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|  | **Māori Futures Programme**  **PhD Scholarships**  **2026** |

# **Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga Maori Futures Programme**

## NGĀ PAE O TE MĀRAMATANGA PhD DOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIP GRANT APPLICATION FORM

**CLOSING DATE:** **5pm on Monday 10 November**

The Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga Māori (NPM) Futures Programme supports promising Māori students at the senior undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral levels, aiming to grow a skilled Māori researcher workforce for Aotearoa New Zealand. The programme focuses on developing the next generation of Māori research leaders who can set and pursue impactful research that contributes to building a flourishing future for Māori. Our PhD Scholarship grant is a key strategy in achieving this goal. Many of our past recipients have successfully completed doctoral and post-doctoral studies, joined influential research teams, taken on academic or professional research roles in universities and Crown Research Institutions, or started their own research consultancies. NPM’s programme is a proven and excellent pathway for fostering Māori research talent.

**Purpose**

The NPM PhD Scholarship is for Māori students enrolled in a PhD program at any NPM Partner institution. The scholarship provides financial assistance through a non-taxable stipend and ongoing support through the NPM Māori Futures Programme. Recipients will progress their PhD research in alignment with the NPM Matakitenga framework and contribute to NPM's mission to create foundations for flourishing Māori futures. All recipients are expected to participate in NPM professional excellence activities, Te Kupenga o MAI, the biennial International Indigenous Research Conference, and NPM researcher wānanga. Successful applicants will join a high-impact, multi-institutional team of Māori researchers across Aotearoa, all working towards transformative change for a better future.

**Eligibility**

All applicants must be a high-achieving Māori PhD student currently enrolled at an [NPM partner](https://www.maramatanga.ac.nz/about/partners) institution undertaking research that aligns with the NPM Matakitenga research framework ([available here](https://www.maramatanga.ac.nz/research/matakitenga-framework)). The NPM PhD Doctoral Scholarship cannot be held concurrently with any New Zealand University-named doctoral scholarship. Applicants holding such scholarships are ineligible until their current award concludes. NPM award holders must promptly notify NPM of any additional grants or scholarships, and NPM reserves the right to modify the scholarship's conditions at its discretion.

**Duration**

The scholarship is for a duration of two years with the submission of thesis expected by 30 September 2028.

**Value**

The scholarship provides a stipend of $36,050 per year, plus $9,785 for professional development support, for a duration of two years. Successful applicants will receive a complimentary registration for the NPM Biennial International Indigenous Research Conference and NPM professional excellence activities. In this round, we aim to support a total of five PhD scholarship awards.

**Closing Date**

5pm on Monday, 10 November 2025

**How to apply**

Applications must be submitted through the NPM online application portal.

[<https://auckland.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_82esuEGCynPhUqi>]

Applications need to include:

1. Cover Letter (Word doc)
2. Completed NPM PhD Scholarship Application Form (Word doc)
3. 1. Doctoral Registration Summary
4. 2. Academic Transcript (PDF)
5. Curriculum Vitae (PDF)
6. Letter of reference from an academic staff member

**Cover Letter**

Your cover letter should cover the following:

1. Your commitment to working in the Māori world and your intended career trajectory.
2. Previous NPM activities you have engaged in, your participation and contribution to Te Kupenga o MAI.
3. What the scholarship would mean to you, the difference it will make and how the scholarship would support your PhD.

**Electronic Submission**

More information regarding applications is available through the NPM Website:

[<https://www.maramatanga.ac.nz/funding-opportunity/phd-scholarships>]

**Contact**

For all application queries, please contact:

Ngā Pae o Te Māramatanga

**Email**: [research@maramatanga.ac.nz](mailto:research@maramatanga.ac.nz)

# **Application Instructions**

**Complete & Prepare All Application Documents**

1. Access the NPM PhD Scholarship page on our website [here](https://www.maramatanga.ac.nz/funding-opportunity/phd-scholarships), read application instructions and download the NPM PhD Scholarship application document for completion.
2. Prepare and complete all documents required as part of your application (see ‘Documents to be Uploaded’ list below).
3. NPM PhD Scholarship Application document: DELETE all informational and instructional pages (p.1-2) and DELETE all text-coloured grey. Ensure all your responses are in font 11pt or above and coloured black. Please ensure all sections are completed, incomplete applications will be considered ineligible and will not proceed to assessment.
4. Please complete a final check to ensure there are no spelling or grammar errors and any tracked changes or comments have been deleted.

**Online Application Submission**

1. Once you have completed and prepared all application documents and are ready to submit your application, click on the online portal link [here](https://auckland.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6lonadYWCVCWlcW) to submit your responses and application documents. Please only access the submission portal when you have all required application forms ready-the portal is unable to save partial applications, and you will have to restart the online submission process.
2. Copy and paste the required information from your application into the online form. The online form is used to assist NPM with the application assessment processes. We appreciate your assistance with this task.
3. Prepare all application documents required for uploading as part of your application submission.
4. Make sure the filenames you use clearly describe what’s in the file, include your surname and are uploaded using the correct upload field in the online form. i.e. 1) *Henare 2026\_NPM PhD Scholarship Cover Letter* 2) *Henare 2026\_NPM PhD Scholarship Application* 3) *Henare 2026\_ Academic Transcript* 4) *Henare 2026\_ Doctoral Registration Summary* 5) *Henare 2026\_CV* 6) *Henare 2026\_Letter of Reference*.
5. Attach and upload ALL your files.
6. Complete a final check on your online application.
7. Finally, press the **SUBMIT** button. You must do this for your application to be sent.
8. You will not receive confirmation of your application submission, please email our research inbox if you have any pātai: [research@maramatanga.ac.nz](mailto:research@maramatanga.ac.nz)

**DOCUMENTS TO BE UPLOADED**

See ‘[*Section Six-Documents*](#_Section_Six_–) *to be uploaded*’ in this application for more information

1. Cover Letter (PDF)
2. Completed NPM PhD Scholarship Application Form (word doc)
3. 1. Doctoral Registration Summary and
4. 2. Academic Transcript (PDF)
5. Curriculum Vitae (PDF)
6. Letter of reference from an academic staff member

**PORTAL FOR UPLOADING**

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# **Ngā Pae o Te Māramatanga PhD Doctoral Scholarship Grant Application Form 2026**

## Section 1 – PhD Student and Supervisors

**1. PhD Doctoral Student**

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| **Student Name** | Title, First, Middle, Last name | |
| **Iwi affiliation/s** | Separate iwi with a comma | |
| **Email** |  | |
| **Work/mobile number** |  | |
| **NPM Partner Entity** | (Where PhD student is, or will be, enrolled) | |
| **Student ID number** |  | |
| **Current programme of study** | (e.g., PhD, Applied PhD etc) | |
| **What Department or School will you be doing this degree programme in?** |  | |
| **PhD enrolment status** | Fulltime |  |
| Part-time |  |
| Other- (Please provide details and anticipated timeframe for PhD enrolment) |  |
| **What is the start date for your PhD doctoral research?** | dd/mm/yyyy | |
| **What is the proposed completion date for your PhD doctoral research?** | dd/mm/yyyy | |
| **Employment status** | (Provide details of any paid employment that you will undertake during the PhD enrolment, including full time or part time status) | |

**1.13 Sources of Funding**

Please list any other scholarships, awards or grants that you currently receive, or intend on applying for to support the PhD research.

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| **Year awarded/ applied** | **Funding source** | ***$ Amount*** |
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**1.14 PhD Supervisors and Mentors**

List all PhD supervisors and mentors that will support you and your PhD research.

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| **1** | **Name** | Title, First, Last name |
|  | Tribal affiliation | Separate iwi with a comma |
|  | Partner or Organisational Affiliation | Where supervisors or mentors are employed/based |
|  | Role in PhD project | (e.g., Primary PhD Supervisor, Secondary PhD Supervisor, Cultural Advisor/Mentor) |
| **2** | **Name** |  |
|  | Tribal affiliation |  |
|  | Partner or Organisational Affiliation |  |
|  | Role in PhD project |  |

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**1.15 Community of Interest**

If you are working with a Community of Interest, please name it and briefly describe the nature of the engagement. *A “Community of Interest” may be an iwi or hapū group, a group of landowners or beneficiaries, a community that shares a commonality (e.g., students, athletes), or group that seeks to advance a goal (e.g., ending racism, better health services).*

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| **Community name** |  |
| **Nature of engagement** |  |

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**1.16 Where Will Your Research Take Place? (Check All That Apply)**

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| Northland - Te Tai Tokerau  Auckland - Tāmaki-makau-rau  Waikato  Bay of Plenty - Te Moana-a-Toi  Gisborne - Te Tairāwhiti  Hawke's Bay - Te Matau-a-Māui  Taranaki  Manawatū-Whanganui | Wellington - Te Whanga-nui-a-Tara  Tasman - Te Tai-o-Aorere  Nelson - Whakatū  Marlborough - Te Tauihu-o-te-waka  West Coast - Te Tai Poutini  Canterbury - Waitaha  Otago - Ōtākou  Southland – Murihiku |

## Section 2 – PhD Research Overview

**2.1 Project title**

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| Please provide a descriptive title, no longer than two lines. |

**2.2 Lay summary**

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| Provide a lay summary (max 200 words) of the project that may be shared publicly. Include a brief background to the project, the research question(s), project aims and objectives, and why the research is important. |

## Section 3 – NPM Matakitenga Outcomes and Contributions

### NPM Matakitenga Alignment

**3.1 Which Pae is this research most aligned to? Check one only.**

*Refer to the NPM Matakitenga Research Framework (*[*Appendix 1*](#_Appendix_1_Matakitenga)*)*

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| Ahurei |  | Tawhiti |  | Ora |  | Auaha |  |

**3.2 Which Pātai is this research most aligned to? Check one only.**

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| Te Ao Māori |  | Whānau |  | Mauri |  | Puāwai |  |

**3.3 List 3-5 Matakitenga outcomes your research project relates to directly.**

*Please refer to the outcome statements in the NPM Matakitenga research framework (*[*Appendix 1*](#_Appendix_1_Matakitenga)*).* *The Matakitenga indicator are the 4 characters that precede the outcome statement.*

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|  | **Matakitenga indicator** | **Matakitenga outcome statement** |
| **1** | *(e.g., AAH1)* | *DELETE (e.g., Research to protect, regenerate and future proof Te Ao Māori)* |
| **2** |  |  |
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**3.4 How will your research contribute to the Matakitenga outcomes listed above?**

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|  | **Matakitenga indicator** | **Research Contribution** |
| **1** | *(e.g., AAH1)* | *DELETE (e.g., Research to protect, regenerate and future proof Te Ao Māori)* |
| **2** | *(e.g., PAU4)* | *DELETE (e.g., Our bi-weekly project newsletter will create discussion and nurture the ethical use of digital marae platform)* |
| **3** | *(e.g., MTA3)* | *DELETE (e.g., Our policy focused journal article and high impact webinar will influence economic awareness and policy for mana and mauri centred decision-making).* |
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## Section 4 – Research Plan

**4.1 What is your research question?**

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| *DELETE (no more than 2 lines in length)* |

**4.2 Tell us what your proposed research is about and why it matters.**

Include reference to any significant previous research in the field, and the contribution expected to be made by the proposed research.

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**4.3 What are your research objectives and expected completion dates?**

An objective is a research task to be achieved (e.g., design wānanga, obtain ethical approval, hold community hui, deliver stakeholder policy seminar, submit manuscript). You should list a minimum of three objectives.

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|  | **Research objectives** | **Expected completion date** |
| **1** | *(complete and obtain ethical review)* | *dd/mm/yyyy* |
| **2** | *(recruit and complete 20 interviews)* | *dd/mm/yyyy* |
| **3** |  |  |
| **4** |  |  |
| **5** | Complete all NPM reporting requirements | 31/01/2028 |

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**4.4 What are the proposed research and analysis methods?**

A diagram or table might be helpful. (You can use supplementary files to attach and upload any diagrams or tables). Make sure to explain how your methodology and methods fit within a Te Ao Māori conceptual research framework to highlight or create new mātauranga Māori.

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**4.5 How will you meet the data sovereignty requirements of Māori community partners and/or Māori participants?**

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| *For further information and related resources please visit Te Mana Raraunga Māori Data Sovereignty website* [*here*](https://www.temanararaunga.maori.nz/)*. This section focusses on Indigenous Data Sovereignty, rather than ethical application and approval.*  *DELETE (no more than half a page in length)* |

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**4.6 What is your overall approach to enhancing the impact of the proposed research?**

Note – impact refers to actions that increase the chances of your research results being used by decision-makers and end users.

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**4.7 Previous research**

List any previous research activities by your team that’s relevant to this research proposal in APA format (e.g., articles, presentations, talks, community engagements).

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| **Year** | **Activity / Output** |
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**4.8 Ethical approval**

Where required, all research projects must obtain ethical approval from the PhD researcher’s institution before proceeding with any data gathering procedures requiring participant consent or community permissions.

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| Is ethical approval required for the proposed project? | **YES** |  | **NO** |  |
| **If ‘yes’, please complete the following sections:** | | | | |
| What type of ethical approval is required? | **Human Ethics** | | |  |
| **Biological Safety Ethics** | | |  |
| **Animal Ethics** | | |  |
| **Other**-please specify: | | | |
| What is the current status of the required ethical approval? | Ethical Approval application will be prepared and submitted as part of the proposed research. | | |  |
| Ethical Approval application has been submitted, awaiting approval. | | |  |
| Ethical Approval has been granted (please provide approval letter). | | |  |
| Other- please provide further detail in the comment. | | |  |
| **If ‘no’, please detail why ethical approval is not required** |  | | | |

**4.8.5 Describe any significant ethical issues and how you intend to resolve them.**

All research projects must obtain ethical approval from the PhD researcher’s institution before proceeding with any data gathering procedures requiring participant consent or community permissions.

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| **Issue** | **Resolution** |
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**4.9 Reference list**

List all sources cited in this application in APA format below, with each source on a new line.

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## Section Five – Signatures

**This page must be signed by the primary supervisor and PhD student applicant.**

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| **Primary Supervisor** | *Insert Title, first, last names* | |
| *Primary supervisor:* I confirm that I will be the primary supervisor of the student named in this application and that this student: *(delete those that do not apply)*   1. is currently enrolled at a NPM partner institution to progress their PhD Doctoral research thesis,   OR   1. intends to enrol at a NPM partner institution in a PhD Doctoral degree and understands that formal confirmation of enrolment is a condition of the scholarship being applied for. | | |
| Signature | | Date |
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| **Student Applicant** | *Insert Title, first, last names* | |
| Signature | | Date |

## Section Six – Documents to Be Uploaded

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| **A) PhD SCHOLARSHIP COVER LETTER** |
| *Upload a cover letter in Word format or similar that covers the following:*   1. *Describe your commitment to working in the Māori world and your intended career path.* 2. *Previous NPM activities you’ve been involved in, including participation and contribution to Te Kupenga o MAI.* 3. *What the scholarship would mean to you, the difference it will make and how it will support your PhD.* |
| **B) 2025 NPM PhD SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM** |
| *Upload the completed and signed version of this application form.* |
| **C1) DOCTORAL REGISTRATION SUMMARY** |
| Upload your doctoral registration summary from your Graduate Studies Office. *This is used to confirm your registration details, including supervisor, PhD enrolment and submission dates.* |
| **C2) ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPT** |
| Upload your academic transcript and where possible include enrolment confirmation of your PhD programme.  *We do not require the formal record of transcript. PDF copies from your student portal will be accepted.* |
| **D) CURRICULUM VITAE (max 2 pages)** |
| *Upload your curriculum vitae in NZRS CV format (Maximum 2 pages). The CV template is provided on the NPM website.* |
| **E) LETTER OF REFERENCE** |
| *Upload a letter of reference from an academic staff member* |

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| **UPLOADING INSTRUCTIONS**   1. Prepare this whole document first and all associated files for uploading. 2. Save a copy of this application file ready for uploading through the submission portal. 3. Copy and paste the required information from your application into the submission portal. 4. Make sure the filenames you use accurately describe the information in the file. 5. Attach and upload ALL your files. 6. DON’T FORGET!! PRESS THE SUBMIT BUTTON!!   **Note:** If you do not complete all the portal requirements and close the portal window, your information will be lost, and you will need to start again. |

### **Appendix 1 Matakitenga Research Framework.docx**

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|  |  | **MATAKITENGA RESEARCH FRAMEWORK** | | |  |  |
|  | **PAE AHUREI** | **PAE TAWHITI** | **PAE ORA** | **PAE AUAHA** | **RAUTAKI KOUNGA** | **RAUTAKI**  **WHAKAAWEAWE** |
| Living Uniquely [AH] | Living Lightly [TA] | Living Well [OR] | Living Smartly [AU] | Professional Excellence [PE] | Impact and  Transformation [IT] |
| **IMPACT**  **STATEMENTS** | *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* |
| **PATAI** | **OUTCOMES** | **OUTCOMES** | **OUTCOMES** | **OUTCOMES** | **OUTCOMES** | **OUTCOMES** |
| **TE AO MĀORI - How can te reo, tikanga and mātauranga Māori continue to inform our futures? [A]** | AAH1 Research to protect, regenerate and future proof Te Ao Māori [V4]. | ATA1 Te Ao Māori models for sustainable, equitable and just societal practices [V2,4] [H2]. | AOR1 Te Ao Māori knowledge and practice to enhance wellbeing in whānau lives across the lifespan and generations [V3,4]. | AAU1 Methods to accelerate the potential for technologies to aid Te Reo revitalization and the reclamation of mātauranga [V4]. | APE1 Demonstrated value of Mātauranga Māori and Indigenous epistemologies, methodologies, and methods [T5,8, V4, CC, H4]. | AIT1 Establish Te Whare Ariā, a wānanga and innovation space to develop targeted and appropriate strategic impact and transformation research pathways [V2,4 H2] |
| **WHĀNAU - *How can whānau wellbeing be realised in everyday life? [W]*** | WAH2 Support for Te Reo Māori expression and use across all domains and generations while maintaining its relevance and integrity [V3, T5, H4]. | WTA2 New knowledge and applications for whānau to be self-determining and self-sustaining [V1, H3,5]. | WOR2 Te Ao Māori knowledge for relational growth fostering and whānau empowerment [V3]. | WAU2 Mātauranga  fusions to craft technologies enabling whānau to live meaningful and satisfying lives [V3,4]. | WPE2 Deep community, national and international research relationships and engagement  [T3,8,CC, P5]. | WIT2 Harness connectedness with partners in transformation [T7, VCC, H5]. |
| **MAURI - How can mātauranga inform and drive sustainable and just societal practices? [M]** | MAH3 Te Ao Māori  models for sustainable, equitable and just societal practices  [V2,4, H2] | MTA3 Mana and mauri centred knowledge for an  intergrated social, economic, environmental and living relational world [V2]. | MOR3 Methods to disrupt the systems and structures that allow inequities to arise thereby obstructing wellness for Māori [V3, H2,  T1,3, P2] | MAU3 Tikanga to guide collective privacy, consent, trust, use and benefit requirements that are flexible and dynamic [V4]. | PPE3 Lead the CoRE sector towards achieving internationally equitable rates of Māori and Pacific postgraduate educational achievement and early career excellence [T3,6,8, VCC, H2, P5] | MIT3 Influence law and policy making for Māori wellbeing and just societal practices [V2,3  T2] |
| **PUĀWAI - *How can Māori-led research be used transformatively to accelerate the achievement of flourishing Māori futures? [P]*** | PAH4 New understandings and applications to accelerate transformative change for flourishing Māori futures [V1]. | PTA4 Possible, provocative, and preferable transformation pathways towards flourishing Māori futures [V3, H1,3]. | POR4 Te Ao Māori building blocks for wellbeing and flourishing Māori futures [V3,4]. | PAU4 Creative and technological transformations to nurture flourishing Māori futures [V1]  [H3,4] | PPE4 Grow the FTE rate of Māori  academics across New Zealand tertiary institutions to at least 15% [T3,5,6,8, VCC, H2,  P5] | PIT4 Share and promote NPM research for uptake and impact [V4,  H5] |