



Pūtahi Manawa summer research programmes 2026/27: Fatu Malosi Pacific summer research programme & Māori summer research programme

Information for Supervisors

Purpose:

Fatu Malosi and the Māori summer research programme are two distinct programmes that provide the opportunity for students studying at a tertiary level to get a taste of research by participating in a Māori or Pacific-designed and led heart health research programme over summer.

Duration:

Both programmes begin on Monday 23rd November 2026 and conclude on Friday 12th February 2027. A two week break over the Christmas period is given to students from Monday 21 December 2026 to Tuesday 5 January 2026.

Structure:

In the first week of the programmes, students will participate in a fonotaga (for Fatu Malosi students) or a one-day wānanga (for Māori summer students). In the final week of the programme, each student will present on their experience over the summer working on their research project. Students will spend the rest of the ten weeks working on their projects with their supervisor/s.

Expectations of Students:

Students are expected to treat this opportunity as a full-time job and should be spending 40 hours per week working on research tasks.

As part of their application, students are asked which city they will be located in during the summer. This information is used to help inform student selection and placement. The location of work on-site, remotely, or hybrid will be at the discretion of the supervisors. If there are any issues with student attendance on-site and you would like assistance with following up with students, please do not hesitate to contact the Fatu Malosi leads Julie and Nuseta or the pouwhakarite.

Projects:



Projects should be clearly defined for the student. Supervisors should come up with a structured timeline so that students are able to realistically complete tasks. Pūtahi Manawa does not provide funding for summer projects and any resources needed (e.g. referencing software that is not free, AI tools that are not free) for the student to complete the project need to be provided by the supervisors. If you are community-based and interested in supporting a student, we can support you to develop a research project. Send us an email at putahimanawa@auckland.ac.nz for assistance.

Supervisors:

Supervisors should be able to guide the students throughout the research project/tasks they will be undertaking, as well as provide oversight, advice, and mentorship. It is anticipated that supervisors will meet with students regularly throughout the summer to check in with their progress and guide them (e.g. weekly).

Final Reporting/Presentation:

Students will be required to submit a brief report and deliver a presentation in the final week of the programme. Supervisors should approve the presentation before students submit their presentation slides to Fatu Malosi leads or pouwhakarite and deliver their presentation. Students are expected to complete their research tasks and their end of programme presentation within the timeframe of the summer project.

Student Stipend Payments:

Students will be paid a stipend by the university that their supervisor is based at. Supervisors will be responsible for organising stipend payment for their summer student. For students whose supervisor is not based at a university, payments will be made via the University of Auckland, and will be organised by Pūtahi Manawa. Students receiving their stipends via the University of Auckland will need to enrol in a Certificate of Proficiency at the University for stipends to be processed. Full instructions will be given to supervisors and students once students have accepted a place on the programme.

Contact:

Fatu Malosi Summer Research Programme:

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Programme Timeline and Key Dates

Pre-Programme

Date	Timeline
8 July 2026	Supervisor and project applications open
13 July 2026	Fatu Malosi student applications open
TBC	Supervisor information zui
3 August 2026, 5pm	Supervisor project and Fatu Malosi student applications close
4 August - Mid-September 2026	Matching students to projects and supervisors
End of September 2026	Student applicants notified of outcome

Māori Summer Research Programme with Pūhoro STEMM

Dates	Task
WEEK 1 23 - 27 November 2026	Wānanga and start project mahi with supervisor One day wānanga during the week beginning Monday 23 November for pōwhiri and whakawhanaungatanga for tauira and supervisors, followed by project mahi
WEEKS 2 - 4 30 November - 18 December 2026	Project mahi
21 December 2026 to 4 January 2027	Christmas/New Year break
WEEKS 5-9 5 January - 5 February 2027	Project mahi
WEEK 10 9 - 12 February 2026	Project mahi followed by end-of-programme presentations and celebrations dinner with awards ceremony

Fatu Malosi Pacific Summer Research Programme

Dates	Task
WEEK 1 23 - 27 November 2026	Fonotaga and start project work with supervisor Building relationships with each other, workshops, meeting supervisors virtually or in-person , starting on project.
WEEKS 2 - 4 30 November - 18 December 2026	Undertaking project
21 December 2026 to 4 January 2027	Christmas/New Year break
WEEKS 5-9 5 January - 5 February 2027	Students working on projects with supervisors and preparing for presentations
WEEK 10 9 - 12 February 2026	Project work followed by end-of-programme presentations and celebrations dinner with awards ceremony