



Tonganui Scholarship Guidelines 2022

Ko Tonganui te ingoa o te whare i mau ai te matau a Māui

We acknowledge Māui Tikitiki a Taranga as the embodiment of the qualities to which we aspire as Māori; Māui the curious, the courageous, the quick-witted, the adventurer, the seeker and provider of wellbeing for his people.

Tonganui is the name of the ancient whare whakairo within the pantheon of Tangaroa. When Māui cast his hook into the ocean, it descended through the roiling seas, of Rehua, of Ere Toro, to the house of Tonganui. Te Matau a Māui lodged in this house, and by this House was the Ika a Māui brought to the ocean surface.

Tonganui represents attainable educational potential; and through it, prosperity for Māori. Its marine origins invokes our whakapapa to Tangaroa and Hinemoana, and acknowledges Māui's quest for the prosperity of our Māori people. It was through grasping the house of Tonganui that Māui was able to attain prosperity.

About the Tonganui Scholarship

The Tonganui scholarship is a \$10,000 grant designed to accelerate talented, Māori professionals in pursuit of education or research that advances tikanga Māori, mātauranga Māori and Te Ao Māori within the oceans sector.

The scholarships aim to:

- Foster and grow an active and reciprocal relationship with Tangaroa and Hinemoana.
- Accelerate talented and committed Māori to pursue excellence in the oceans sector
- Advance kaupapa and Mātauranga Māori within western management and knowledge systems pertaining to the oceans
- Strengthen the presence of Māori experts throughout the oceans sector; from decision making to conservation, from innovation to research.

- Strengthen Ngāi Māori's ability to meaningfully influence and guide the future direction of the oceans sector.
- Strengthen the adoption of and advocacy for Te Ao Māori, tikanga and mātauranga throughout the oceans sector.

About Te Pūtea Whakatupu Trust

Te Pūtea Whakatupu Trust was established under the Māori Fisheries Act 2004 as part of the settlement of Māori fishing rights claims. As an independent charitable trust, its role is to provide strategic leadership in education, training, and workforce development for Māori, and to manage the Trust's fund made available for these purposes. The Trust has a particular obligation to ensure benefits are made available to all Māori and give regard to Māori who do not associate with their iwi and/or do not receive benefit from a Mandated Iwi Organisation.

Criteria

Successful Tonganui Scholarship applicants must:

- Be at least 22 years old at the time of application
- Whakapapa Māori
- Have four years or equivalent experience in the oceans sector, including but not limited to:
 - Policy and regulations
 - Science and research
 - Commercial or operational (including start-ups, Mandated Iwi Organisations or fisheries and aquaculture companies)
 - Conservation, biosecurity and resource management
- Propose a programme that meets the requirements of the Tonganui Scholarship

Please note, receiving this scholarship does not impede your ability to seek additional grant funding if your selected programme of study or research costs exceed the maximum amount awarded in the Tonganui Scholarship.

Entitlement

- A one-off payment of \$10,000 NZD towards the proposed programme of study. Eligible uses include:
 - Fees associated with programme of study or research
 - Direct travel costs to/from the course or programme of choice
 - Living costs during the course of study
- Access to Ngā Auahitūroa – Te Pūtea Whakatupu's alumni network.

Required documents/information:

To apply for this scholarship, fill out the [online application form](#) and supply the following:

- Curriculum vitae
- Two letters of endorsement from two referees (one from the oceans sector and one from a Māori entity/organisation is preferable)
- A short summary of your intended use of the funding (max 800 words)
- A short 'cover video' (120 seconds) outlining/illustrating the following:
 - How this scholarship experience will help you contribute to the scholarship's objectives
 - How your choice of programme and particular destination will strengthen your connection to Tangaroa, Hinemoana and the oceans sector
 - Your ongoing commitment to the oceans sector and to advancing tikanga, Mātauranga and Te Ao Māori within it, particularly post-grant and the completion of your proposed course of work.

Key information

- You must complete and submit an [online application](#) by **15 September 2022**
- A selection panel will consider applications on their merit against the purpose of the Tonganui scholarship and Te Pūtea Whakatupu's impact outcomes.
- The successful candidate will be notified by **27 September 2022** and announced via Te Pūtea Whakatupu's website and associated social media channels.

Please note, your application does not require prior acceptance into your proposed course of study, but will be contingent on your eventual acceptance. You should also consider any pre-requisite testing required by the institutions to which you intend to apply.

Award conditions

- Your award is conditional on the acceptance to an approved institution and course of study or research.
- Your selected course of study must begin within a calendar year of the confirmation of your award, and the grant cannot be deferred to subsequent academic years.
- You agree to provide a presentation detailing the use of the scholarship following the completion of your programme of study. The audience and platform of which to be agreed by you and Te Pūtea Whakatupu.
- You agree to fulfil some media requirements for Te Pūtea Whakatupu Trust, prior to, during, or following the completion of your initiative/programme or during the journey of achieving your aspiration (e.g share your kaupapa on our social media channels, provide a quote for a press releases, and share your kaupapa on our website)

Tonganui Scholars

A successful Tonganui scholar is unwavering in their commitment to our oceans, strengthening our bonds with, and responsibility to, Tangaroa and Hinemoana. They have experience working within the oceans sector, and are pursuing pathways to accelerate and grow the impact they will have in the sector in the future.

Whether scientific research, mahinga kai, ocean navigation or biodiversity advocacy, we consider the oceans sector to be holistic, encompassing all interactions with the ocean.

Your programme of work, and your continued commitment to the oceans sector, will contribute to the advancement of one or more of the following priority areas:

- Sustainability
- Science and Research
- Policy Development
- Mātauranga Māori
- Effects of Climate Change

Successful awardees, in addition to the grant, become part of Ngā Auahitūroa – Te Pūtea Whakatupu's Alumni network of over 300 diverse, passionate, and highly talented Māori throughout Aotearoa.