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**Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga Maori Futures Programme**

NGĀ PAE O TE MĀRAMATANGA PhD DOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIP GRANT

**GENERAL REGULATIONS**

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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 Māori PhD Doctoral students who are 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 PhD students currently enrolled at a tertiary education NPM Partner institution to undertake doctoral research that aligns with the [NPM Matakitega Research Framework](#). Successful recipients must be willing to participate in the NPM Futures support programme.
5. Scholarship Co-tenure  
The NPM PhD Doctoral scholarship grant cannot be held in co-tenure with any New Zealand University named doctoral scholarship (e.g. University of Auckland Doctoral scholarship, The University of Canterbury Doctoral scholarship etc). Current award holders of any New Zealand University named doctoral scholarship are not eligible to apply for any NPM PhD Doctoral scholarships until such time as their current award has concluded. NPM Award holders must advise NPM immediately of any other grants or scholarships awarded during the period of the scholarship. NPM may vary the conditions, regulations, granting and tenure of their scholarship at their discretion.
6. Assessment criteria
  - a) Contribution and alignment of the PhD Doctoral degree programme and research to the [NPM Matakitega 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) Tenure: Up to 24 months FTE and submission of thesis by 1 March 2027.
7. 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.

8. Funding amount

- a) \$35,000 stipend, per annum for two years of full-time equivalent (FTE) doctoral enrolment. Part time awardees will be paid pro-rata.
- b) Complimentary registration to the NPM biennial International Indigenous Research Conference.
- c) Complimentary registration to NPM professional excellence activities.

9. Professional Development Support

Subject to NPM approval, PhD scholarship awardees may be eligible for an additional grant to support professional development activities. NPM PhD Scholarship awardees can submit proposals to access additional support for professional development activities, up to a maximum of \$9,500 per annum (for the duration of the NPM PhD Scholarship). Professional development activities can include attendance at workshops, masterclasses, or short courses related to the PhD, travel & registration costs to conferences, wānanga and the like. Where NPM PhD Scholarship awardees do not hold any other sources of funding that contribute to their PhD course fees, the professional development grant will contribute to these costs.

10. Reporting

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

11. 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.

12. 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.

13. 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.