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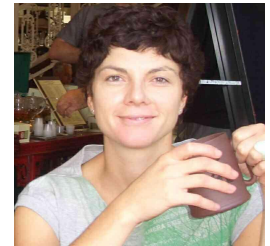
**Nikki Moreland**

## Nationality

🌿 New Zealander

## Current Employment

🌿 Postdoctoral Research Fellow, School of Biological Sciences, University of Auckland (2004 – present)



## Education

- 🌿 Dip PR, London School of Public Relations, UK, 2000
- 🌿 PhD (Medical Science), University of Auckland, 1998
- 🌿 BSc (Biology), University of Waikato, 1994

## Career Overview

🌿 Nikki's career spans both biomedical research and science communication. She has concurrently developed skill in both fields and has a continued passion for each. While Nikki undertook her PhD studies at the Auckland Cancer Research Centre, investigating cellular responses to a novel anticancer agent, she also worked part-time as a science writer at Adis International profiling clinical trial results for anticancer therapies. Nikki's first postdoctoral position at the University of Glasgow in the UK was centred on DNA repair responses in cancer cells and how repair mechanisms affect responses to therapy. Nikki's interests in science communication continued while in Glasgow and she decided to move into the field full time in 1999. There followed four years as a communications consultant in the Pharmaceutical industry in the United Kingdom; first at Astra Zeneca and subsequently for two communication agencies in London where she consulted to Jansen, Aventis and Novartis. She produced marketing, medical education and clinical publication plans and was involved in the launch of new therapies. On returning to New Zealand Nikki moved back into biomedical research and is currently investigating the function of DNA repair proteins in Mycobacterium tuberculosis. She is now committed to a career in research, and satisfies her science communication needs by writing about her research, and lecturing in a science communication course.

## Career History

### Research and Science Management

- 🌿 Research Advisor, Faculty of Science, University of Auckland, 2003
- 🌿 Postdoctoral Research Fellow, CRC department of Medical Oncology University of Glasgow, UK, 1997–1998

### Science Communication and Marketing

- 🌿 Project Consultant, Adelphi Healthcare and Oxford Clinical Communications, London, UK, 2000–2002.
- 🌿 Writer, Product Strategy and Licensing (Oncology), AstraZeneca International, Cheshire, UK, 1999

## Career Highlights

- 🌿 2006 Guest lecturer in Science Communications paper, University of Auckland
- 🌿 2005 Participant in the International Networking Young Scientist (INYS) initiative facilitated by the British Council
- 🌿 2004 Returned to scientific research following four years working in the Pharmaceutical Industry
- 🌿 1998 Finalist, Daily Telegraph/BASF Young Science writer of the year awards.
- 🌿 1995 Student Award, Australian Society for Experimental Pathology Meeting
- 🌿 1991 Emmy Noether Prize for Women in Mathematics, University of Waikato