

## The Department of Computer Science

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### Mehwish Riaz

"My decision to pursue a PhD was driven by my passion for research.

My research is empirical in nature and concerns maintainability prediction for software applications that have a back-end database. The research, as also corroborated by various software organizations, is very applicable to the software industry as it can provide advantages in terms of maintenance cost reduction and optimum resource utilization. The research involves collaboration with various software organizations and holds promising prospects for a career both in academia and software industry.

I am from Pakistan and my PhD is funded by the Higher Education Commission in Pakistan. My decision to come to The University of Auckland was motivated by its high ranking, excellent academic staff, multi-cultural environment, peaceful study conditions and great location."

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