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**2020** MBA Programme  
PGDipBus Programme

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## Our MBA and PGDipBus graduates are confident decision makers in a complex and changing world

When you choose to study for your MBA or PGDipBus at the University of Auckland Business School, you are committing to contribute as a leader in your business and beyond. You are becoming part of a large, globally networked community of people who believe in a thriving New Zealand economy. You are making an investment to open new doors in your mind and in your career. I invite you to take this challenge and to reap the rewards.

**PROFESSOR JAYNE GODFREY**

Dean, the University of Auckland Business School

## Challenge yourself to take your career further

Our MBA and Postgraduate Diploma in Business are executive-level programmes designed for working professionals like yourself who are committed to enhancing their long-term career prospects.

We can help set you up for life-long learning and development. Relish new challenges and develop the skills to thrive in a fast-paced, ever-changing business environment.

We will support you in extending your business network through interacting with some of the country's most innovative business leaders.

We can help you build your management capability and drive the performance of the organisations shaping New Zealand's economy.

Beginning your MBA or PGDipBus journey requires careful consideration. There are many things to think about – is it the right time, the right programme and the right business school for you?



You will also need to think about how your study will fit with the commitments in your life and discuss your plans with your partner, your family and your employer.

We are here to support you in your decision. Join us at a Connect! information evening on the first Monday of every month. You are welcome to bring your partner, friends, manager or colleagues. You will meet our staff and fellow candidates. Please register via our website [www.mba.auckland.ac.nz/events-information-sessions](http://www.mba.auckland.ac.nz/events-information-sessions)

**DR RICK STARR**

Director, MBA and PGDipBus

## How we rank

The University of Auckland Business School is one of the **top 1% of business schools worldwide** that have been awarded the coveted **triple crown** by the foremost global accrediting agencies. This means that our MBA degree has international recognition.

One of the key factors in our continued triple accreditation is the quality of our teaching faculty as judged by their peers and our alumni. Many of our teachers have international experience and bring insights from working in or with businesses in New Zealand and abroad.

## QS World Rankings

The University of Auckland is ranked **New Zealand's leading university** in the **2020 QS World University Rankings**. The University is placed **83rd** in the world. No other New Zealand university is ranked in the top 100.



# Am I ready for a Postgraduate Diploma in Business (PGDipBus)?

If you are at a transitional point in your career development and seeking new perspectives, skills and networks then a PGDipBus could be what you need.

The PGDipBus delivers a challenging and powerful learning experience. The programme encourages and motivates middle managers to explore beyond their current skillset and stand out from their peers. It provides a foundation to help them realise their professional potential.

## Eligibility

The PGDipBus is open to New Zealand citizens or residents. Applicants with a bachelors degree must have at least two years' practical experience at middle management level. Applicants without a degree must have at least five years' practical experience at middle management level.

Postgraduate Diploma in Business in Administration graduates with a GPA of 5.0 or higher may apply to the MBA.

## PGDipBus (120 point)



# Am I ready for a Master of Business Administration (MBA)?

MBA study is a life-changing experience. It is an important transitional stage in your personal and professional development as a leader and decision maker. In addition to professional skills, you will gain confidence, capability and connections to help you thrive in the ever-changing global business world.

Making the investment in MBA study requires careful consideration. A globally recognised MBA is the premier qualification for driven individuals who are committed to making a positive leadership contribution and unlocking their potential. An MBA is for individuals looking for an intellectual challenge, who will be energised by the opportunity to embark on an exciting and demanding journey of development through learning and practice.

## Eligibility

The MBA is open to New Zealand and international applicants with at least three years' appropriate management experience who have a relevant bachelors degree.\* Eligibility is also dependent on GPA/GPE, appropriate references and successfully completing the application process, including an interview.

Note: A relevant bachelors degree may be in fields such as business, engineering, humanities, sciences or technology.

\*Subject to the approval of the Committee on University Academic Programmes (CUAP).

## MBA (180 point)



## PGDipBus at a glance

**Average age:** 34 years

**Average years of employment:** 11 years

**Experience level:** 3 years in mid management roles

**Programme structure:** Two years (eight courses), one course per quarter, part-time

**Contact time per course:** Per quarter (12 weeks): Three hours per week (5.30–8.30pm) for 10 weeks, plus one assessment week and one break week.

**Intake dates:** Two intakes a year in Q1 and Q3  
13 January 2020 intake (Q1): applications close 1 November 2019  
6 July 2020 intake (Q3): applications close 1 May 2020

**Cost:** \$18,251\* (does not include Student Services fee and associated costs for parking/textbooks etc)

\*Indicative cost for 2019 for the full 120 point programme. Please refer to our website [www.pgdiabus.auckland.ac.nz](http://www.pgdiabus.auckland.ac.nz)

## MBA at a glance

**Average age:** 37.5 years

**Average years of employment:** 13 years

**Experience level:** 5.5 years in management roles

**Programme structure:** 18 months (16 courses), 2–4 courses per quarter, part-time

**Contact time per quarter (18 month pathway):** Fortnightly weekend block (Friday afternoon and evening, all day Saturday) over 10 weeks, plus one assessment week and one break week.

**Intake dates:** Two intakes a year in Q2 and Q4  
13 April 2020 intake (Q2): applications close 1 February 2020,  
28 September 2020 intake (Q4): applications close 1 July 2020

**Cost:** \$41,695\* (does not include fee for international business trip, Student Services fee and associated costs for parking/textbooks etc)

\*Indicative cost for 2019 for the full 180 point programme. Please refer to our website [www.mba.auckland.ac.nz](http://www.mba.auckland.ac.nz)

# Meet some of our alumni



## PGDip helps to prepare for career advancement

A Postgraduate Diploma in Business is helping Teina prepare for the next step in her career.

For Teina, Community Engagement Manager at Vector, a PGDipBus was a personal and professional achievement that provided a qualification to take her career to the next level.

“My career had been progressing. I’d had three different leadership roles at Vector and I’d been able to achieve things without a qualification to validate that. But I thought, what if the next opportunity comes along and I’m overlooked? Having a PGDipBus has solidified what I’ve learned and will help my future career.”



## MBA brings a fresh understanding of leadership

The MBA has shaped Samuel into a more effective leader with a new understanding of what it means to lead a high-performance team.

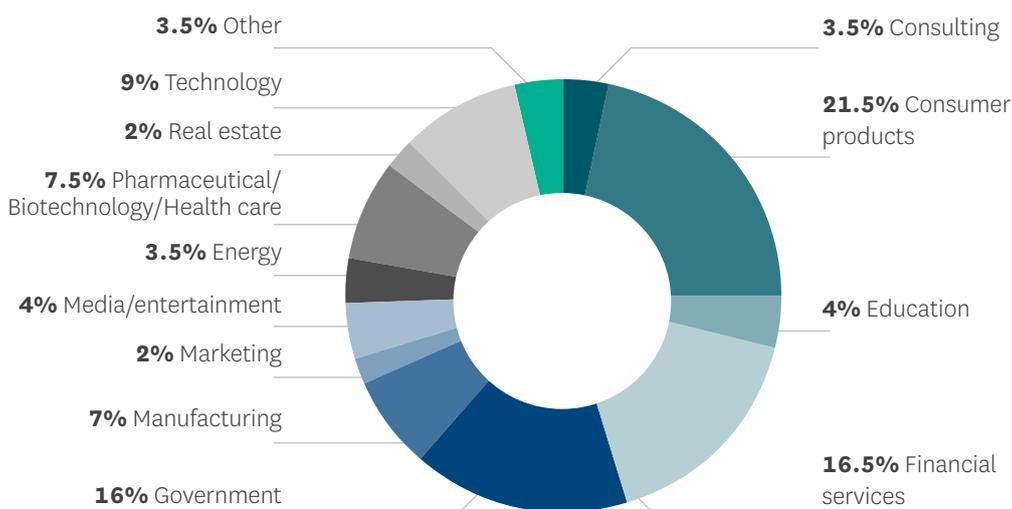
Samuel, vice-president marketing for Parrot Analytics, says “The programme teaches you to open yourself up to entirely new and unexpected perspectives, and to deal with complex problems where a solution set is not necessarily defined.”

“One of the MBA’s cornerstones is the learning gained from other leaders in the classroom. The cross learning from being exposed to various disciplines and industry sectors is so valuable.”

## Our MBA students’ industry backgrounds

Our programmes attract professionals from organisations of all sizes, in all industries and sectors. The learning environment is a dynamic one where students stretch and challenge each other’s thinking.

Data source: MBA 2017 cohort.



## Key dates

| PGDipBus – January and June intake |          |          |           |   |
|------------------------------------|----------|----------|-----------|---|
| Quarter                            | Start    | End      | Exam date | Applications close  |
| 1                                  | 13/01/20 | 21/03/20 | 28/03/20  | <b>1 November 2019</b><br>Application closing date for 13 January 2020 start. |
| 2                                  | 13/04/20 | 20/06/20 | 27/06/20  |   |
| 3                                  | 6/07/20  | 12/09/20 | 19/09/20  | <b>1 May 2020</b><br>Application closing date for 6 July 2020 start.          |
| 4                                  | 28/09/20 | 5/12/20  | 12/12/20  |   |

Class times: One weeknight (5.30–8.30pm) 30 contact hours per quarter.

| MBA – April and September intake |          |          |           |   |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------|-----------|---|
| Quarter                          | Start    | End      | Exam date | Applications close  |
| 1                                | 13/01/20 | 21/03/20 | 28/03/20  | <b>1 February 2020</b><br>Application closing date for 13 April 2020 start. |
| 2                                | 13/04/20 | 20/06/20 | 27/06/20  |   |
| 3                                | 06/07/20 | 12/09/20 | 19/09/20  | <b>1 July 2020</b><br>Application closing date for 28 September 2020 start. |
| 4                                | 28/09/20 | 05/12/20 | 12/12/20  |   |

Class times: Weekend block (Friday and Saturday) fortnightly.

## Contact us

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