

## Project Manager



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I am of Samoan/NZ European descent and attended Birkenhead College. Since completing my undergraduate degree in 2010 (specialising in structural engineering), I have worked in an engineering, project management and management consulting capacity in Australasia with a Deloitte Fast 50 professional service firm called Xigo. Most recently I worked in the UK with a prestigious multi-disciplinary engineering consultancy called Arup.

During this work experience, I completed a postgraduate qualification in structural engineering. This reinforced the technical areas related to my undergraduate studies. I developed many soft skills and improved my management capability. This provided me the opportunity to work on some of the most challenging and complex projects in Australasia and the UK, in progressively diversified roles beyond those traditionally associated with an engineer. I have just completed some Masters in Business Administration (MBA) modules with the University of Warwick, which form part of their programme, with an aspiration of becoming a specialist consultant in the energy industry.

I took STEM as I enjoy problem solving and science based subjects. I studied engineering because I was interested in the application of science, where positive outcomes would be seen. For example, the application of physics in bridge design could result in an aesthetically pleasing slender structure that is equally fit-for-purpose in allowing communities to transit from one side to the other.

### Pathway:

- Year 12/13 subjects: Physics, Calculus, Statistics, Economics, Accounting
- Bachelor of Engineering (Hons), Civil & Environmental – University of Auckland
- Master of Engineering Studies – Structural Engineering and Project Management – University of Auckland
- Master of Business Administration Energy, Energy Futures Programme – University of Warwick, Warwick Business School

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Project managers manage the delivery of projects from beginning to end, usually improving or adding to the business.

They manage the strategic, financial, operational and technological aspects of projects.

## Pay

Project managers usually earn

**\$55-\$130K per year**

Source: Absolute IT, 2017 and Trade Me Jobs, 2016.

## Job opportunities



The chances of getting a job as a project manager are good because constant change means organisations often have projects needing management.

## Secondary education

A tertiary entrance qualification is required to enter tertiary study. Useful subjects include English, maths and technology.

## Length of training

2 – 3 years training required after an initial undergraduate or postgraduate specialisation – usually in Engineering which is usually 4 – 5 years

