New Zealand's

University Research Sector

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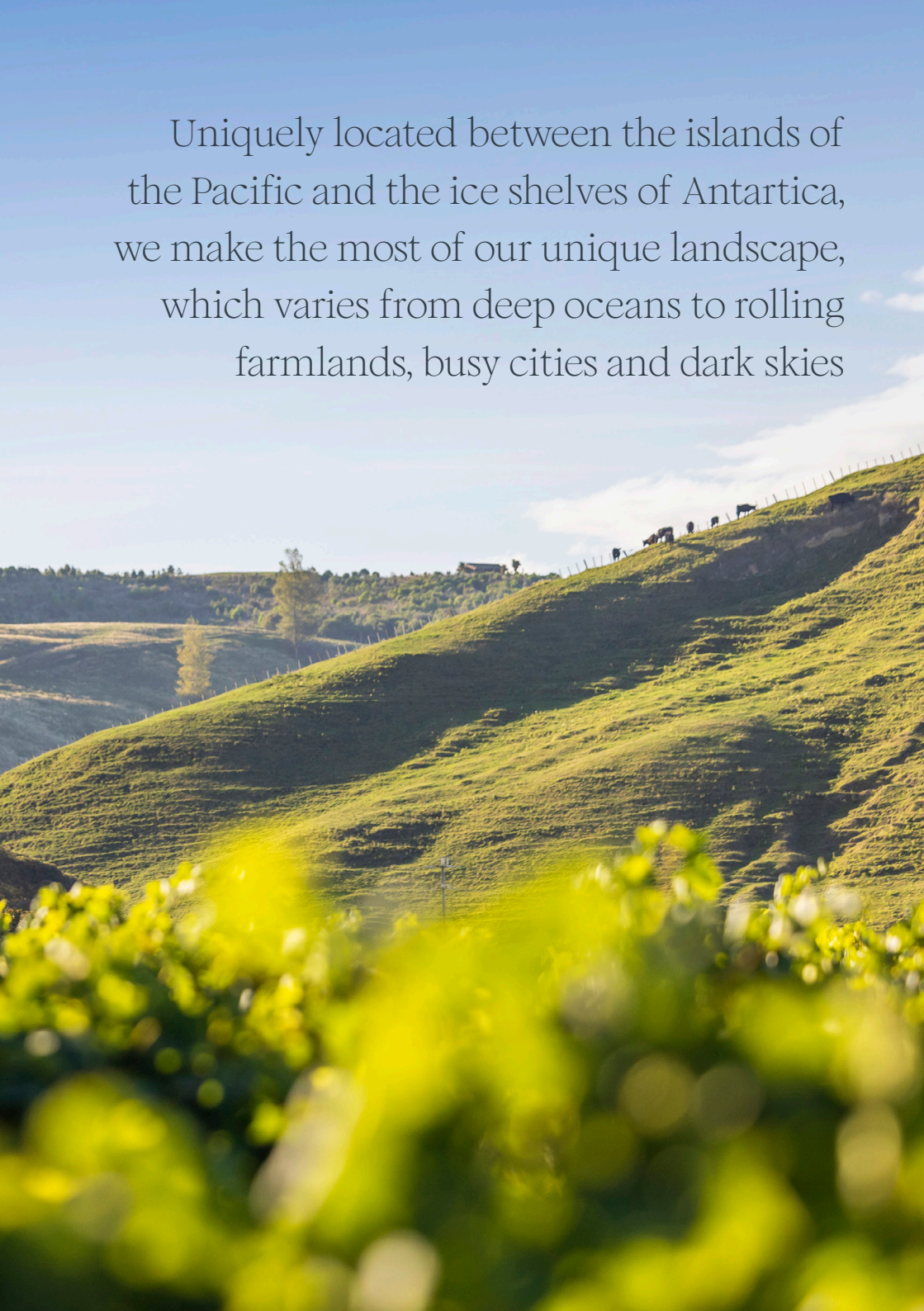
Home to eight world class public universities and more than 15,000 academic researchers

All New Zealand universities are ranked in the top 3% globally and offer research-led teaching

We are committed to the principles of open research, inclusivity and trusted research

Uniquely located between the islands of the Pacific and the ice shelves of Antartica, we make the most of our unique landscape, which varies from deep oceans to rolling farmlands, busy cities and dark skies

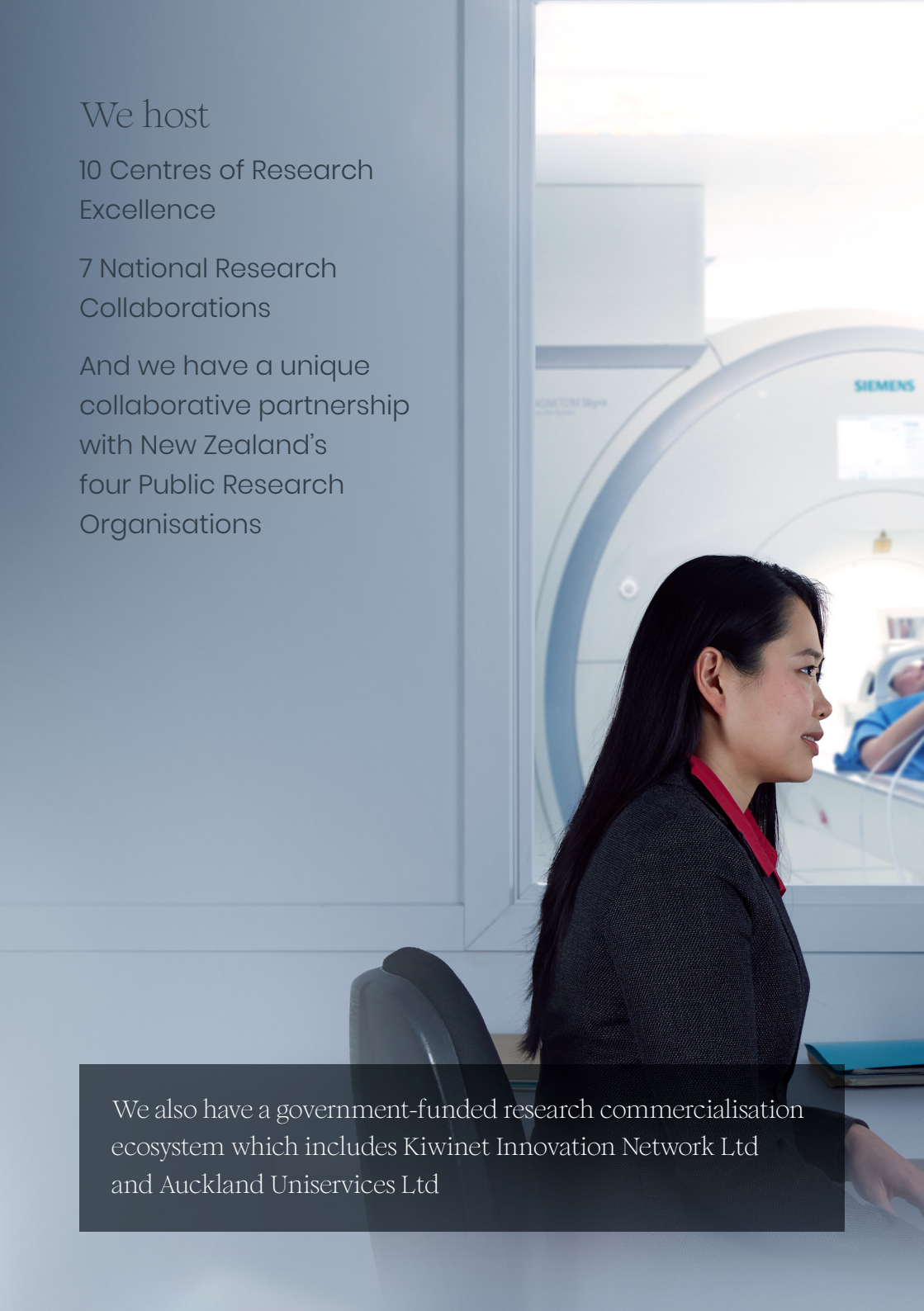


We host

10 Centres of Research Excellence

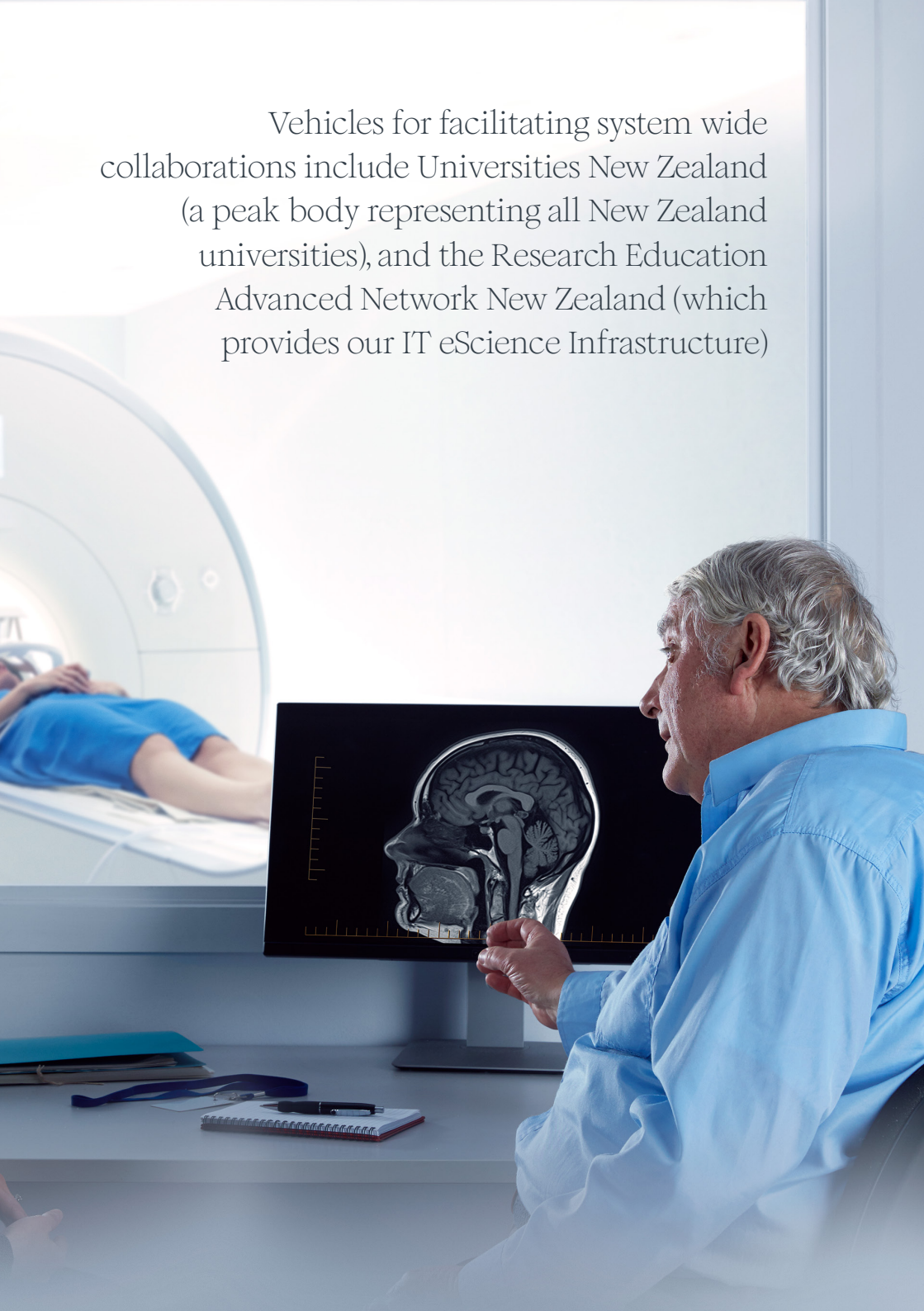
7 National Research Collaborations

And we have a unique collaborative partnership with New Zealand's four Public Research Organisations



We also have a government-funded research commercialisation ecosystem which includes Kiwinet Innovation Network Ltd and Auckland Uniservices Ltd

Vehicles for facilitating system wide collaborations include Universities New Zealand (a peak body representing all New Zealand universities), and the Research Education Advanced Network New Zealand (which provides our IT eScience Infrastructure)



We're great international collaborators and successful researcher partners

We have research strengths in:

- Climate resilience
- Energy – sustainability, security, conservation and storage
- Oceans and Marine Science
- Sustainability
- Future technology – VR, AI, Robotics and Space
- Agriculture and Environment
- Health, biology and MedTech
- Indigenous knowledge

In 2023, we were the first country outside of the European neighbourhood to partner with the European Union's key research and funding programme, Horizon Europe

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MASSEY UNIVERSITY
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UNIVERSITY OF NEW ZEALAND

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON
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