

GWNZ progress report Mary Buchanan

In August, I received the GWNZ fellowship. The news of receiving this fellowship was the deciding factor to extend my travel to Germany for a conference to include a short holiday. I was also able to afford accommodation that was closer to the conference. I am very grateful for this, as I was able to make the international travel more worthwhile and the conference more enjoyable. At the end of October, I submitted my PhD thesis. Before starting my new job in January, the GWNZ fellowship made it feasible for me to take a two-month break. I received a bursary from the university during this time, but it would not have been sufficient for the costs of living in Wellington, especially over the holiday period. Having this break without the pressures of immediately returning to work after my thesis submission was invaluable.