

GLSNZ BASELINE SURVEY 2011

Quick Facts – Information for Pasifika Graduates

Talofa lava, Mālō e lelei, Kia orana, Talofa ni,
Fakaalofa lahi atu, Ni sa bula and greetings to
you all.

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

Our findings

363 (4%) of the graduates in this study identified as being of Pasifika ethnicity

- 68.9% ($n=250$) of you were female
- Half (49.6%) of you were the first in your immediate family to attend university
- Around half of you studied full-time (56%) and 62% of you were undergraduates
- One third of you (32%) were parents
- The majority of you (40.5%) lived with your parents or guardians
- Your average age was 29 years (median = 25 years)
- Your most common area of study was humanities/arts/social sciences followed by commerce/business/ and education, then health sciences

Why is this research important?

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

If you are interested in finding out more about Pasifika graduates in this study, please contact Dr Mele Taumoepeau (mele.taumoepeau@otago.ac.nz).