

# Centre for Applied Cross-cultural Research

Te Pae Rangahau Tauhōkai Ahurea



“  
*Learn everything you can, anytime you can, from anyone you can, there will  
always come a time when you will be grateful you did.*  
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Sarah Caldwell



## WHO IS CACR?

The Centre for Applied Cross-cultural Research (or CACR as we're mostly known by) is a research centre based within the School of Psychology at Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand.

Established in 2004, CACR responds to the challenges of globalization, migration, and growing cultural diversity through sound theory and research.

We are international experts in cross-cultural research.

Learn more about us online at: [www.wgtn.ac.nz/cacr](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/cacr)



*Internships are short-term, full-time and unpaid.*

## WHY BECOME AN INTERN?

Becoming an intern at the Centre for Applied Cross-cultural Research is a great opportunity to extend your studies, network with other scholars, and have a truly international experience.



## WHAT EXPERIENCE DO YOU NEED?

Students best suited to CACR internships are those who are studying psychology, sociology or statistics.

Basic skills and knowledge in psychology, including basic statistics, and cross-cultural psychology are recommended.

Most of our interns are completing their Bachelor or Masters degrees or have just graduated.

You don't need to be an expert! All students who have a strong interest in cross-cultural research are encouraged to apply.

*"I have learned a lot, and of course I have been part of this wonderful lab which I really enjoy spending time with people here, a really productive and friendly environment."*

Kristi Jylhal, CACR INTERN 2015

*"I found it stimulating and rewarding. It helped me learn about my own ways of thinking and the presumptions I brought to cross-cultural psychology and to break down my own stereotypes and prejudices as well."*

Martin McManus, CACR INTERN 2015

## WHAT WILL YOUR INTERNSHIP INVOLVE?

### RESEARCH

Your supervisor will allocate you research work which will depend on your supervisor's research focus. You will most likely be required to do both qualitative and quantitative research. Often interns work on several projects at once.

### LAB MEETINGS

Two-hour CACR meetings are held monthly during term time. And small lab meetings may be run weekly by your potential CACR supervisor. You will be required to attend these meetings while you are here. They provide a great opportunity to learn about other researchers and build your own academic networks.

### LECTURES

Attending lectures is not compulsory for interns, however at CACR we recommend you attend a selection of cross-cultural psychology lectures which are given by CACR academics.

### EVENTS

Depending on the time of year you visit, CACR is often involved in different events which you may be invited to attend. Victoria University also has a lively set of events which occur during the year and you are encouraged to actively participate in university life.

## HOW TO BECOME A CACR INTERN

### Step 1

#### • CACR SUPERVISOR

- Find yourself a CACR Supervisor. Visit the CACR website & decide which CACR Fellow best suits your research interests. Email the Fellow and ask if they are available to supervise you.

### Step 2

#### • APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

- Download and complete the Internship Application Form. Send the completed Internship Application Form, your short answer questions, and your cv to [cacr@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:cacr@vuw.ac.nz).

### Step 3

#### • INTERNSHIP PLAN

- You will receive a copy of your proposed Internship Plan. Check over the Internship Plan and email your agreement to [cacr@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:cacr@vuw.ac.nz).

### Step 4

#### • APPROVAL OF INTERNSHIP

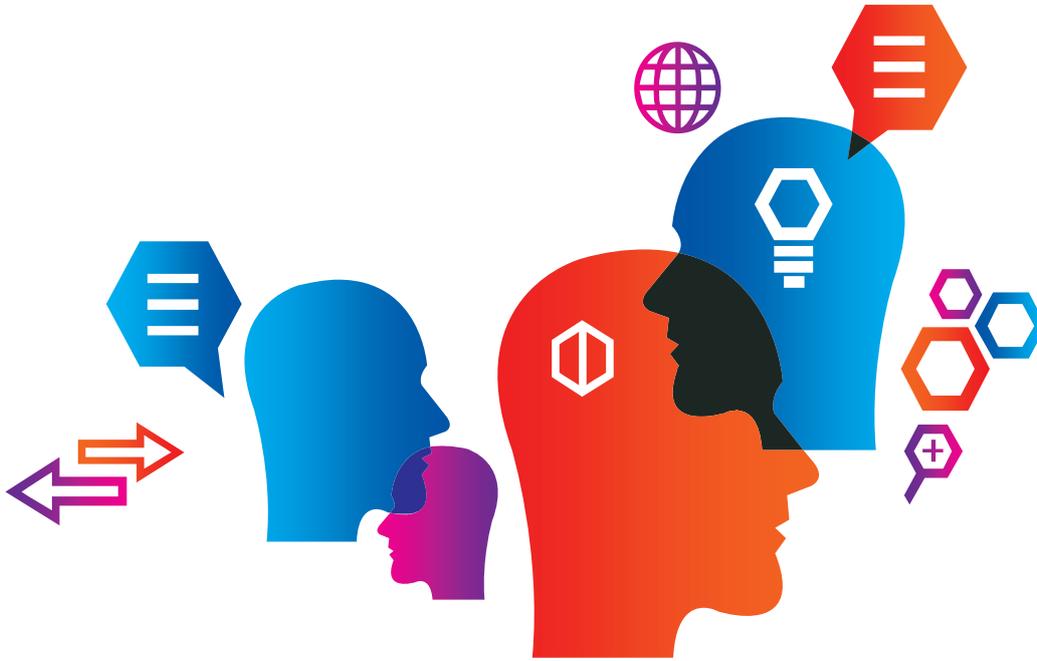
- Once the documentation is complete, the CACR Manager will seek approval for your internship from the Head of the School of Psychology.

### Step 5

#### • CONFIRMATION OF YOUR INTERNSHIP

- Once your internship has been approved by the Head of School, you will receive an official letter of offer. Check over the offer, sign the letter, and email back to [cacr@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:cacr@vuw.ac.nz). You're then ready!

Approval for your internship can take up to 4 weeks.



## FIND OUT MORE ABOUT LIVING IN NEW ZEALAND

### What will life be like in New Zealand?

Victoria International has a wealth of information to share about coming to New Zealand. You can find them here: <http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/international/>

### How much money will I need?

The average student needs NZ\$450-NZ\$500 per week to live in Wellington. This covers your accommodation, food and other living expenses excluding entertainment. Bear in mind this figure is calculated based on shared accommodation and purchasing food from the supermarket to cook at home with only minimal eating out. You can find out more about costs here: <http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/international/applying/cost-calculator>

### Will I be able to find part-time work?

You should not depend on finding part-time work during your stay. Even if your visa status allows you to work, you may find it difficult to find temporary work in Wellington.

### Where will I live?

You can find more information on accommodation here:  
<http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/international/get-ready-to-study/accommodation>