

Re-imagining the city: Christchurch

This programme tasks you with working in groups to develop ideas for improving the city of Christchurch. The opportunity to work on a real-world problem allows you to develop important transferable skills that are necessary for making an impact in the 21st century.



The programme involves a series of lectures, field trips, discussions and activities designed to support your project work and encourage reflection on the skills that you are developing, as well as why these skills are important for gaining employment and succeeding in your chosen career, as well as making a difference by

contributing positively to society.

The programme also provides an opportunity to experience life in a new place and involves visits to the beach and other sites of interest in Christchurch, as well as at least one day trip outside of the city, allowing you to get a taste of what the wider South Island has to offer.

Other benefits include the opportunity to make new friends and to improve your English language proficiency.

You will be awarded a certificate of completion from the University of Canterbury (UC) upon successfully completing the programme.



‘The course has covered a whole range of experiences. You take trips around the city and get to visit some scenic spots too. It’s given me an all-round perspective into Christchurch and New Zealand.’

Lin Zijun
2017 Programme



About Christchurch

Christchurch is New Zealand's second largest city and the gateway to the South Island, an island renowned for its stunning mountains, lakes and glaciers. Christchurch itself is located on the coast of the South Pacific Ocean, but only one hour from the Southern Alps, the largest mountain range in New Zealand. Known as the Garden City, Christchurch is home to a number of public parks and gardens, including Hagley Park and the beautiful Botanic Gardens, located in the very heart of the city. For those more adventurous, the Port Hills provide a stunning setting for walking and biking.

The University

Established in 1873, UC is New Zealand's second oldest university. Located in the suburb of Ilam, close to the centre of Christchurch, on a spacious, picturesque campus, UC is home to over 15,000 undergraduate and postgraduate students. QS ranks UC 231st in the 2019 World University Rankings and has also given it a prestigious 5-Star ranking for overall excellence.

UC has five Colleges: Arts (including Fine Arts; Humanities and Creative Arts; Language, Social and Political Sciences; Māori and Indigenous Studies; Music), Business & Law, Education, Health & Human Development, Engineering, and Science. As the capstone higher education institution in Christchurch, UC offers a world-class education, but students do not find themselves just sitting in a lecture theatre — they gain a total educational experience.

Application Criteria

This course has limited places available.

Students invited to participate will be selected based on the following criteria:

- Academic standing at Home Institution
- English proficiency
- Motivations for participating in the programme and potential to benefit

Programme Dates and Costs

This two week course will begin on Monday, 21 January 2019. Students will be housed on campus and should arrive in Christchurch on Sunday, 20 January 2019. The course will end on Thursday, 31 January 2019 with students checking out on Friday, 1 February 2019.

The fee for the programme is \$NZ1,900 (including GST). This fee covers accommodation, food and other costs, such as medical and travel insurance, airport pick up and drop off, and all programme related activities.

It does not include:

- International airfare to and from Christchurch
- New Zealand visa (UC will issue invitation letters to students to apply for a visa)
- Personal spending money (shopping, extra food, gifts, toiletries, movies, etc)
- Non-programme associated transportation in Christchurch (bus, taxi, etc)

More information

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