

Global citizenship in the 21st century: Entrepreneurship for sustainable development

The world is more connected than ever before. Reducing inequality, improving social cohesion and tackling climate change, all require citizens from each country to think globally and actively work together to address these global challenges.



The programme will introduce you to the idea of global citizenship from a uniquely Aotearoa New Zealand perspective. By introducing the concept of biculturalism, a commitment to the principles of equal partnership and intercultural understanding between indigenous and non-indigenous New Zealanders, we will reflect on the possibilities that can emerge when we engage with different ways of thinking in considering global challenges.

You will also have the opportunity to put theoretical knowledge into practice by working in small groups to develop ideas for a business or social enterprise that will make a positive contribution to global development in line with the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals. The best ideas will be judged by an expert panel with the winning team awarded a prize.

You will also get to experience life in a new country and to visit sites of natural beauty and interest in, around and beyond Christchurch, including Sumner beach, Castle Hill and a typical New Zealand farm. Other benefits include the opportunity to make new friends from different backgrounds and to improve your English language skills.



‘Steve Jobs told his employees to think fast and break walls. I couldn’t understand this before I came to New Zealand. In this programme, I started to get the meaning of this sentence.’

Brian Ma
2019 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, the University of Canterbury (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 17,000 undergraduate and postgraduate students. QS ranks UC 227th in its 2020 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 worldclass 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 course will begin on Monday, 13 January 2020. Students will be housed on campus and should arrive in Christchurch on Sunday, 12 January 2020. The course will end on Tuesday, 21 January 2020 with students checking out on Wednesday, 22 January 2020.

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 materials.

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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