



Are you considering undertaking a PhD in Tourism, Hospitality, or Leisure studies?

Consider the Tourism Department at the University of Otago, New Zealand

The Tourism Department at the University of Otago is one of the world's leading research institutes in the field of tourism, hospitality, and leisure studies. The department is home to an array of [leading, internationally recognised researchers](#) and a highly active multinational postgraduate program. The following staff are actively seeking PhD students in the areas mentioned. You should contact these staff directly if you are interested in working on a project that matches their interests. If you are unsure whether your proposed topic fits any of these research areas please contact the departmental PhD coordinator in the first instance who will put you in touch with a potential supervisor:

[Associate Professor Hazel Tucker \(hazel.tucker@otago.ac.nz\)](mailto:hazel.tucker@otago.ac.nz)

- Representation and identity
- Postcolonialism
- Socio-cultural change
- Cultural heritage/World heritage
- Gender
- Entrepreneurship

[Professor James Higham \(james.higham@otago.ac.nz\)](mailto:james.higham@otago.ac.nz)

- Tourism and environmental change (e.g. natural disasters, nature-based tourism)
- Tourism and global climate change (e.g. business vulnerability and response)
- Sport, recreation and tourism (e.g. events and sport tourism)

[Associate Professor Neil Carr \(neil.carr@otago.ac.nz\)](mailto:neil.carr@otago.ac.nz)

- Tourism and leisure behaviour
- Sex, drugs, or alcohol in leisure, tourism, or hospitality
- Animals in the leisure and tourism experience

[Associate Professor Brent Lovelock \(brent.lovelock@otago.ac.nz\)](mailto:brent.lovelock@otago.ac.nz)

- Consumptive wildlife tourism (hunting, fishing)
- Ethical travel
- Sustainable nature based tourism/recreation
- Tourism planning

[Dr Anna Thompson-Carr \(anna.thompson@otago.ac.nz\)](mailto:anna.thompson@otago.ac.nz) Centre for Recreation Research

- Wilderness and adventure tourism management
- Commercialised outdoor recreation
- Indigenous tourism

[Dr Tianyu Ying \(tianyu.ying@otago.ac.nz\)](mailto:tianyu.ying@otago.ac.nz)

- Social network analysis in tourism
- Tourism information; Social media and destination marketing
- Sustainable tourism, Rural tourism

[Dr Sebastian Filep \(tourism.phd@otago.ac.nz\)](mailto:tourism.phd@otago.ac.nz) (joins Department in May 2012)

- Positive psychology, happiness and well being
- Tourism and quality of life
- Health and wellness tourism
- Tourist satisfaction and motivation

[Dr Mary Conran \(tourism.phd@otago.ac.nz\)](mailto:tourism.phd@otago.ac.nz) (joins Department in June 2012)

- Development
- Political economy

- Cultural politics
- Alternative tourism
- Representation and identity
- Social movements

All PhD students based in New Zealand during their candidature pay domestic fees irrespective of their nationality. The University of Otago offers approximately 181 PhD scholarships that are open to both domestic and international applicants. The Tourism Department at the University of Otago provides financial support to all students to attend domestic and international conferences and to undertake fieldwork pertinent to their studies. All students are provided with a personal computer and a workspace in a shared office. More details of the Tourism Department, its [PhD program](#) and [application process](#), and the research interests of other potential PhD supervisors are available at <http://www.business.otago.ac.nz/tourism/>