

GLSNZ BASELINE SURVEY 2011

Quick Facts – Information for Māori Graduates

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou.

A very special thank you to all the Māori graduates who filled in the GLSNZ Baseline survey in 2011.

Our findings

626 (7%) of the graduates in this study identified as being Māori (having Māori ethnicity)

- 71% ($n = 446$) of you were female
- Half (48%) of you were the first in your immediate family to attend university
- Most studied full-time (63%) and 67% of you were undergraduates
- One third of you (33%) were parents
- Your average age was 29 years (median = 25 years)
- Your most common area of study was humanities/arts/social sciences followed by commerce/business

Why is this research important?

- Māori graduates are important for Māori futures and for New Zealand
- Understanding the current experiences of Māori students will help to improve university experiences for future Māori
- In the next few years, this study will look at what happens to Māori graduates when you leave university
- We will look at how having a university education impacts on yourselves as Māori graduates, and also your whānau and community
- The information that you provide will help to inform a wide range of groups including educators, politicians, Māori organisations and iwi
- We aim to show the contribution that Māori graduates make to society both nationally and internationally

If you are interested in finding out more about Māori graduates in this study, please contact Dr Reremoana (Moana) Theodore (moana.theodore@otago.ac.nz).