, we extend our warmest congratulations to all scholarship awardees and celebrate their accomplishments alongside those featured here.

## Koko Kairangi | University of Waikato Prize for Best Doctoral Thesis

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### Akuhata Bailey-Winiata

*Thesis title: "Kia whakatōmuri te haere whakamua – A Māori framework for coastal climate change adaptation."*

## University of Waikato Doctoral Scholarship

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Anna Joy Butcher

Ivy Moana Hinehotua Taia

Raiza Miranda Corpuz

Haley Jane Scown

Elsa Mei Aimer Klinac

## University of Waikato Research Masters Scholarship

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Benjamin Jeffrey Bidois

## Te Paewai o te Rangi: The University of Waikato Scholarship for Outstanding Academic Achievement

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Jacob Jamie Oliver

Micah Joel Tritscher

Andrew Laichi Sun

Joel Perry Hawkins

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Caleb Campbell Gavin

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Paige Isabella Mckay

Cayla Bo Hawkins

Katelyn Eliza Rose Riches

Prisayus Riwhi Kenney

Curtis Simon Osborne

Leanne Sonja Hofer-Nigg

Rafeea Siddika

Daniel William Pipe

Liam Glen Anderson

Rhys Tadeusz Ward

Georgia Nicole Miller

Madison Grace Coleman

Thomas James Fox

Isabela Marie Dean

Madison Grace Prowse

Peter Edward Jasper Parker

## Pacific Excellence Scholarship

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Franscine Fidow

Natthanael Katina Lavasi'i

Tebi Ngaire Tabokaai

## Sir Edmund Hillary Scholarship

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Andrew David Graham Bullock

Kaio Soares Lart

Carly Rae Ohia

Rico Michael D'Anvers

## Te Ara Whānui Scholarship

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Isobella Moana Nicholls

Te Aniwa Taraiora Maree Te Kani

Miriama Hine-Au-Pounamu

Rere-Noa Waiwiri-Hetet



# Stay connected

Congratulations on graduating – you are now a member of the University of Waikato alumni community, a special group of more than 90,000 graduates making their mark on the world.

Waikato alumni are connected by a common thread – the time they spent at the University of Waikato.

As alumni you'll hear from our Alumni Relations team with updates about the University, invitations to events, inspiring stories of fellow alumni, professional development opportunities, and alumni catch-ups in your area. Alumni events are a great way to stay connected with the University and expand your networks.

Congratulations on graduating and joining the University of Waikato's international alumni network. We look forward to staying in touch.

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**in** @UniversityofWaikato

We encourage you to update your LinkedIn profile and list the University of Waikato under education.

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# The University of Waikato

## Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato

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Gifted by the late Dr Te Wharehuia Milroy, The University of Waikato motto, 'Ko Te Tangata', means 'For the People', and articulates the University's philosophy that people are central to our organisation, and are our most valued resource.

It's an appropriate maxim given the University was established 'by the people, for the people', following many years of lobbying by a group of Hamilton locals, who saw an opportunity for the Waikato region to have its own university.

The University opened in 1964 with 181 enrolments, and today we are proud to welcome 13,000 students and employ 1,400 staff across our two vibrant campuses.

The University is committed to academic excellence, and provides academically challenging programmes that reflect the interests of students and the needs of the employers, industries and communities.

Students at Waikato enjoy quality learning experiences and smaller class sizes, flexible degree structures, and work-integrated learning to ensure they are industry ready, and supportive research supervision from internationally acclaimed academics.

The University values its relationship with the Kīngitanga, Waikato-Tainui and mana whenua. The rich heritage and cultural history of Kirikiriroa Hamilton and the Waikato region is reflected in our vibrant, multicultural University community.

## Campus locations

### Hamilton

Our Kirikiriroa Hamilton campus is situated on 65 hectares of stunning grounds complete with cafes, lakes, vibrant Boon Street artworks, and on-campus accommodation.

The University is proud to be delivering all Hamilton graduation ceremonies in The Pā. Opened in mid-2023, The Pā is the landmark building at the heart of our campus. It reflects the University's commitment to an integrated and accessible campus, and to a welcoming space that includes social interaction, hospitality and culture.

### Tauranga

Our award-winning Tauranga Moana campus offers a modern learning environment that is a stone's throw from the beautiful Tauranga waterfront.

The state-of-the-art building was designed with students in mind. It features stunning artworks that express a unique cultural narrative reflecting the University's relationship with mana whenua and, more broadly, with Tauranga Moana and Bay of Plenty iwi. The University also operates dedicated facilities in Tauranga for coastal marine and aquaculture research, as well as high-performance sport.

### China

The University has around 900 students at its joint institute with Hangzhou City University in China. The purpose-built institute, designed with New Zealand design principles, teaching approaches and standards, offers degrees in Finance, Interface Design and Design Media.

# Academic leaders



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