STUDY IN
CHRISTCHURCH
AND CANTERBURY

Explore the Opportunity
WHY CHRISTCHURCH?

New opportunities await in Christchurch – your Basecamp for exploration. World-class education, unrivalled lifestyle and exciting employment opportunities at the heart of New Zealand’s South Island, Ōtautahi Christchurch is your place to grow. Experience genuine Kiwi culture in a compact urban city centre.

Ōtautahi Christchurch is your next step.
Are you ready to take it?

WORLD-CLASS EDUCATION

High quality education providers with two universities ranked in the top 2% in the world.

2ND LARGEST CITY IN NZ

Christchurch has an urban population of 388,500 and is one of the most affordable cities in Australasia to live.

GLOBALLY CONNECTED

International airport is only 20 minutes from the city centre.

UNRIVALLED LIFESTYLE

Surf, ski and bike in one day; with mountains, lakes and beaches on your doorstep.
Christchurch Educated is a network of over 65 quality education providers in the Canterbury region. Providers collaborate to offer a future-focused pathway for students from primary through to tertiary education, and into employment.

NZ - #1 Education System in the world* for preparing students for the future and creating global citizens (Economist Intelligence Unit 2018) *English Speaking Countries

Lincoln University

EXPLORE YOUR PATHWAY

PRIMARY SCHOOL
Age 5-12 (Year 0-8)

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL
Age 10-12 (Year 7-8)

SECONDARY SCHOOL
Age 12-18 (Year 9 – 13)

TERTIARY EDUCATION
Age 18+
- University
- Institute of Technology and Polytechnic
- Private Tertiary Institutions
- English language schools

EXPLORE WORLD-CLASS STUDY OPPORTUNITIES
Christchurch has two universities ranked in the top 2% in the world with programmes in the top 100, including world-class centres of excellence in Agriculture at Lincoln University and Engineering, Science, and Technology at the University of Canterbury. Ara Institute of Canterbury is the South Island's largest Institute of Technology and Polytechnic and is joined by Christchurch's many private training establishments delivering quality vocational qualifications through real-world experience.

Students in Canterbury have the unique opportunity to immerse themselves in the language, culture and Kiwi way of life thanks to a low ratio of international students.

Christchurch is a diverse and open-hearted community, inclusive of all cultures and backgrounds. The region embraces over 50 ethnicities.
Canterbury needs **40,000 additional skilled workers by 2030** to continue to grow our economy. Increasing numbers of international companies are basing themselves in Christchurch alongside our local businesses and are regularly seeking graduates to fill roles.

**JOB READY PROGRAMME**

“The Job Ready programme helped me understand the NZ work culture, tidy my CV and be more proactive in networking. I had work experience in India, but I needed experience in a New Zealand business. Interning at Lab3 was a great opportunity to get this experience, which I really appreciated. I am now working at Foodstuffs in Christchurch as a Mobile application developer”

- Dilroop Singh, Mobile App Developer, Foodstuffs

The Job Ready programme is for international tertiary students in Canterbury who are wanting to find employment in New Zealand after graduation. The programme includes a series of workshops to train students in job seeking skills and New Zealand work culture. Students can then be matched with businesses for internships and some of these students will go on to full time employment with these or other businesses.


Four key growth industries - ‘Supernodes’ - in which Canterbury has a significant global opportunity, are being developed. Education, industry and government are working together to form cohesive communities around these Supernodes for students and graduates to connect into through regular events, challenges and meetups. These activities provide a great opportunity for students and graduates to connect with businesses, which can lead to internships, work experience and employment.
HIGH TECH SERVICES

Christchurch has New Zealand’s 2nd largest sector and Canterbury is the nation’s second largest manufacturing centre. With an international reputation for producing the smartest service tech, Christchurch boasts a dynamic tech ecosystem offering excellent employment opportunities for graduates. The Christchurch tech sector contributes $2.4 billion worth of GDP and over 15,000 jobs to the local economy.

2nd largest Tech Sector in New Zealand

AEROSPACE AND FUTURE TRANSPORT

Due to its location, geography and clear airspace in combination with expertise in manufacturing, tech and engineering and a strong emergent community, Canterbury has a significant local advantage and capability in the Aerospace and Future Transport industries. New Zealand is one of only 11 launch capable nations, providing international businesses the opportunity to test their ideas here. Local businesses with strengths in bespoke manufacturing, engineering & technical services provide opportunities for graduates in this exciting trillion-dollar global sector.
FOOD, FIBRE AND AGRICULTURE TECHNOLOGY

Canterbury is New Zealand’s largest agricultural region, contributing 20% to the national agricultural GDP. The region produces meat and dairy products, plant-based products, seafood and wine for both domestic and international consumers. The agricultural sector supports 19,000 people employed in agriculture, fishing and forestry and a further 14,400 in agricultural production processing. Christchurch is the logistical hub and provider of manufacturing, technology and professional services into the agricultural sector.

HEALTH TECH AND RESILIENT COMMUNITIES

With the establishment of the central city health precinct creating a much closer connection between research, testing and commercialisation, Christchurch offers the opportunity to accelerate research into analytics and machine learning, virtual healthcare, bio-metrics, wearables and insurance tech. Canterbury’s health system is ranked the 6th best regional health system in the world, providing graduates the opportunity to work in a world-class ecosystem and environment.
BE PART OF A WELCOMING AND PROGRESSIVE COMMUNITY OF CHANGEMAKERS IN A NEW AND INTERNATIONAL CITY

AFFORDABLE LIFESTYLE

Christchurch is one of the most affordable places to live. The cost of accommodation is significantly lower than other New Zealand cities, freeing you up to enjoy the Kiwi lifestyle you have always heard of.

31% cheaper than Wellington
33% cheaper than Auckland

www.numbeo.com/cost-of-living/in/Christchurch

ART AND CULTURE

With a rich Māori and European history and the newest city centre in the country, Christchurch blends heritage buildings and museums with modern art galleries, architecture and unmissable street art.

Christchurch is a retail hub, with the biggest shopping mall in the South Island. The city presents many cultural festivals and events throughout the year and has an abundance of cuisine offerings for every taste.

The laneway culture featuring bars and cafes merges with the Ōtākaro Avon River which flows through the city centre, giving the city an open and airy vibe.
HAGLEY PARK
The largest urban park in the Southern Hemisphere.

PORT HILLS
Over 365 walking, hiking and mountain biking tracks within 20 minutes of the city centre.

BANKS PENINSULA
More than 40 unique bays to explore, including the acclaimed Akaroa Harbour.

CHRISTCHURCH ADVENTURE PARK
880 acres of bike trails and zip lines.

SKI AND SURF
Christchurch has 14 ski fields nearby and numerous black and white sand beaches.

CANTERBURY’S NATURAL WORLD
From whales, dolphins and penguins to alpacas, lambs and cows.
20 MIN FROM THE CITY CENTRE
WHERE TO START?

CHOOSE WHAT TO STUDY AND WHERE
Do your research about New Zealand and the Canterbury region. Decide what you would like to study and find an education provider that offers the qualification. Education agents can assist you help with the enrolment process too.

APPLY FOR YOUR COURSE
Contact the education provider you are interested in to start the enrolment process. Complete the required international student enrolment forms and return them to your provider.

APPLY FOR YOUR VISA
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Once you have an offer of place or letter of acceptance from your education provider, and you’ve paid the required fees, you can apply for your student visa.
For more information visit: immigration.govt.nz

GET READY TO GO
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Once your visa is approved, you can make travel arrangements. Inform your education provider of your plans. Plan your stay in Christchurch and make final arrangements for your arrival.
For more information visit: studyinnewzealand.govt.nz christchurcheducated.co.nz or naumainz.studyinnewzealand.govt.nz

WELCOME TO CHRISTCHURCH AND CANTERBURY!
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We strongly encourage every student to attend the international welcome and orientation at their campus which is a great opportunity to explore and meet other students.