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## **CALL FOR INTERNSHIP PROJECT PROPOSALS FROM SUPERVISING NPM RESEARCHERS**

**Due Monday, 4th August 2025, 5pm**

The Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga Māori (NPM) Futures Programme supports promising Māori students as a means to growing an expert and capable Māori researcher workforce for Aotearoa New Zealand. The programme is about growing tomorrow's Māori research leaders who are able to set and pursue strong research directions to produce knowledge, foundational to building a flourishing future for Māori. Our internship programme is a successful and long-standing strategy that NPM uses to achieve this goal. Some of our earlier interns have pursued doctoral and post-doctoral studies; joined impactful research teams in the National Science Challenges; found academic or professional research roles in organisations like Universities and Crown Research Institutions; or founded their own research consultancies. Ours is an excellent programme.

### **PURPOSE**

The New Horizons internship programme is for Māori students interested in pursuing a career in research. The award will provide assistance to Māori students enrolled at a NPM tertiary education partner entity to gain research experience and increase their research skills. The student will work under the supervision and guidance of an excellent NPM Māori researcher based at any NPM partner entity. The student will complete research activities that align to the NPM Matakiteanga research programme and contribute to the mission of NPM which is to create the foundations for flourishing Māori futures. Interns will participate in the online NPM Māori Futures support programme during the tenure of their award and are actively encouraged to participate in broader NPM activities as appropriate.

### **TERM**

10 internships will be available for the December 2025 - February 2026 summer period.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

The award is for Māori pre-doctoral students enrolled at a NPM tertiary education partner entity in 2025 who are genuinely interested in advancing their skills and capacity in Indigenous development and research. They can be enrolled in upper-level undergraduate (Bachelor) or post-graduate (Master) degree programmes.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

Any NPM researcher (supervisor) based at a NPM Partner entity can submit a proposal to host and supervise an intern. Any pre-doctoral upper-level undergraduate (Bachelor) or post-graduate (Master) Māori student genuinely interested in advancing their skills and capacity in Indigenous development and research and enrolled at a NPM tertiary education partner entity in 2025 may apply for advertised internships.

### **VALUE**

\$7,500 NZD per award, paid in two instalments directly to the intern.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

There are three stages to developing and awarding an internship.

### 1. Call for Internship proposals from NPM researchers

The internship proposal is for a research activity usually associated with a larger project or programme of research being led by the applying researcher. It is not recommended that a student conceive and conduct their own research project due to the short period of the internship. The focus of an internship research activity should be aligned with the NPM Matakitega research framework. A research activity might include: a literature review, designing a survey, assisting with data collection, analysis of an existing data set, or engaging in a collaborative academic writing exercise. The proposed research activity should be achievable within a ten-week period during the university summer holiday break. The researcher who submits a proposal is expected to be the person who will provide supervision and support to the intern for the duration of the internship. Where students will assist with data collection, ethical approval must be received prior to the internship commencing, with a copy submitted to NPM.

### 2. Internship proposal selection

Following receipt of proposals, a process of selection will then take place with the most suitable internships advertised to Māori students on the Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga website and through social media channels beginning the week of the **4<sup>th</sup> of August 2025**.

### 3. Students apply for available internships

Any student enrolled at an NPM tertiary education partner entity may apply for an advertised summer internship. Internships are competitive and for this reason we ask student applicants to indicate their first, second and third choice of internship projects. Once we receive student applications, we determine the best match between advertised project and student interests. We then recommend the best match of student(s) to the supervising researcher. Once confirmed, the intern is expected to begin their internship any time after the conclusion of the university exam period but no later than the week beginning **1st of December 2025**

## INTERNSHIP SPECIFICS

- The stipend is valued at \$7,500 and will be paid in two equal instalments of \$3,750 directly to the intern. The first instalment will be approved for payment at the beginning of the Raumati programme, subject to the intern submission of required documents, including the internship workplan, signed by their supervisor. The final instalment will be approved for payment on completion of all internship requirements and receipt by the NPM secretariat of all associated outputs/reports.
- Internships should be a meaningful research activity associated with a larger research project or programme that can be completed in 10 weeks. Interns are expected to be actively engaged with a team of researchers.
- The intern will be supervised by the supervising researcher who proposed the internship. Any proposed internship activities requiring ethical approval must have this in place prior to commencement of the internship, with a copy of ethical approvals submitted to NPM.
- Research expenses (e.g., consumables, travel costs) should be considered at the time of proposing the internship research activity and the supervising researcher should plan for these expenses to be met.

## INTERN REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

- The intern will provide a short mid-term progress report at the half-way point of the internship, approved by the supervising researcher, and submitted to the NPM Secretariat by the **12th of January 2025**.
- As part of our support to students, all supervising researchers will be asked to support the intern to complete a) a career plan; and b) a wellness plan. These will be appended to the intern's mid-term progress report.
- The intern will provide a final report of the internship approved by the supervising researcher and submitted to the NPM Secretariat by the **16th of February 2025**. All associated outputs/reports should also be submitted at this time.
- Reports may be completed in te reo Māori on approval by the supervising researcher.

## IDEAL STUDENT APPLICANTS:

- Are pre-doctoral senior undergraduate or post graduate Māori students enrolled in 2024 at an NPM tertiary education partner entity.
- Are available to fully engage in the internship experience.
- Are not employed, completing summer school or professional development activities for more than 10 hours per week.
- May be enrolled to complete a senior undergraduate special topic, post graduate dissertation or thesis as part of their internship.
- Are not holding any other internship award from any source.

## TIMELINE

Fri, 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2025	Call for supervisor projects announced
Mon, 4 <sup>th</sup> August 2025	Deadline for supervisor project applications
Mon, 18 <sup>th</sup> August 2025	Projects reviewed and announced to students
Mon, 26 <sup>th</sup> August 2025	Deadline for student applications
Mon, 15 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	Supervisors advised of recommendations and confirmed acceptance
Mon, 6 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	Students advised of the award
No later than the week of 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec 2025	Internships begin
Mon, 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	Student intern mid-term progress report submitted to NPM
Mon, 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Final reports submitted to NPM

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## MATAKITENGA RESEARCH FRAMEWORK

NPM is funded by the Tertiary Education Commission as a Centre of Research Excellence (CoRE). The role of a CoRE is to encourage the development of excellent tertiary education-based research that is collaborative, strategically focused and creates significant knowledge transfer activities. We are a strategy entity.

### **Pou Whaingā | Our Mission**

Our mission is to grow and enhance excellent Māori researchers and Māori-led research that together build the foundations for flourishing Māori futures. Te reo, tikanga and mātauranga, our vast network of Māori researchers, communities and partners in transformation define and distinguish Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga as New Zealand's Māori Centre of Research Excellence.

### **Matakitenga | We seek to**

- Cherish and celebrate flourishing Māori futures
- Grow responsible economic and environmental relationships
- Influence positive change for healthy and meaningful Māori lives
- Nurture wise and ethical Māori technological transformations
- Inspire Māori and Indigenous research and excellence
- Connect with partners for impact and transformative change

### **Pou Kura | Our Values**

#### *Rangatiratanga*

We lead with integrity and commitment to our people.

#### *Kaitiakitanga*

We care responsibly for each other, the planet and future generations.

#### *Manaakitanga*

We respect all life forces.

#### *Whanaungatanga*

We build genuine and meaningful relationships.

## **OUR RESEARCH**

NPM research solves real world challenges facing Māori in Māori-determined and inspired ways engendering sustainable relationships that grow the mana (respect and regard) and mauri (life essence) of the world we inhabit. The excellence and expertise of the NPM researcher network is organised by four Te Ao Māori knowledge and excellence Pae and four critical systems-oriented questions or Pātai. All of our research will contribute mātauranga-informed theories, models and evidenced solutions in response to our Pātai. Our Pātai serve to integrate and energise our programme and Pae to synthesize our research for next stage impact and outcomes.

The Pae and Pātai interact to produce our Matakitenga research framework. The Matakitenga research framework is where mātauranga, science and practice coalesce to produce new knowledge and transformative outcomes. The framework identifies what it is we want to achieve or change.

### **Pae Ahurei**

#### *Living Uniquely*

Research to cherish and celebrate distinctively Māori futures.

### **Pae Ora**

#### *Living Well*

Research to influence positive change for healthy and meaningful lives

### **Pae Tawhiti**

#### *Living Lightly*

Research that pursues responsible social, economic and environmental relationships.

### **Pae Auaha**

#### *Living Smartly*

Research that creates wise and ethical technological transformations

### **Pātai Te Ao Māori**

How can te reo, tikanga and mātauranga continue to inform our futures?

### **Pātai Whānau**

How can whānau wellbeing be realised in everyday life?

### **Pātai Mauri**

How can mātauranga inform and drive sustainable and just societal practices?

### **Pātai Puāwai**

How can research be used transformatively to accelerate the achievement of flourishing Māori futures?