

Global Competence Development Programme

Explore and learn in Aotearoa New Zealand.
Become a global citizen and future leader!










Programme Overview

The UC Global Competence Development Programme equips participants with the skills and mindset required to thrive in an interconnected world. Through immersive experiences, participants enhance their ability to engage across cultures, strengthen communication skills, and cultivate creative problem-solving capabilities. The programme promotes **excellence in learning, sustainability, inclusivity, and global responsibility**—aligning with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This holistic approach prepares participants to **excel academically** and **lead with confidence** in a rapidly evolving global landscape.



Programme Highlights

-  meaningful interactions with local **leaders**, network with global **peers** & UC **faculty**
-  vibrant **Māori cultural workshop**
-  dynamic city of **Christchurch**
-  scenic environment through the **Akaroa Nature Cruise**
-  visit to the **International Antarctic Centre**
-  art of **problem-solving** with innovative strategies for real-world challenges
-  growth of **cultural intelligence** and **communicative competence**

“You cannot just have **wonderful classes** lectured by those **esteemed teachers** and professors from the university, but we can also have a great time enjoying those **beautiful sceneries** and **wonderful activities**.”


Siwei Deng

2025 Programme Participant



Itinerary

Day	Activities/Highlights
Day 1	Arrival; Explore Local Area
Day 2	UC Welcome; Project Introduction; Social Event
Day 3	City Exploration; City Council Visit & Meet the Mayor
Day 4	Cultural Intelligence; Global Leadership Identity
Day 5	Akaroa Nature Cruise
Day 6	Self-exploration Day
Day 7	Sustainability Goals & Practices; Mentoring Session
Day 8	Māori Culture Immersion
Day 9	Academic Discovery Session
Day 10	Presentation Up-skilling; International Antarctic Centre Visit
Day 11	Reflection and Presentation; Award Ceremony
Day 12	Riccarton Bush Walk; Departure Day

 Two weeks, including international travel (Itinerary subject to change).

About University of Canterbury

Top 100	Global Impact (2025 THE Impact Rankings)
150+ Years	Established in 1873
25,000+	Students enrolled
2,500+	International students
100+	Nationalities represented on campus
3,000+	Industry connections
2nd	In New Zealand for employment outcomes
30 minutes	Drive to beaches and mountains from UC

About Christchurch

1st	Happiest city in New Zealand (2024 Happy City Index)
2nd	Biggest city in New Zealand
Top 100	Best Student City (QS World University Rankings 2025)

About New Zealand

1st	Most beautiful country in the world (Rough Guides 2024)
2nd	In the world for Human Rights and Freedom (Fraser Institute Worldwide for Human Freedom 2024)
4th	Safest country in the world (Global Peace Index 2024)



Akaroa (ChristchurchNZ)



He Puna Taimoana Hot Pools

Nau mai, tauti mai Welcome

Globally recognised, UC is proud to have been serving our communities for more than 150 years.

Notable Alumni

Throughout this time, many outstanding alumni have graduated from UC and gone on to make great contributions to society, helping to shape the world we now live in. **Scientists, prime ministers, journalists, artists, entrepreneurs, and more;** UC graduates have a history of bringing groundbreaking discoveries and improvements into the world.

These include:

- **Nobel Prize** winner **Ernest Rutherford**, the first person to split the atom
- Astronomy theoretician Beatrice Tinsley
- John Key, former Prime Minister of New Zealand
- Christopher Luxon, current **Prime Minister** of New Zealand
- and more

Continue Your Studies with UC

At the University of Canterbury, your future is full of possibilities.

With over 120 qualifications across 150+ subject areas—from pre-bachelor to PhD level—UC offers world-class education tailored to your goals. Whether your passion lies in Engineering, Business, Education, or beyond, UC provides the academic excellence and support to guide your next steps.

Take your global learning experience further through study abroad, articulation pathways, direct master's entry, or PhD programmes. Discover your potential and shape your future with UC.

Special Award Available

Complete the Global Competence Development Programme and enrol at UC to receive a limited, dedicated award.

T&Cs apply.

Contact Information

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“My engagement in UC’s summer programme has opened my eyes to the uniqueness of New Zealand and UC’s **supportive, student-focused education**. I was also impressed by the thoughtful integration of **Māori culture** and the **strong encouragement for personal growth**. Motivated by this, I returned to complete my Master and later volunteered for the summer programme in January 2024. I’m now working at CCEL and continue to enjoy being part of the UC community.”

Mufan Zhang

2019 Programme Participant

2023–2024 Master of Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages

Current teacher at CCEL

