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|  | Māori Futures Programme  New Horizons Summer Internships  2025/2026 |

STUDENT INTERNSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Due Monday, 8 September 2025, 5pm

**Submit your application online** [**here**](https://auckland.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0vOsJHlpc24Igpo)

The portal will be open on 20 August 2025

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.

# 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 Matakitenga 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

The internship programme will run over 10 weeks, 1 Dec 2025 – 16 Feb 2026 summer period.

# Eligibility

The award is for pre-doctoral senior undergraduate or post graduate Māori students enrolled in 2025 at an NPM tertiary education partner entity. Students may be enrolled to complete a senior undergraduate special topic, post graduate dissertation or thesis as part of their internship. The award is intended for students who are genuinely interested in advancing their skills and capacity in Indigenous development and research. Students must be available to fully engage in the internship experience, and are not employed, completing summer school or professional development activities for more than 10 hours per week. To be eligible for this award, students must not be holding any other internship award from any source.

# Value

$7,500 NZD per award, with 10 internships available for the 2025/2026 summer period. The award will be paid in two equal instalments, with the first payment due at the beginning of the internship, and the final instalment will be paid at the end of the internship.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

* Start by assembling all required information
* Complete a word doc of the application form
* Go to the online portal
* Complete the online form and upload all required information (cut and paste from word doc).
* Don’t forget to hit the submit button!

# What internship opportunities are there?

For a full list of the available projects please download the **25-26 NPMNH Internship Projects file**. Full descriptions of the opportunities available, including the supervising researcher, their institution, the project descriptor, objectives and work programme are outlined.

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 and confirm student choices. 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 of the 1st of December 2025.

# What information is required?

1. A completed application form including statements of interest for selected projects.
2. CV
3. Academic transcript that includes recent grades received in your current and/or previous degree.
4. Letter of reference from an academic staff member

# information and documents Provided

1. 25-26 NPM Maori Futures Programme New Horizons Student Internship Application form-*for completion and submission*.
2. 25-26 NPMNH Internship Projects file. *For selection of projects*
3. 25-26 NPFNH Internship General Regulations-*for your information.*

# Online submission

Please complete all fields in the online form and upload all required information. More information regarding applications is available through the [online application portal](https://auckland.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0vOsJHlpc24Igpo)

# Outcome

We anticipate all applicants will be informed of outcomes by 6 October 2025. Interns are recommended to supervising researchers on a case by case basis. Once recommended interns are approved, they will also be notified on a case by case basis. This process can take some time, as we work with the supervising researchers to select student applicant best matched to their project. We would appreciate your patience as we finalise the interns selected for the programme.

# Contact

For application queries please email: [research@maramatanga.ac.nz](mailto:research@maramatanga.ac.nz)

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## Section 1 Applicant’s details

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| Applicant’s name | Title, First, Last name | | |
| Iwi affiliation/s | Separate iwi with a comma | | |
| Email |  | | |
| Work/Mobile number |  | | |
| NPM Partner Entity | (Where student is enrolled) | | |
| Student ID number |  | | |
| Current programme of study | (eg., BA, MA) | | |
| current year of study | (eg., 3rd year of Bachelors degree) | | |
| Period of enrolment | **Start date:** | | dd/mm/yyyy |
| **Completion date:** | | dd/mm/yyyy |
| current enrolment status | **Fulltime** | |  |
| **Part time** | |  |
| **Other**-(please provide details below) | |  |
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| Will you be employed, completing summer school or other professional development activities during the period of the internship? | **No** |  | |
| **Yes**-if yes, please provide details including the hours per week engaged in these activities below. |  | |
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| Will you be applying for other internship awards from any other source? | Please provide details of funder, internship award applied for, and any outcome received to date. | | |

## Section 2 Choice of internship and statement of Interest

Please reference the list of projects in Appendix 1. In order of priority, indicate the three projects you would like to be considered for and describe why each project interests you.

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| Choice 1 | |
| NPM Project code | Insert NPM project reference code, noted before the project title in the projects list e.g **25-26INTPROJ 01** |
| NPM Project title | Insert project title from projects list e.g **Hāpai te hauora: Breathing your ancestors into life** |
| Describe why this project interests you? (200-300 words) | |
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| Choice 2 | |
| NPM Project code | Insert NPM project reference code, noted before the project title in the projects list e.g **25-26INTPROJ 01** |
| NPM Project title | Insert project title from projects list e.g **Hāpai te hauora: Breathing your ancestors into life** |
| Describe why this project interests you? (200-300 words) | |
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| Choice 3 | |
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| NPM Project title | Insert project title *from projects list e.g* **Hāpai te hauora: Breathing your ancestors into life** |
| Describe why this project interests you? (200-300 words) | |
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## SECTION 3 DOCUMENT CHECK

Please ensure you have all these documents prepared before accessing the online portal. The portal is unable to save partial applications and you will have to restart the online submission process.

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| File | Required Format |
| 1. A completed NPM application form | WORD DOC (please do not submit as a PDF) |
| 1. CV | PDF |
| 1. Academic transcript (*We do not require the formal record of transcript, PDF copies from your student portal are acceptable.)* | PDF |
| 1. Reference from an academic staff member in support of your NPM Internship application | PDF |

Ngā mihi. Thank you for your effort. We are almost done. Please proceed to the online portal to complete the submission process.

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