

2026 NZ Uni Pathways Programme Overview

A stepping-stone into University



The University of Auckland
Certificate in Foundation Studies (Level 3)



Auckland University of Technology
Certificate in Foundation Studies (Level 3)



Victoria University of Wellington
Foundation Studies Programme (Level 3)



These exciting foundation programmes provide thorough preparation for university and guaranteed entry to one of three leading universities in New Zealand.

- Different programmes (6, 8/9 or 12-months in length) designed to transition students with limited English language skills to undergraduate degree programmes.
- The Pathways Link Programme (PLP) is an innovative educational initiative designed specifically for international students aged 14-17 who have recently finished their junior high school education and aspire to study abroad.
- Foundation Connect is the extension programme for any student who does not yet meet the entry requirements based on academic background and English language skills.
- Subjects of your choice for a global career.
- Upskill in academic English and gain essential subject knowledge, critical study skills, computer proficiency and research techniques.
- English language proficiency can be tested by an online test, UP English Language Test (UPELT), without the need for external IELTS.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Be at least 16 years old.
- Completion of New Zealand secondary Year 12 (NZCE Level 2), or Grade 11/12 (Asia), or Second/Third year of senior high school, or equivalent.



FOUNDATION STUDIES

- The University of Auckland Certificate in Foundation Studies
- Auckland University of Technology Certificate in Foundation Studies
- Victoria University of Wellington Foundation Studies Programme



BACHELOR'S DEGREE

- Year 1 Bachelor Degree at
- » University of Auckland
 - » Auckland University of Technology
 - » Victoria University of Wellington



	University of Auckland	Auckland University of Technology (AUT)	Victoria University of Wellington
Popular Bachelor Degrees*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engineering • Medicine and Surgery • Commerce • Science 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication Studies • Computer and Information Sciences • International Hospitality Management • Health Science 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Architectural Studies • Design Innovation • Laws • Arts • Psychology • Global Studies • Popular Music

* For progression requirements from Foundation programme, please visit our websites at

- » internationalcollege.ac.nz/degree-progression-requirements
- » aut.up.education/progression-requirements
- » wgtn.up.education/progression-requirements

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THE UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND CERTIFICATE IN FOUNDATION STUDIES (LEVEL 3)

Programme options	Tuition fee (NZD) [^]	Enrolment fee (NZD)	Resource fee (NZD)	English language requirements	2026 Start dates (including Orientation)
Accelerated 6 months	\$27,623	\$550	-	IELTS Level 6.0 (min 5.5 in all bands)*	27 January, 2 September
Fast-track 8-9 months	\$36,830	\$550	-	IELTS Level 5.5 (min 5.0 in all bands)**	20 April, 28 September
Standard 12 months	\$36,830	\$550	-	IELTS Level 5.0 (min 4.5 in all bands)**	27 January, 13 July
Foundation Connect 6 months	\$18,533	\$550	\$1,400	IELTS Level 4.5 (min 4.0 in all bands)**	27 January, 20 April, 13 July, 28 September
Pathways Link 12 months	\$35,438	\$550	\$2,300	IELTS Level 4.5 (min 4.0 in all bands)**	27 January, 13 July

[^] Tuition Fee subject to change

*or approved alternatives to the University of Auckland's IELTS requirements

**or agreed equivalents including UP Education English tests

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✓ Pathways Link Scholarship

Scholarship is valued at NZ\$5,000 of the tuition fee.

✓ Foundation Scholarship

High Achiever Awards of up to NZ\$5,000 are available and this will go towards the fees for the Foundation course.

✓ Undergraduate Scholarship

The University of Auckland Foundation Pathway High Achiever Award offers NZ\$20,000 scholarships to the top 15 high-achieving students each semester from the Certificate in Foundation Studies (Level 3) programme, supporting their first-year tuition in undergraduate studies at the University of Auckland.

AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY CERTIFICATE IN FOUNDATION STUDIES (LEVEL 3) & VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON FOUNDATION STUDIES PROGRAMME (LEVEL 3)

Programme options	Tuition fee (NZD) [^]	Enrolment fee (NZD)	Resource fee (NZD)	Assessment fee (NZD)	English language requirements	2026 Start dates (incl. Orientation)	UP Education Online English Test
Accelerated 6 months	\$21,525	\$550	\$1,100	\$500	IELTS Level 6.0 (min 5.0 in all bands)	27 January, 20 April, 13 July, 28 September	IELTS criteria can be substituted for assessment with an UP Education Online Interview test or agreed equivalent. Visit our website for more information.
Fast-track 8-9 months	\$26,775	\$550	\$1,100	\$500	IELTS Level 5.5 (min 5.0 in all bands)		
Standard 12 months	\$34,440	\$550	\$1,100	\$500	IELTS Level 5.0 (min 4.5 in all bands)		
Foundation Connect 6 months	\$18,533	\$550	\$1,400	\$500	IELTS Level 4.5 (min 4.0 in all bands)	27 January, 13 July	
Pathways Link 12 months	\$35,438	\$550	\$2,300	-	IELTS Level 4.5 (min 4.0 in all bands)**		

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✓ Pathways Link Scholarship

Scholarship is valued at NZ\$5,000 of the tuition fee.

✓ Pathway Scholarship

International Excellence Scholarships of up to NZ\$5,000 are available for the Foundation Studies Programme.

✓ Progression Scholarship

Progression scholarships of up to NZ\$5,000 are awarded towards the tuition fees of the first year of undergraduate degree study at Victoria University of Wellington or Auckland University of Technology (AUT).

How to Apply

Talk to your local education pathway counsellor or visit our websites.

- Enrolment Enquiry: admissions@up.education
- General Enquiry: international@up.education
- UP Accommodation Enquiry: accommodation@up.education

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AUT Certificate in Foundation Studies

VISIT: [AUT.UP.EDUCATION](https://www.aut.up.education)

Victoria University of Wellington Foundation Studies Programme

VISIT: [WGTON.UP.EDUCATION](https://www.wgtn.up.education)