

Maddie White

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Master of Applied Statistics graduate, Maddie White, now works in public health research.

“During the Master of Applied Statistics, I did a practicum and research project at the Ministry of Health. My supervisor was very supportive of me trying to make the most out of that opportunity because he knew I wanted to keep doing health research after graduating. I can draw a lot of links from what I did during my Master’s to the work I do now as a researcher.”

Maddie now works as an Assistant Research Fellow at the Department of Public Health, University of Otago. A big part of her role involves working with other researchers and community organisations to collect, analyse and report data on the outcomes of housing-related interventions.

“As a Master’s student, you get real experience working through a research project from start to finish and all of the exciting (and frustrating) complexities that this involves. Without this experience, I don’t think I would have had the skills to start work as a researcher straight out of university, and I most definitely wouldn’t have had the confidence.

“I love my role in the public health department; I’m surrounded by people and research groups that are passionate about the work they are doing to address public health issues. I feel I have something positive to contribute because of the knowledge and skills I developed throughout my study.”