

Call for Scholarship applications

3-year Doctoral Scholarship

The University of Auckland

New Zealand



Doctoral Research Scholarship: Fostering Inclusion and Equity in Disaster Risk Reduction

The University of Auckland is awarding a 3-year PhD Scholarship from mid-2020 – 2023 as part of Resilience to Nature's Challenges (RNC) research programme, Kia manawaroa – Ngā Ākina o Te Ao Tūroa. The scholarship is available to students of all nationalities. The starting date is any time from mid-2020. The successful applicant will be working with JC Gaillard (The University of Auckland) and relevant co-supervisors, with a preference for being located in Auckland.

Closing Date for Applications: 31 March 2020

Subject area

This doctoral project builds on the outputs of a workshop with diverse stakeholders (i.e. researchers, policy makers and practitioners) of disaster risk reduction (DRR) organised in Auckland in August 2019. These stakeholders have identified the following priorities for the research:

- people often labelled 'vulnerable' and 'marginalised' in dealing with natural hazards, especially people from diverse cultural backgrounds;
- how to foster their participation in DRR and enhance their resilience to natural hazards;
- how to enhance our policy makers' and practitioners' ability to engage with these people to enhance the resilience of New Zealand society at large;
- how to more broadly promote equity and justice in DRR.

The doctoral project should provide a combined critical and applied inquiry into all or some of these priorities. (A) case study(ies) of one or several New Zealand cities, preferably those of medium size, is expected.

About Resilience to Nature's Challenges

Resilience to Nature's Challenges is a national research programme that is building new knowledge, skills and tools to contribute to greater resilience in our unique rural, urban, coastal and Māori communities to natural hazards including earthquakes, tsunamis, volcanoes, climate, coastal and other hazards. We work with a wide range of stakeholders to generate co-created research that local people and diverse organisations can use to improve New Zealand's resilience to natural and other hazards. You can find out more about us here <https://resiliencechallenge.nz/>.

The scholarship

This PhD scholarship is available to a suitable student who is accepted into a PhD programme at the School of Environment of the University of Auckland. The successful scholarship holder will receive NZ\$32,000 per year for up to 3 years under the scholarship programme (including the cost of tuition fees and stipend).

Eligibility

The scholarship is available for pursuing a PhD programme. The student is expected to have an Honours or Masters (with a research thesis component) qualification in a relevant discipline, such as geography, sociology, anthropology, political science, social work or history. Prior engagement with/knowledge of the poststructuralist/postmodern/postcolonial literature (e.g. Derrida, Foucault, Butler, Spivak, Tuhiwai-Smith) is expected.

The successful candidate will be enrolled full time at the University of Auckland and reside in New Zealand, for the tenure of the project. Candidates must meet the PhD eligibility criteria for enrolling at the University of Auckland

(<https://www.auckland.ac.nz/en/study/applications-and-admissions/how-to-apply/postgraduate-admission/doctoral-applications.html>).

Timetable

- Applications close: 31 March 2020
- Selection of candidate by end April 2020
- Applicant to commence PhD studies by 1 July 2020 (or earlier)

Enquiries and Applications:

Candidates should contact JC Gaillard (jc.gaillard@auckland.ac.nz) for inquiries and applications. Please include:

- A curriculum vitae (max. 2 pages)
- Academic transcript
- List of publications (if any)
- Contact details
- One A4 page cover letter outlining your interest in the topic, and why you would like to be considered for this scholarship.