

PhD Applications



Resilient Organisations is a public good research programme based in New Zealand. We have been researching what makes organisations resilient to crises since 2004. Resilient Organisations is a collaboration between top New Zealand research universities, particularly the University of Canterbury and the University of Auckland. We are funded by the Natural Hazards Platform and supported by a diverse group of industry partners and advisors.

Each year we receive a number of requests to join our Resilient Organisations as a PhD student. We have a limited number of students we can take on each year. Joining our team means that students not only get accepted for supervision by one of our lead researchers, but that they also have the opportunity to work alongside a team of vibrant researchers committed to helping organisations to become more resilient. We work with successful applicants to develop their research focus and approach so that it fills a critical knowledge gap. We also work with students to apply for funding for their studies.

- This application is for students wanting to undertake full time study towards a degree of Doctor of Philosophy at either the University of Canterbury or University of Auckland.
- The student will be required to be based in Christchurch, New Zealand (if enrolling with the University of Canterbury) or Auckland, New Zealand (if enrolling with the University of Auckland) for the duration of their research. Selection of which University the student should enrol will depend on the match between the student's chosen topic and the location of potential research supervisors.
- Applicants should have a track record of academic excellence with a minimum GPA equivalent to an A- average, although normally successful applicants would have a higher GPA.
- The student's research topic will be the basis of negotiation between the student and the Resilient Organisations research team, but will need to be aligned with ongoing research priorities within Resilient Organisations. The research topic will be mutually agreed between the student and Resilient Organisations before the research can commence. We will discuss potential research topics with shortlisted candidates, based on their previous qualifications and experience, during the interview process.
- Shortlisted candidates will be supported in their application to apply for scholarships where appropriate. For example, there are a range of doctoral scholarships for students with excellent grades, including:
 - [University of Canterbury Doctoral Scholarships](#)
 - [University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarships](#)
 - [New Zealand International Doctoral Research Scholarships \(NZIDRS\)](#)

To find out more about Resilient Organisations have a look at our website
www.resorgs.org.nz.

PhD Application Form

Name:	
Email Address:	
Skype Name:	
Qualifications:	
Career Experience:	
Prizes/Awards:	

Month/Year when able to start PhD Study (note that a PhD student can start their research at any time during the year):	
Are you intending to apply for a University of Canterbury Scholarship?	Yes / No
If you do not get a University of Canterbury Scholarship, do you have other means of funding your study?	Yes / No / I will apply for other scholarships
Referee 1: (name, position, phone number, email).	
Referee 2: (name, position, phone number, email).	
Attachments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please attach a copy of your full tertiary level education academic transcript. • Please attach a 1 page description of yourself, your background, why you think you would be a good fit within the Resilient Organisations team, and your career aspirations. • Please attach a 1 page description of your proposed area of research. If you do not have any pre-formed ideas on research topics, please instead write about which aspects of organisational resilience interest you most. • Please attach an article or paper that you have written so that we can see your writing style and ability to communicate ideas. The paper can be on any topic and does not have to be related to organisational resilience. It can be something you have submitted as a course assignment.

Please submit documents in PDF format.

Submit your application by email to admin@resorgs.org.nz