

Kaitoko in Te Kura Tāura | UC Graduate School: Supporting research students' academic and personal wellbeing

Te Kura Tāura kaitoko will be a first point of contact for students, supervisors and other UC staff supporting research students. They will welcome new students and support their transition into UC, as well as accompany students in their research journey and support the development of students' graduate research identities. Kaitoko will be available to help familiarise students with university processes, and will offer one-on-one sessions as well as orientations, workshops and talks. Kaitoko will become an additional anchor point outside the supervisory team and will check in with students regularly. In addition, students will be encouraged to engage with their kaitoko at least every six months and in case any issues arise.

Kaitoko will not provide academic feedback or discipline-specific advice or resources but will serve as a centralised point of contact to help students navigate university services and connect to the support service they need.

Kaitoko can be contacted by email at graduateschool@canterbury.ac.nz and by phone; for Keryn Roberts (+64 3 369 2896), for Maddy Jones (+64 3 369 0182). Students will be able to book appointments on the Te Kura Tāura | UC Graduate School website.

