
**Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga Futures Programme
PhD DOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIP GRANT**

General Regulations

1. The award shall be known as the “Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga PhD Doctoral Scholarship Grant” which forms part of the Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga Futures Programme.
2. The award shall be administered by Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga (NPM) secretariat at the University of Auckland.
3. Purpose
To provide assistance and support to a Māori PhD Doctoral student who:
 - a) is currently enrolled, or intends to enrol, at a NPM Partner institution to undertake their PhD Doctoral research.
4. Eligibility
This award is open to Māori students who are currently enrolled, or intend to enrol, at a tertiary education NPM Partner institution to undertake their PhD Doctoral research. The successful award recipients must be willing to participate in the NPM Futures support programme.
5. Assessment criteria
 - a) Contribution and alignment of the PhD Doctoral degree programme and research to the NPM Matakiteanga Research Framework.
 - b) Quality and feasibility of the proposed thesis topic.
 - c) Commitment to engaging with Te Kupenga o MAI, the NPM Māori and Indigenous Scholar Network Programme.
 - d) Academic performance.
 - e) Completion by the 1st of January 2026.
6. Duties
The award holder is required to:
 - (a) Provide NPM with formal confirmation of enrolment in a PhD Doctoral programme. The NPM PhD Doctoral Scholarship award is conditional upon formal enrolment in a PhD Doctoral programme at a NPM Partner Institution.
 - (b) Progress their PhD Doctoral degree programme and research.
 - (c) Notify Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga immediately of anything that could materially affect the tenure of this award. Such as conflicts of interest, change in enrolment status, or receipt of other sources of funding.
 - (d) Attend NPM professional excellence activities including engagement with Te Kupenga o MAI.
 - (e) Participate in NPM researcher wānanga (scheduled twice yearly) and the biennial International Indigenous Research Conference.
 - (f) Acknowledge the support of the “Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga PhD Doctoral Scholarship Grant” in all presentations, publications, reports and associated outputs.
Where possible:
 - (a) support relevant activities of Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga.

7. Funding amount
 - (a) \$33,000 stipend (plus \$7,500 for course fees), per annum for two years.
 - (b) Complimentary registration to the NPM biennial International Indigenous Research Conference.
 - (c) Complimentary registration to NPM professional excellence activities.

8. Reporting
 - (a) The award holder shall make one oral and one written report of the progress of their PhD thesis and activities annually.

9. Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga may suspend or terminate any award, or require the forfeiture of such proportion of the award emolument as the Committee may determine, if it is satisfied that the award holder is not diligently pursuing the objectives and outputs of the completion grant, or has failed to comply with any of the terms and conditions on which the award was granted; and an award shall be terminated and no further payments shall be made if an award holder ceases to pursue the aforesaid research and knowledge transfer programme.

10. The rights to ownership, commercialisation and sharing of benefits from any Intellectual Property arising out of the grant holder's research work shall remain as a matter between the award holder and the institution at which he or she was enrolled for the PhD Doctoral degree programme. Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga wishes to have its support appropriately acknowledged.

11. Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga may vary the conditions or regulations relating to the said awards and the granting and tenure thereof and add further or substitute other conditions provided that no such conditions shall be inconsistent with the general purpose of the Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga PhD Doctoral Scholarship grant programme.