

Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga Whakaaweawe Impact and Transformation Grant

GENERAL REGULATIONS

The award is known as the “Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga Whakaaweawe Impact and Transformation Grant” and it is administered by Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga (NPM) secretariat at Waipapa Taumata Rau, the University of Auckland.

1. Purpose

NPM Whakaaweawe Impact and Transformation Grants support Māori researchers employed at NPM partner entities achieve research outcomes and enable knowledge sharing activities that strengthen connectedness and promote research uptake, impact, and transformation.

Whakaaweawe supports activities that translate research into meaningful change for whānau, hapū, iwi, Māori organisations, and communities through the application and sharing of research knowledge.

2. Duration

Successful applicants must be prepared to spend their allocated funding and complete project activities by 30 September 2027.

3. Eligibility

- The lead applicant must be a Māori researcher employed at an NPM [partner](#) entity.
- Applications must be complete and include all supporting documentation.

4. Value

A total of \$50,000 NZD is available. We expect to fund a mix of smaller and larger projects.

- Funding Range A: Up to \$3,000
- Funding Range B: \$3,000–\$7,000

Conference and travel support is capped at \$2,500 and is limited to events held in Aotearoa New Zealand and Australia.

5. Types of activities

All supported activities must result in a clearly defined external output and demonstrate how they will contribute to research impact and uptake.

Supported activities may include:

- Publications and dissemination activities
- Creative and artistic outputs
- Community hui and wānanga
- Digital resources and tools
- Exhibitions and performances
- Policy and practice-focused outputs

- Knowledge-sharing activities
- Open Access expenses

Successful applicants in the past have used this grant to support books, journal articles, free online resources, app development, haka and waiata, translation of work into te reo Māori, and conference presentations.

6. Assessment criteria

Applications will be assessed on:

a) **Te Ao Māori & Matakiteanga Alignment**

- Alignment with the NPM Matakiteanga Research Framework, including Pae, Pātai and outcomes
- Grounding in te reo, tikanga and mātauranga Māori

b) **Whakaaweawe – Impact & Transformation**

- Clear pathways to impact, uptake and transformation
- Who will benefit and how
- Quality, innovation and relevance of outputs
- Community engagement and connectedness
- Potential for real-world impact

c) **Feasibility, Capability & Data Sovereignty**

- Appropriate planning and delivery
- Capability of the project team
- Budget justification
- Data sovereignty consideration

7. Matakiteanga Alignment

Applications must align with the NPM Matakiteanga Research Framework.

Priority for 2026 will be given to:

- Community-orientated or community-led projects
- Activities that demonstrate clear pathways to impact, uptake and transformation
- Practical and accessible outputs
- New and emerging Māori researchers
- Projects that contribute to Pātai Puāwai and demonstrate strong potential for impact and transformation

Applications aligned with all Matakiteanga Pae and Pātai are welcome.

8. Duties

The award holder is required to notify NPM of any conflicts of interest or changes in employment status; acknowledge NPM support in all outputs; display the NPM logo and acknowledgement statement where appropriate; and submit all NPM reporting requirements by the date specified in the Statement of Work (SOW) agreement. Award holder expect to participate in at least one NPM Wānanga. (Paetukutuku / TTT Hui-ā-Tau / Rangahau).

9. Payment

Grant payments will be made in instalments. Payment schedules will be outlined in the SOW and may vary according to the value and nature of the project. The first instalment will be made on completion of contracting and receipt of any required project documentation. The final instalment will be made upon completion of the project and receipt of all required outputs and reports.

10. Early Termination

Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga may request evidence of how grant funding has been used, including invoices and receipts. NPM may suspend, terminate, or recover funding if the recipient does not meet the conditions of the grant.

11. Terms and Conditions

The recipient permits NPM to reference and promote funded outputs through reports, media, publications, websites and other communications. The recipient will provide NPM with copies, links, recordings, photographs, publications, digital resources, or other evidence of outputs arising from the funded activity as requested. The recipient must notify NPM of any other funding received in relation to the funded activity.