

Research strengths

Victoria is one of New Zealand's top research institutions. In 2013 Victoria was ranked first among New Zealand universities based on the research performance of its academic staff in the national PBRF Evaluation. Victoria ranked first or second in 24 of the 36 subject areas offered.

Our researchers enjoy collaborating with people from government agencies, business, and major scientific and cultural institutions in Wellington and around the world.

Our research strengths are broad—and range from biotechnology, earth sciences and nuclear magnetic resonance to Maori knowledge, linguistics and law. A number of our researchers are also successful entrepreneurs who have partnered with business to bring new products and ideas to commercial markets.

Our PhD students are at the heart of our research culture and as well as having a Faculty of Graduate Research to offer support to our graduate students we offer a range of scholarships to support their work. We also have specialist staff available to help our researchers access funding from within the university and from external funding agencies.

We are committed to the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi and their implementation in research. Our Māori research framework covers Māori knowledge and development as well as all research which is by Māori, for Māori, involves Māori or is relevant to Māori.

Our student experience

Victoria offers an outstanding academic, social and cultural experience for our students.

Our students are immersed in the creative and political centre of New Zealand and rub shoulders with an amazing cross-section of achievers, people who can influence their future in a way that could only happen in Wellington.

Here are some examples of our commitment to an enriching student experience:

- ▣ A new vibrant heart for our Kelburn Campus
- ▣ The Victoria International Leadership Programme/Te Pūao Manukura (VILP)
- ▣ The Victoria Overseas Exchange (Vic OE) student exchange programme
- ▣ The Victoria Plus Award which helps our students develop essential leadership and communication skills.

You can find out more about our exceptional student experience at www.victoria.ac.nz

Caring for the environment

Victoria has an active environmental committee which promotes environmental sustainability and guides the University in reducing its environmental impact.

Our commitment to sustainability was publically recognised in the Central and Southern Regions' Sustainable Business Network Awards, winning the Non-Profit Award in 2011.

Our campuses

The historic Kelburn Campus is the home of the University's administration and faculties specialising in the study of science, engineering, and humanities and social sciences. The iconic Hunter Building, opened in 1906, is on the Kelburn Campus.

The Te Aro Campus, in Wellington's creative quarter, is where our students study architecture and design.

The Pipitea Campus, close to Parliament and the courts, consists of the Government Buildings Historic Reserve, neighbouring Rutherford House and the Wellington Railway Station West Wing. It is home to the University's faculties specialising in the study of law, government, business, and professional development.

The Karori Campus is the home of the Faculty of Education, specialising in teacher education and education studies.

Did you know?

Wellington has New Zealand's highest concentration of science organisations and scientists, particularly in chemistry, physics and technology. The city is considered "the science capital of New Zealand".

Victoria's Faculty of Science has well-established links with the many Wellington-based Crown Research Institutes and government agencies, including the Department of Conservation, Industrial Research Limited, GNS Science and the National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research. Our students benefit from research collaboration opportunities and summer placements with these organisations.



Did you know?

Victoria University has 28 research institutes and centres, which play a significant role in our graduate teaching and research programmes. These include the:

- ▣ MacDiarmid Institute for Advanced Materials and Nanotechnology (one of New Zealand's Centres of Research Excellence)
- ▣ India Research Institute
- ▣ Host of Malaghan Institute for Medical Research
- ▣ New Zealand Contemporary China Research Centre
- ▣ Antarctic Research Centre
- ▣ Institute for the Study of Competition and Regulation
- ▣ International Institute of Modern Letters
- ▣ Jessie Hetherington Educational Research Centre
- ▣ New Zealand Climate Change Research Institute
- ▣ Centre for Accounting, Governance and Taxation Research.

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Victoria at a glance





Introduction from the Vice-Chancellor

Victoria University of Wellington focuses on excellence in teaching and research, providing a fulfilling student experience, and building strong connections nationally and internationally.

Victoria has also been ranked New Zealand's most research intensive university.

We have more than 22,000 students and over 2,000 staff located across four campuses in Wellington, New Zealand's vibrant capital city.

We pride ourselves on the contribution we make to our country and in playing a leading role in shaping New Zealand's future.

This publication will provide you with a snapshot of our University and I encourage you to find out more.

Professor Pat Walsh
Vice-Chancellor

Our mission

Victoria's mission is to play a leading role in shaping New Zealand's future by:

- ▣ adding significantly to the knowledge and understanding of natural phenomena, society, culture and technology through research, teaching and interdisciplinary perspectives
- ▣ engaging with local, national and international communities in creating, disseminating and applying knowledge that has scholarly or societal impact
- ▣ developing graduates with skills in leadership, communication, and critical and creative thinking.

Faculties

- ▣ Faculty of Architecture and Design
- ▣ Faculty of Education
- ▣ Faculty of Engineering
- ▣ Faculty of Graduate Research
- ▣ Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences
- ▣ Faculty of Law
- ▣ Faculty of Science
- ▣ Toi huarewa—a separate pan-University Faculty equivalent
- ▣ Victoria Business School—also known as Faculty of Commerce

2012 in review

Students

Qualifications awarded

Qualification level and type	2010	2011	2012
UNDERGRADUATE			
Certificates and Diplomas	965	1,604	728
Degrees	3,019	2,919	2,824
POSTGRADUATE			
Certificates and Diplomas	298	307	293
Honours	455	393	331
Master's	652	632	546
PhD	146	103	107
TOTAL	5,535	5,958	4,829

Equivalent Full-time Students (EFTS)

TYPE	2010	2011	2012
Government funded	15,719	15,173	15,064
Full-fee	1,554	1,698	1,723
LEVEL			
Undergraduate	14,629	14,224	14,154
Taught postgraduate	1,595	1,550	1,524
Research postgraduate	1,049	1,097	1,109
TOTAL	17,273	16,871	16,787

Financial

Financial performance

	2010	2011	2012
	\$000	\$000	\$000
Total revenue	332,262	336,798	349,163
Total expenditure	313,733	322,284	330,383
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	18,529	14,514	18,780

Country of origin

for international students (headcount)

Country	2010	2011	2012
China	522	577	660
Malaysia	365	408	377
Vietnam	250	289	360
United States	348	411	344
Australia	192	197	180
Japan	86	91	104
India	82	92	91
Germany	162	111	85
United Kingdom	65	61	53
Canada	59	49	52
Saudi Arabia	66	54	48
Korea	79	61	47
Indonesia	41	55	45
Other	449	497	473
TOTAL	2,766	2,953	2,919

Research

Research students

Enrolled (headcount)	2010	2011	2012
Master's	729	889	852
PhD	930	952	967
TOTAL	1,659	1,841	1,819

Grants

	2010	2011	2012
External research revenue	\$32.6m	\$34.5m	\$39.5m
Number of external grants	555	522	445

Did you know?

Victoria has educated many famous New Zealanders, including:

- ▣ Professor Alan MacDiarmid (winner of the Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2000)
- ▣ Professor Sir Paul Callaghan (New Zealander of the Year 2010, Wellingtonian of the Year 2010 and leader of the team that won the 2010 Prime Minister's Science Prize)
- ▣ James Belich (Historian, Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit, Beit Professor of Commonwealth and Imperial History at the University of Oxford)
- ▣ Jane Campion (Oscar and Palme d'Or winning director, screenwriter and film producer)
- ▣ Chris Finlayson (Attorney-General, Ministry of Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations and Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage)
- ▣ Jemaine Clement and Bret McKenzie (Flight of the Conchords)
- ▣ Taika Waititi (acclaimed film director, writer, comedian and actor)
- ▣ Conrad Smith (All Black and captain of the Hurricanes)
- ▣ Victor Vito (All Black)
- ▣ Lloyd Jones (author)

Our structure

The University is governed by a Council chaired by the Chancellor. The Council approves statutes, the University budget and academic qualifications.

It appoints the chief executive, the Vice-Chancellor, who is responsible for the University's day-to-day management.

National connectedness

At Victoria we connect and engage with the government, the business sector, the community and other academic institutions throughout New Zealand. We are committed to building and maintaining relationships that enhance our contributions to society and support its aspirations.

Being located in New Zealand's capital city, the University plays an important role by contributing to public policy in local and global issues. New Zealand's only School of Government undertakes teaching and research on public policy and public administration/management.

Examples of partnerships with the private and public sector include:

- ▣ The Chair of e-Government, in the School of Government.
- ▣ The Chair in Public Finance.
- ▣ The Chair in Fisheries Science.
- ▣ The Chair of Malay Studies.

Did you know?

Victoria University Press (VUP) is New Zealand's leading publisher of new fiction and poetry, and a scholarly publisher specialising in New Zealand history, biography and essays. Founded in the 1970s, VUP now has a backlist of over 200 books in print and issues on average 25 new titles every year.

VUP has also recently expanded into the realm of music by integrating with Rattle Records.

International connectedness

As well as welcoming students from more than 100 countries, the University has a range of internationally focused research centres that generate a host of exciting ventures (including research collaboration) with leading universities around the world, as well as with governments and private sector entities. Victoria has a strong focus on the Asia-Pacific region and China in particular.

Here are some examples of Victoria's international connectedness:

China

- ▣ We host a Confucius Institute and the New Zealand Contemporary China Research Centre (a national hub for Chinese Studies)
- ▣ Student and staff exchange programmes with Chinese universities and a number of joint programmes
- ▣ Double degree agreement with Peking University
- ▣ Teaching an International Master of Business Administration programme in Hong Kong in association with the Asia-Pacific Institute of Business of the Chinese University of Hong Kong.

Vietnam

- ▣ Teaching English language and business courses at the University of Economics in Ho Chi Minh City
- ▣ An array of partnerships with other Vietnamese universities and government agencies
- ▣ Victoria regularly hosts Vietnamese government officials for courses in Wellington.

Malaysia

We have had a longstanding association with Malaysia and host one of the few Chairs of Malay Studies in the world.

Indonesia

We are developing the most extensive range of partnerships with Indonesia of any New Zealand university.

Latin America

Victoria is the only New Zealand University to host an institute specifically devoted to enhancing links with Latin America. Established in 2008, the Victoria Institute for Links with Latin America (VILLA) has hosted a series of annual seminars and has facilitated the expansion of research relating to Latin America.

Did you know?

Victoria University's Victoria Business School is among just 58 business schools worldwide that hold the 'Triple Crown' of international accreditations of EQUIS (www.efmd.org), AACSB (Business) (www.aacsb.edu), and AMBA (www.mbaworld.com).