

# Akamai University

## 2017 Profile

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**Akamai is honored to have a diverse multinational student body**

Akamai University is accredited by the Accreditation Service for International Schools, Colleges and Universities (ASIC). Akamai has been designated as an ASIC Premier University for demonstrating several quality areas of strength and good practice. Our mission and vision as an institution of higher learning is the advancement of the human condition and sustainability of the planet. Akamai believes it is no small aspiration to strive for a world filled with greater peace, balance, cooperation, and the promise of an evolved human fellowship. We believe these goals are noble foundation stones upon which to establish the fundamentals of sustainable human culture.

As educators at Akamai University, we are most comfortable with instructional methods that empower our students to think beyond the confines of the classroom, building achievement and new learning fully engaged with their personal and professional lives. We respect each student as a unique individual, academically and professionally. Freed from traditional residency requirements, our distance learning students are able to pursue advanced study in a personalized and self-paced manner while maintaining full time employment and family responsibilities. We honor the life pursuits of our students, providing opportunities to integrate professional activities within their programs. As a non-profit organization, Akamai has established the fairest tuition rates possible to provide access for students from across the global community

Since its founding on the Island of Hawaii in 2002, Akamai's primary quest has been the delivery of meaningful international education programs, individualized to the academic and professional goals of our students. Under the direction of quality faculty, our students are encouraged to create and evaluate, do independent and original thinking, make judgments, communicate unique ideas, feelings and experiences, and design effective solutions within "real life" situations. We believe this type of outcome contributes in a powerful manner to the development of effectiveness for professional-minded individuals. Akamai encourages its students to individualize their studies, to address the important needs of their home communities, and the changing demands of their professions. Our students pursue their programs in a manner that is meaningful and relevant to the professional responsibilities and the life-style of working adults. Being freed from traditional residency requirements, our students pursue advanced learning in a self-paced manner, while maintaining their full time employment and family commitments. While Akamai programs are delivered by distance education and cross-border models, our students find the university welcoming and friendly, as our leadership upholds our students' success and achievement foremost in their minds.

### **Our Primary Fields of Study**

The programs of study at Akamai University evolved in support of its founding mission. Programs at the graduate and undergraduate level have been established in the general fields of applied psychology, transpersonal psychology, integrative and spiritual psychology, business and economic development, environmental and ecological studies, education and literacy, health and wellness, peace, diplomacy and international relations, sustainability studies, and professional studies.

### **The Quality of Akamai Faculty**

Akamai faculty members exhibit understanding and sensitivity to the diverse academic, socioeconomic, cultural, national, religious, ethnic, and geographic backgrounds of our students. Our faculty team meets rigorous professional and academic standards, most having earned doctoral degrees at recognized and accredited institutions with extensive experience in their areas of concentration. They uphold the highest standards of teaching, scholarship, and research, and current knowledge of their discipline. They foster high aspirations in their students, promote autonomous learning, establish participatory education environments, identify high quality learning resources and guide students in developing broad networks of professional colleagues and advisors. They strive to instill in their students a sense of responsibility and citizenship.



**International University Leadership Colloquium Co-Chaired by Akamai President Dr. Capogrossi**

To be admitted to the faculty at Akamai University, faculty members must meet rigorous professional and academic standards. Most have earned doctorates at recognized Universities and have extensive experience in their areas of concentration. Certain outstanding individuals who are recognized experts in their professional field are accepted to the faculty with less than a recognized doctoral degree. Under very special circumstances, exceptionally qualified graduates of Akamai University are also admitted to the faculty.

### **Akamai Alumni Commentary**

*The challenging and interesting curriculum at Akamai helped pave the way for my post-doctoral position.*

*The distance education model allowed me to work one-on-one with the instructors and effectively streamline the courses to fit my teaching situation, experience and interests.*

*I have discovered that Akamai's program has the same qualities as other accredited colleges, and the knowledge level is equally high.*

*Akamai's instructional methods focus on teamwork and discussion of the matters concerned, and by this means the students are always expected to creatively address the subject matter.*

*Please be informed that I am really impressed by the contacts I have had with the professors working with me at the moment. I am convinced that I am not going to regret my choice of this university.*

*Most helpful at Akamai was the availability of the professors. In a regular academic setting, I know that I would not have received as much personal attention and guidance*



**Gathering of multinational VIP and Buddhist monks at 2012 convocation**

### **Nonprofit School Charter and USA Tax-Exempt Status**

Akamai was established as a nongovernmental organization and degree granting institution by school charter awarded by State of Hawaii, on 30 May 2002. The Akamai charter permits our school to “provide superior quality seminars and degree programs, conduct meaningful scholarly research, and establish and manage demonstration projects worldwide by virtual and traditional means”. On 14 November 2002, the US Department of the Treasury awarded Akamai University federal tax exempt status under IRS Code 501 (c)(3). The school charter of Akamai University remains in good standing within the State of Hawaii and United States of America

### **Higher Purpose of the Akamai Institution**

Akamai hopes that in time we will contribute favorably toward betterment of a number of vital human conditions through quality ventures in education, research and community service. We feel it is no small aspiration to strive for a world filled with greater peace, balance, cooperation, and the promise of an evolved human fellowship. These are noble foundation stones upon which to establish the fundamentals of sustainable human culture. They are spiritual principles that demand a worthy mission, and although the tasks and goals before us seem immense, they are attainable with adequate understanding of the problems and solutions, and the full commitment and participation of the global community.

### **Policy on Nondiscrimination**

Akamai University admits students and faculty of any race, creed, color, national and ethnic origin to all of the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and other school-administered programs.



**International VIP during in attendance at 2 International University Leadership Convocation**

### **Quality of Education Programs**

Akamai's primary educational objective is to provide meaningful educational programs individualized to the academic and professional goals of our students. Under the direction of

qualified faculty mentors, our students are freed to think beyond the confines of the classroom, building achievement and new learning fully engaged with their professional lives.

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We encourage our students to individualize their studies to address the important needs of their home communities and the changing demands of their professions. We deliver our programs in a manner that is meaningful and relevant to the professional responsibilities and life-style of working adults, freeing our students from traditional residency requirements, allowing them to pursue advanced study in a self-paced manner, while maintaining full time employment and family commitments.

Akamai University uses a blended model of education program delivery, utilizing tested models of individualized mentored distance education, and cross-border residential models of delivery in cooperation with international affiliates.

### **Mentored Distance Education**

Akamai University is the leader in providing the highest quality of one-on-one mentored virtual learning, conducted via an advanced method of delivery including:

- One-on-one tutorial through electronic communication and correspondence between students and world class faculty mentors
- Mentored independent study with support from world class online library resources
- Project-oriented learning environments, permitting students to explore first-hand the principles and practices of the field
- Instructional support using computer-centered technology over the Internet

### **Cross-Border Education**

Akamai University collaborates with affiliated (licensed and recognized) education providers for cross-border delivery of superior quality education programs:

- Residential seminar support instruction delivered in cross-border venues by Akamai faculty in collaboration with educational affiliates that provide the administrative coordination.
- Participation in collaborative education programs via distance mentorship, campus-based residential classes, and residential seminars where the degree is awarded by an accredited college or University other than Akamai University.



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