

Master of Urban Resilience and Renewal (MURR)

Key facts about the programme

- 1 Only degree of its kind in the world
- 2 Graduates can apply from any undergraduate degrees from most disciplines
- 3 Skills and knowledge to help communities respond to urban challenges
- 4 Graduate with a combination of highly-developed skills to help communities shape their cities



What does this programme cover?

The MURR programme prepares you for a career in the emerging and rapidly developing field of urban resilience and renewal. You will learn how to help communities and governments address challenges facing their cities – now and in the future – with a specific focus on:

- Urban renewal in Ōtautahi Christchurch, a city navigating many issues as it continues to recover from the 2010/11 earthquakes
- How communities respond to challenges that cities are facing today
- Community engagement, partnering students with community organisations and local government

The programme consists of a community engaged thesis carried out with a community partner, and two compulsory courses:

- Resilient Cities
- Coasts and Rivers: from natural processes to urban environments

Remaining coursework can be chosen from appropriate courses within your area of interest including:

- Geography
- Environmental Science
- Statistics
- Engineering
- Water Science and Management
- Hazard and Disaster Management
- Health Sciences

What are the entry requirements?

- A relevant degree with a UC equivalent B average
- 90 points from relevant 300-level courses
- Executive Dean of Science approval

English	Overall	Lowest Band
IELTS	6.5	6.0
TOEFL	90	19 in reading, writing and listening
Pearson	58	50 communicative skills

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Start dates

February

Duration to complete

MURR12 months

Features

Work integrated learningYes
 Research projectYes
 Community engagementYes

Tuition fees*

MURR\$61,500

Scholarship

For more information on scholarships go to www.canterbury.ac.nz/get-started/scholarships/

*The price (tuition fee) is indicative for 2023.



‘It is inspiring to be working within a niche that is rapidly developing and where new ideas are constantly emerging.’

Tessa Meyer

Bachelor of Science
Master of Urban Resilience and Renewal
Principal Advisor – Carbon Neutral Programme, Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI)

What careers can this lead to?

MURR graduates will have the skills, knowledge and competencies to be employed in any organisation involved in urban resilience and renewal.

MURR graduates go on to work in roles such as advisors, planners and analysts in:

- Urban regeneration
 - Sustainability
 - Transport policy
 - Resource management
 - Local and regional government
 - Community engagement
 - Environment
- and more



‘I hope to gradually increase my level of influence and the scale of my impact.’

Kaitlyn Stringer

Bachelor of Arts in Geography and Media & Communication
Master of Urban Resilience and Renewal
Policy Advisor, Beca
Committee Member, Te Waka Rangatahi | Young Transport Professionals, Intelligent Transport Systems New Zealand

More information

How to apply

Apply online through myUC:
<https://myuc.canterbury.ac.nz>

When to enrol

Applications need to be received 5 weeks before the programme starts.

Who to contact

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Why New Zealand?

- 2nd most peaceful country (Global Peace Index, 2021)
- 4th in the world for natural environment (Legatum Prosperity Index, 2021)
- 12th in the world for education (Legatum Prosperity Index, 2021)

Why Christchurch?

- Largest city in South Island
- 2nd largest city in New Zealand
- Easy to get around
- 2nd most affordable city (christchurchnz.com)
- Strong economy and lowest unemployment rate (christchurchnz.com)

Why the University of Canterbury?

- Top 1% Universities in the world (QS World University Rankings, 2023)
- 38 subjects ranked in the top 300*
- Geophysics – top 200*
- Earth and Marine Sciences – top 200*
- Geography Top 150*
- Residential campus
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- 3000+ Employer connections
- 35 Research Centres including: Biomolecular Interaction Centre, Te Taiwhenua o te Hauora | GeoHealth Laboratory, Toi Hangarau | Geospatial Research Institute

*QS World University Rankings by subject, 2022

Useful information

Refer to our website for more information on:

- University of Canterbury
 - Christchurch as a study destination
 - Student visa and insurance
- www.canterbury.ac.nz/international