



Hōtaka Programme – DRAFT

Wānanga – 9 September Māori and Pasifika early-career researchers

Te rā: 9 September 2026, 1–5pm

Te wāhi: Te Noho Kotahitanga Marae, 139 Carrington Road, Mount Albert, Tāmaki Makaurau 1025

The Early Career Researcher Forum of the Royal Society Te Apārangi is hosting a wānanga for Māori and Pasifika early-career researchers to preface the 2-day *He Pito Mata* gathering. This is an opportunity to tūhonohono (connect), explore Māori and Pasifika leadership in the research, science, innovation, and technology sectors, and to strategise for change.

Te wā	Kaupapa
1pm	Pōhiri Overview of day
1.30pm	Whakawhanaungatanga
1.45pm	Kaikōrero matua: Māori Leadership across our changing research, science, innovation, and technology system
2.15pm	Panel discussion: Pacific Futures: building Pasifika leadership in research and science, mentoring, and regional connections – Strengthening Indigenous and local knowledge systems – Building regional collaborations – Creating pathways into science leadership and policy engagement – Launching the Pacific Futures Reference Group and Mentoring Programme for the Pacific Academy of Sciences
2.40pm	Ngā whiwhinga Kanapu Connect – Exploring a navigation platform built to improve knowledge of, access to, and connection across the sector Journal – Special Issue – Assoc Prof Kristie Cameron (ECR Forum Chair, UNITEC)
3pm	Mahea te rangi – Afternoon tea
3.30pm	Panel discussion: Identity and transition from emerging researcher to mid-career researcher
4pm	Group discussions: Strategise for change
4.45pm	Final reflections
4.55pm	Karakia whakakapi