



# PŪTAHI MANAWA

HEALTHY HEARTS FOR  
AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND

## 2025 Pacific Doctoral Scholarships

### Background:

The mission of the Pūtahi Manawa | Healthy Hearts for Aotearoa New Zealand (HHANZ) Centre of Research Excellence (CoRE) is to improve equity in heart health for Māori, for Pacific Peoples and for women through research excellence and precision medicine. Pūtahi Manawa will bring together research scientists, clinicians, educationalists and communities by comprehensively and collaboratively addressing issues around equity in heart health outcomes to support and complement the public health approach. We wish to work in partnership with communities and researchers to create a vibrant world-class environment and network for heart research in Aotearoa New Zealand that is underpinned by evidenced based, multi-disciplinary collaborative research that delivers clinical benefits and heart health equity to patients.

### About Doctoral Scholarships:

The purpose of these scholarships is to provide direct support for Pacific doctoral students undertaking research in heart health in Aotearoa New Zealand.

### Grant duration and funding:

Doctoral scholarships provide support for a three-year period, with a tax-free stipend \$36,000 per annum, \$5,000 p/a in research expenses and payment of tuition fees.

### Eligibility:

- Students must be of Indigenous Pacific descent.
- Students must study at a New Zealand tertiary institution.
- Study will usually be undertaken full-time. However, if your circumstances mean you need to study part-time, please contact us to discuss.
- You do not have to be a New Zealand Citizen or Resident to be eligible.
- All proposals should be aligned with our CoRE principles as outlined at the end of this document.
- Applicants must adhere to the guidelines and space limitations as detailed in this information sheet and the application form or else the application will be disqualified.

### Key Dates:

Applications open: 1 March 2025

Applications close: 30 April 2025

Results announced: June 2025

### Scholarship Criteria:

The table below provides definitions of Pūtahi Manawa | HHANZ CoRE funding criteria and example questions that you might try to answer to show how your proposal is able to meet each criterion.

	<b>Definition</b>
<b>Scientific integrity</b>	<i>Best practice or rules of professional practice in research</i> How robust is the science? How relevant is this topic to the aims of Pūtahi Manawa?
<b>Equity</b>	<i>Fairness and justice, distinct from equality</i> How does the proposal address /enhance equity/ intervene in inequity? How will this funding impact equity? What research is being included that will support equity? <i>Contributing to Indigenous Pacific Community Visions of Wellbeing</i> How does your research impact Indigenous Pacific communities and their wellbeing aspirations? Have you specified if you are working with a Pan-Pacific or ethnic specific Pacific group and if ethnic specific how will your findings translate to the wider Indigenous Pacific community? Is data handling culturally appropriate? (i.e.: is there a data governance strategy)
<b>Te Tiriti o Waitangi</b>	<i>Acknowledgment and upholding of Te Tiriti o Waitangi</i> How does the proposal include a Te Tiriti o Waitangi focus? How does this research strengthen Māori and Pacific research relationships? How does the proposal acknowledge Māori cultural beliefs, values, practices?
<b>Translation</b>	<i>Translation is more than dissemination. It is the process of passing research findings along the research pathway to the next user and/or end user.</i> How will you translate your findings? How will this project engage with the community and stakeholders? How will dissemination of results to Māori, Pacific communities occur?
<b>Team Excellence</b>	Describe how the student will be supported throughout their study including working environment and the subject and cultural knowledge and experience of the supervisory team.

### Scoring and Weightings:

- Section A: Academic record, personal statement, career plan and character reference (50%).
- Section B: Research plan, Te Tiriti o Waitangi, Community Engagement, Translation and Team Excellence (50%).

### Conditions:

- The applicant must be enrolled in a doctoral programme at a New Zealand institution before the scholarship commences.
- The start date and end date of the scholarship must be stated.
- Presentations or publications or media (eg, press releases), or patents resulting from the scholarship will acknowledge the Pūtahi Manawa's support and be submitted as part of regular reporting.
- The applicants' host institution will administer the scholarship. If there are changes in details of the scholarship or research project, a variation request will need to be submitted to the Pūtahi Manawa | HHANZ CoRE administration team.
- Reports will be required at the end of the first and second years. In lieu of a final report, a copy of the thesis will be provided.
- It is expected a contribution will be made to outreach and education activities, which will also be included in the reporting.



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- The scholarship will normally be for full-time study unless other arrangements have been agreed.

### How to apply:

Please send the completed application form and NZ CV to:

**hhanzcoregrants@auckland.ac.nz** unless your institution requires you to work with your research office to submit on your behalf.

### CV format

Please use the CV template provided. The template provides options for two formats - MBIE's Narrative CV template or the New Zealand RS&T template. You may use whichever format you prefer.

### Contact information:

**hhanzcoregrants@auckland.ac.nz**