



## Victoria University of Wellington (VU-W)

is nestled between a beautiful harbour and rolling green hills located in Wellington, New Zealand's capital city.

*Victoria University of Wellington Te Whare Wananga o te Upoko o te Ika a Maui* in Maori means "The University at the head of the fish of Maui". In Maori mythology, the North Island of New Zealand was a great fish hauled from the depths of the Pacific Ocean by the god Maui from his boat, the South Island.

There are four campuses with classroom buildings that blend into the landscape of the city. Three are located in the inner city, with the fourth located in the suburb of Karori, about a 10-minute drive from the city centre where the Faculty of Education is located. Halls of Residence are available in and around the city centre with a reliable public transport system connecting the city and residences with the Karori campus. Facilities include libraries, cafes, a bank, a pharmacy, a book center, computer shop, newspapers, a travel agent, recreation and cultural facilities, health services, and marae (Maori meeting house). All students receive a Victoria University e-mail address at enrolment and can use a number of computer suites on campus. Victoria has one of New Zealand's most successful student networks to help students get the very best out of their time at University. Support for university life – academic, social, cultural and personal is available. Victoria International provides a specific support network for international students. There are also over 120 student organizations at the University that you can get involved in including academic, athletic, cultural, religious, political, and artistic clubs. Canadian students will be joining a student body of over 20,000, which includes over 2,800 international students from more than 80 different countries.



## CANTEACH COURSE OPTIONS

Graduate Diploma,  
- Primary and Secondary options  
Full Degree and Study Abroad options available

### *Graduate Diploma of Teaching (Primary)*

This program enables students to utilise existing knowledge and skills and to develop expertise in teaching and learning within the full range of curricula offered in primary schools. Students will become familiar with the New Zealand primary school system and through regular contact with a range of schools will also have the opportunity to develop an understanding by linking theories of teaching and learning to the classroom. There are four major parts to this program which include: principles of teaching and learning, general pedagogical knowledge, organising for teaching and learning, beginning teaching.

### *Graduate Diploma of Teaching (Secondary)*

This program prepares students to become confident and competent secondary teachers, well able to meet the challenges of a 21<sup>st</sup> century classroom. There are five main elements within this program: teaching for learning, curriculum studies, selected studies, directed studies and teaching experience. It involves students in an interactive process with lecturers and teachers as students work on the theory and practice of learning and teaching.

## Start dates/Orientation dates

Orientation week: mid-late January  
Term 1: late January–mid/late June  
Term 2: late November/early December

## Costs

Tuition: approx. \$22,300 NZD/year (Graduate Diploma)  
Living expenses: approx. \$15,000 NZD/year

## Geography/location

Wellington is a beautiful, compact city with vibrant and cosmopolitan atmosphere, so you will never be short of things to do and see in Wellington.

The city has a regional population of over 400,000 and offers a healthy lifestyle in a mild to temperate climate while also acting as a gateway to the rest of New Zealand through a busy domestic and international airport. The Wellington region also offers many recreational and sporting activities such as water sports, hill and bush walking and fishing while skiing is a four-hour drive away.

## Features

As the nation's cultural capital Wellington offers access to the country's major museums, libraries and national institutions. Wellington also hosts regular cultural festivals, including the New Zealand International festival of the Arts (one the top six arts festivals of the world) and the Wellington International Film Festival.

Wellington has one of the best stadiums in New Zealand and students have the chance to see the finest rugby in the world, rugby league, and cricket. With the stadium only minutes from the entertainment district the chance to enjoy a home team win and continue the nights festivities is never far away. As the capital city, international and local performing artists also frequently visit Wellington.

