

2026 New Zealand Mana Tūāpapa Future Leader Fellowship Proposal guidelines for applicants

NGĀ ARATOHU TUKU TONO MĀ NGĀ KAITONO

The **Mana Tūāpapa Future Leader Fellowship** is one of the Aotearoa New Zealand Tāwhia te Mana Research Fellowships. Mana Tūāpapa is designed to support Aotearoa New Zealand's talented **early career researchers** to establish the foundations of an excellent and impactful research career.

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Changes for 2026

Ngā huringa mō te tau 2026

The following changes have been made for the 2026 round:

- Added eligibility criteria that applicants should not have been awarded a major research grant (e.g. Marsden Fast-Start or Endeavour Fund) as a principal investigator or equivalent leadership role.
- Added selection criteria that applicants will be assessed on alignment with Government priorities and rationale for how the research proposal may contribute to, support or build capability in those priority areas.
- An opportunity for applicants to list a [Mentor](#) for their Fellowship has been added. Once added to the application, the Mentor must agree to being a Mentor on the portal before the application can be submitted.
- The Society highly recommends that any exemption request/career gaps calculators are being forwarded to us **no later than two weeks** before the application closing date, or we may otherwise not be able to assess the request before the application deadline.
- Added guidance on Trusted Research and the use of generative artificial intelligence (AI) technologies in applications.

Background to the Tāwhia te Mana Research Fellowships

He whakamārama mō Tāwhia te Mana

The Aotearoa New Zealand Tāwhia te Mana Research Fellowships are administered by Royal Society Te Apārangi on behalf of the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (the Ministry).

The Fellowships will support researchers at different career stages to produce excellent and impactful research and to develop into leaders in their fields, their respective host organisations and across the whole of the Aotearoa New Zealand science, innovation and technology (SI&T) system. It is expected that Fellows, throughout their careers, will contribute to positive outcomes for Aotearoa New Zealand, including (where applicable) giving effect to the Vision Mātauranga policy in their work and their community.

Receipt of an Aotearoa New Zealand Tāwhia te Mana Research Fellowship is expected to have significant value for the future career development and leadership potential of a researcher.

The Māori terms in the fellowship names reference the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment's values, which includes Tāwhia tō Mana (building and retaining your reputation) as part of enabling the aspiration to "Hīkina Whakatutuki - Grow Aotearoa New Zealand for all". Tāwhia te Mana Fellowships contribute to building excellence in the SI&T sector.

The Aotearoa New Zealand Tāwhia te Mana Research Fellowships consist of three schemes, targeted at early, mid- and established career researchers respectively. The three schemes are:

- New Zealand Mana Tūāpapa Future Leader Fellowship (discussed in these guidelines)
- New Zealand Mana Tūānuku Research Leader Fellowship
- New Zealand Mana Tūārangi Distinguished Researcher Fellowship

The schemes target excellent candidates at three career stages: early-career researchers/future leaders building the foundations of their career (mana tūāpapa); mid-career researchers, further establishing themselves as research leaders (mana tūānuku); and distinguished researchers with expansive career success and a prominent international reputation (mana tūārangi).

New Zealand Mana Tūāpapa Future Leader Fellowships

Mana Tūāpapa

The application guidelines below provide applicants with information on how to apply for the New Zealand Mana Tūāpapa Future Leader Fellowship. The fellowship targets early-career researchers/future leaders building the foundations of their career (mana tūāpapa).

Objectives

Ngā whāinga

The New Zealand Mana Tūāpapa Future Leader Fellowships will support Aotearoa New Zealand's talented early career researchers to establish the foundations of an excellent and impactful research career.

All Aotearoa New Zealand Tāwhia te Mana Research Fellowships include the overriding objective to develop the future leaders of the Aotearoa New Zealand science, innovation and technology system, and:

- improve the retention of talented future research leaders within the SI&T system, both during the fellowship and in their post-fellowship careers, through development of a strong track record
- support career development, to empower Fellows to become leaders in their fields, their organisations and across the SI&T system
- improve equity and diversity within the SI&T system, in particular by creating opportunities for Māori, Pacific peoples and women who are excellent researchers and future leaders of research
- reward and support a range of boundary-pushing research activities that build SI&T capability in areas of Government priority, including those that focus on generating economic impact from research.

Description

Whakamāramatanga

Around twenty New Zealand Mana Tūāpapa Future Leader Fellowships of four years in length will be awarded annually, for research in any field based in an Aotearoa New Zealand host organisation.

Scheme operation

Whakahaere o te kaupapa

Fellowships are awarded on 0.8 Full Time Equivalent basis, unless otherwise agreed by Royal Society Te Apārangi. The remainder of Fellows' time may be used for other research, teaching and non-research related development opportunities.

The duration of the Fellowship will be for four years. The Fellowship may be undertaken on a part-time basis to enable the Fellow to fulfil family and/or care responsibilities, including

personal care, subject to agreement by the host and Royal Society Te Apārangi, in which case the duration of the Fellowship may be extended up to a maximum of eight years.

The total value of the Mana Tūāpapa Future Leader Fellowship is \$820,000. The Fellowship will award per annum (excl. GST):

- \$82,500 contribution to the researcher's salary
- \$82,500 in organisational overheads
- \$40,000 for research-related expenses.

By exception, with agreement of the applicant, the host and Royal Society Te Apārangi, the contributions above may be shifted between the different components (see [Budget](#)).

Rules

Ngā Ture

- A Mana Tūāpapa Future Leader Fellowship applicant may not apply for another Tāwhia te Mana Research Fellowship in the same funding round.
- A former successful applicant for a Mana Tūāpapa Future Leader Fellowship may not apply for a second Mana Tūāpapa Future Leader Fellowship.
- Successful applicants will commence their programme of research within twelve months of the award notification.
- Successful applicants may not engage in other professional employment during the Fellowship without prior approval by Royal Society Te Apārangi.

Applicant eligibility

Āheinga o te Kaitono

To be eligible applicants must:

- be either a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident (i.e. hold a New Zealand Permanent Resident Visa).
- be an early career researcher whose PhD was conferred within four years of the closing date for applications (PhD conferred on or after 09 July 2022). The eligibility period for PhD conferral may be extended beyond four years under any of the following scenarios at the discretion of Royal Society Te Apārangi
 - extended sickness leave
 - part-time employment or career interruptions because of care giving responsibilities. If the applicant has been the [primary caregiver](#) of a dependent child born after (or close to) the conferral of their PhD, the applicant is able to extend the period of eligibility by two years per child. The extension of two years per dependent child is inclusive of any periods of parental leave. There is no maximum identified
 - to account for work or service in the community or an industry
 - as otherwise agreed by Royal Society Te Apārangi.

- For the purposes of the New Zealand Mana Tūāpapa Future Leader Fellowships, applicants must have completed all requirements for their PhD to be conferred at the time of application
- Not previously been awarded a major research grant (e.g. Marsden Fast-Start or Endeavour grant) as a Principal Investigator or equivalent leadership role.
- be supported by a New Zealand-based research organisation, with a supporting declaration that affirms that:
 - the applicant satisfies the eligibility criteria
 - the applicant has good potential to develop and progress their research career
 - it will employ the applicant at least for the duration of the Fellowship
 - it will facilitate the provision of support and facilities to enable the applicant to succeed in their Fellowship for the duration of the Fellowship.

Applicants that extend their eligibility due to being the primary caregiver of a dependent child born after the conferral of their PhD do not have to fill out the career gaps calculator but should confirm their eligibility with their host research office. Other applicants with a PhD conferral date before 09 July 2022 must confirm their eligibility with the Society by filling out the [career gaps calculator](#) and emailing it to tawhia@royalsociety.org.nz (via their research office or with their research office copied in).

The Society highly recommends that any exemption request/career gaps calculators are being forwarded to us **no later than two weeks** before the application closing date.

Host eligibility

Āheinga o te Kaitaurima

The host must be a New Zealand-based research organisation that can demonstrate it is capable and willing to provide support and facilities that will enable the applicant to succeed in their Fellowship.

The host cannot be a department of the public service as listed in Part 1 of Schedule 2 to the *Public Service Act 2020*.

Eligible hosts are research organisations based in New Zealand that meet the following definition: “An organisation that has sufficient internal capability for carrying out research, science or technology, or related activities in New Zealand.”

More information for prospective hosts can be found on the [Royal Society Te Apārangi website](#).

Additional requirement

Whakaritenga Tāpiri

In accordance with the Russia Sanctions Act 2022, the applicant and their research must not benefit a Russian state institution (including but not limited to support for Russian military or

security activity) or an organisation outside government that may be perceived as contributing to the war effort.

Criteria

Paearu

The award criteria must ensure successful proposals are consistent with the background and objectives of the Fellowships stated above.

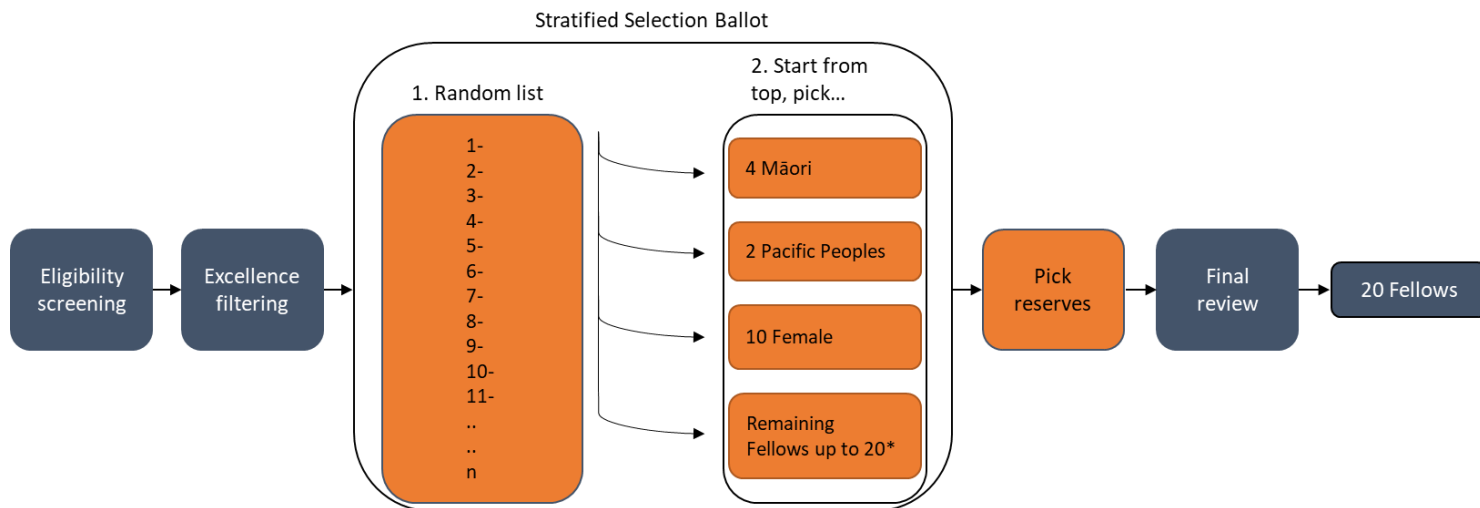
Applicants will be assessed on:

- potential as a future research leader, which may include:
 - vision for their field of work,
 - understanding of how their research can benefit New Zealand (including potential benefits in areas of future value, growth or critical need for New Zealand),
 - team leadership,
 - knowledge transfer activity,
 - entrepreneurial activity (where applicable) and,
 - giving effect to the Vision Mātauranga policy in their research and community (where applicable).
- applicant track record and potential to establish, re-enter or progress their career in research relative to opportunity
- the clear articulation of a research plan with high likelihood to deliver research outcomes
- alignment with Government priorities and rationale for how the research proposal may contribute to, support or build capability in those priority areas
- suitability of the host's capability to support the Fellow (including cultural support and pastoral care) throughout the Fellowship.

Selection process

Hātepe mō te tīpako

The selection process will comprise an eligibility screening, a referee suitability filter followed by a stratified selection ballot, and a final review by an independent panel as set out in the following process diagram.



*Note: Orange boxes refer to activities related to the selection algorithm described on [Github](#). *Fellows may include additional Māori, Pacific Peoples and female applicants depending on the demographic proportions of the applicant pool and the randomly generated list.*

These processes are briefly described in more detail below.

Eligibility screening

Applications will be checked against the eligibility criteria set out above. Applications will also be checked for completeness.

Referee suitability filter

The referee suitability filter is used to determine if an applicant is suitable for a fellowship. Referees will be asked to score applicants, and provide additional comments, on a series of question about the applicant. These referee scores and comments are used by the selection panel to determine your suitability to receive a fellowship compared to other applicants. For more information on the type of questions, please see “Guidelines for Referees”.

The Mana Tūāpapa Future Leader Fellowship assessment panel will determine and apply a cutoff threshold based on scores provided by referees, and all applications above the threshold will enter the ballot.

In order to keep the referee scores anonymous, applicants will not be informed if they made the threshold for ballot or not.

Selection

A stratified selection ballot will be used to select recipients. The stratified selection ballot will ensure that:

- around 20 per cent of Fellowships are awarded to applicants who whakapapa Māori
- around 10 per cent of Fellowships are awarded to applicants who identify as being of Pacific ethnicity
- around 50 per cent of Fellowships are awarded to applicants who identify as female.

All applications which meet the threshold for referee suitability will be sorted into a randomly ordered list. The top four listed applicants who whakapapa Māori will be selected. The top two applicants who identify as Pacific Peoples will be selected. The top listed applicants who identify as female and gender diverse will be selected until there are 10 recipients, including Māori and Pacific Peoples, that identify as female. Again, going back to the top of the list, remaining top listed applicants will be selected until a total of 20 recipients is reached. These remaining recipients will be predominantly those that do not identify as Māori, Pacific or female but may include Māori, Pacific Peoples and female applicants depending on the demographic proportions of the applicant pool and the randomly generated list. For more information on the selection ballot process see [Github](#).

Final review

A final review of the balloted applications will be undertaken by the Mana Tūāpapa Future Leader Fellowship assessment panel. The panel is appointed by Royal Society Te Apārangi and chaired by the President of Royal Society Te Apārangi, or their nominee. The Panel will be appointed to ensure diverse organisational, ethnic and gender representation.

The Panel will confirm the suitability threshold and review each balloted application to ensure that:

- the applicant has the potential to become a future research leader
- the applicant's track record demonstrates a potential to establish, re-enter or progress their career in research relative to opportunity
- the applicant has clearly articulated a research plan with high likelihood to deliver research outcomes
- the proposed research aligns with Government priorities and provides rationale for how the research proposal may contribute to, support or build capability in those priority areas.
- the suitability of the host's capability to support the Fellow (including cultural support and pastoral care) throughout the Fellowship has been assessed.

Closing date

Applications and supporting information must be submitted to the Royal Society Te Apārangi on the on-line portal by the closing date of **Thursday 09 July 2026 at 2 pm (NZST)**.

Timetable

Wātaka

Date	Activity
Any time	Registration of prospective hosts to the On-Line web-based application system (portal) opens
Fri 01 May 2026	Latest day for Proposals On-Line web-based application system (portal) opening for applications
Thu 09 July 2026	Proposals On-Line portal closes, 2pm New Zealand Standard Time (NZST)
Wed 15 July 2026	Latest date for Royal Society Te Apārangi to send out invitations to applicant-solicited referees
Thu 06 August 2026	Deadline for receipt of applicant-solicited referee reports by the Secretariat of the Tāwhia te Mana Research Fellowships, 2pm NZST
Fri 14 August 2026	Latest date for completing the Ballot and forwarding balloted applications to the selection panel
Fri 11 September 2026	Deadline for panellist scores
Early October 2026	Final Review Panel Meeting
Late October 2026	Results announced

Additional information for applicants

Ētahi atu kōrero mā ngā kaitono

Trusted Research Guidance

Researchers should familiarise themselves with the [Trusted Research Guidance for Institutions and Researchers](#). In case of questions, please consult your Research Office.

New Zealand has an open and collaborative research and innovation system, and values academic freedom and research conducted independently by individuals and organisations. While the government is actively seeking to increase the international connectedness of the research and innovation system, there are potential risks with international partnerships that have to be identified and managed to prevent damaged reputations (including harm to researchers), lost intellectual property (IP), and harm to New Zealand's national interests. One such risk is that sensitive technologies* may be accessed by others and applied to purposes that are not consistent with New Zealand's values or interests. To manage these potential risks, a risk analysis of those projects that are offered funding through Catalyst: Seeding will be performed. In the unlikely event that any funded project contains a high level of risk, risk mitigation strategies may be required. These would be developed in discussion with the Principal Investigator and the relevant organisation(s) and may form part of the contractual conditions of the project.

**Technologies become sensitive when they: (i) have both a civil and military/security application or potential thereof ("dual use"); or (ii) underpin significant economic value or potential for New Zealand.*

Use of generative artificial intelligence (AI) technologies

The use of generative AI tools (e.g. ChatGPT) presents an opportunity to assist researchers in the crafting of proposals but may raise issues around authorship and intellectual property including copyright. Content produced by generative AI may be based on the intellectual property of others or may be factually incorrect. Royal Society Te Apārangi therefore advises applicants to use caution in the use of generative AI tools in developing their proposals. All applicants are expected to take full responsibility for the content of the proposal, the suitability and validity of cited sources and originality of content, and to submit proposals that do not contain false or misleading information.

Feedback process

All applicants, both successful and unsuccessful, will receive feedback derived from their referee reports with the decision letter from Royal Society Te Apārangi. Referees will be asked to provide constructive feedback on how the application could have been improved in relation to the proposed research plan and the applicant's potential as a research leader to aid early career applicants with future grant application preparation.

MBIE Open Research Policy

Royal Society Te Apārangi, as an administrator of Government research funding, has adopted the [MBIE Open Research Policy](#). A condition of contract for successful proposals will therefore

be that research outputs fully or partially arising from Mana Tūāpapa Future Leader Fellowship funding must comply with the MBIE Open Research Policy.

Hui-a-tau

As a condition of the Fellowship, Fellows will participate in the Hui-a-tau annual workshop organised by the Royal Society Te Apārangi. These workshops should provide multi-disciplinary and multi-institutional links across the SI&T.

At the end of the Fellowship period Fellows will present the findings and demonstrate the impact of their research at an appropriate forum identified by the Royal Society te Apārangi.

Contact us

For any enquiries, please first seek clarification from your research office.

Please address enquiries by email to: tawhia@royalsociety.org.nz or phone: + 64 4 472 7421

Additional information on the [Tāwhia te Mana Fellowships](#) is available on our website.

Using the application portal

Te whakamahi i te tomokanga tono

This section contains guidance about what information is expected in each section of a Mana Tūāpapa Future Leader Fellowship proposal.

Note: To apply for a Fellowship you must register with your selected host organisation, which will provide you with access to the Tāwhia te Mana online application portal.

Please read all the application information before you start the process.

Application format

Hōputu Tono

Proposals must be submitted on the Royal Society Te Apārangi online application portal (see “Sign up to portal” below).

The on-line application consists of information entered directly into the portal in combination with the upload of specific templates and documents. The limit on space in all sections of the templates should be adhered to and the typeface should be 11 point, Times or similar type font, single spacing (11 point), with margins of 2 cm on the left and 2 cm on the right sides of the page. Instructions in italic may be removed, but not the margins. No additional pages or attachments will be accepted other than where requested or required.

The following is an overview of all the sections of the application, an explanation for each section, and information on how to enter the information on the online application portal.

Section	Information	Type of entry	
Profile	Applicant details: contact email, name, ethnicity, privacy, current organisation, PhD conferral date	Entered on-line.	
Application	Applicant	Individual applicant contact details	Entered on-line.
	Categories	Categories including NZRIS reporting categories and years of research experience (post PhD)	Entered on-line.
	Project title and summary	Title and summary of the proposed project. Note that this information will be uploaded to the Royal Society Te Apārangī website if the application is successful.	Entered on-line.
	Forms	Narrative CV, host support, proposed research including alignment with Government priorities, visionary statement, budget, proof of citizenship and proof of PhD conferral date.	Download templates are available. Upload the finished forms when completed.
	Referees	Names of three referees (additional referees can be added after the application closing date)	Entered online
	Terms and Conditions	Confirm that you have read and agreed to the Terms and Conditions	Entered online

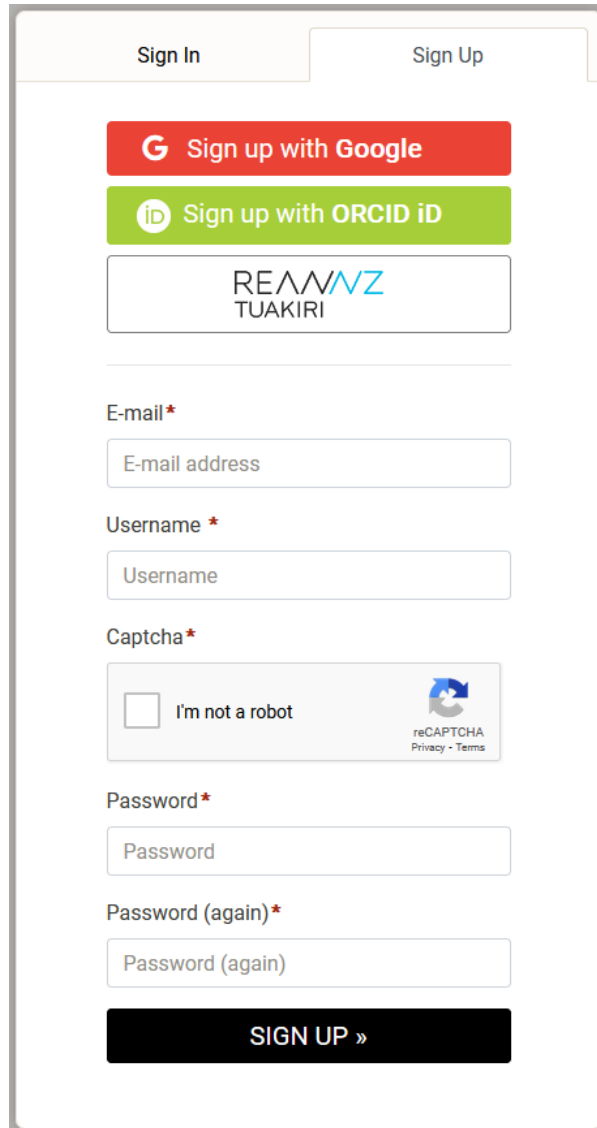
Applying in te reo Māori

Applicants are welcome to submit some, or all, sections of their application in te reo Māori. As some panellists assessing their proposal may not be fluent in te reo Māori, an English translation of the section(s) will be necessary. To ensure the application is correctly interpreted, applicants are encouraged to provide an English translation for those sections in addition to their application in te reo Māori. If a translation is not provided by the applicant, Royal Society Te Apārangī will engage a third-party accredited translation service to provide a translation, although, in this case, accuracy of the translation cannot be guaranteed.

It is also acknowledged that expressing ideas and information in te reo Māori can require more words than English. Therefore, the panel will accept an increase in word/page limit of approximately 30% for applications submitted in te reo Māori. This decision ultimately sits with the panel concerning necessary length, and appropriate outcome.

Sign up to the portal Rēhita ki te tomokanga

Contact the research office for the organisation that will host your fellowship in order to receive a link via email to the application portal. If your link does not arrive as expected, check your “junk” folder. If you have applied via this portal before (e.g. for the Prime Ministers Science Prize or Ngā Puanga Pūtaiao Fellowships, Catalyst Seeding or Leaders in 2026, or a previous Tāwhia Te Mana round), you will already have a profile. Please use this existing Username and Password for your Mana Tūāpapa Future Leader Fellowship application.



The screenshot shows a web form for signing up to the portal. At the top, there are two tabs: "Sign In" and "Sign Up", with "Sign Up" being the active tab. Below the tabs are three large buttons for social login: a red button for "Sign up with Google", a green button for "Sign up with ORCID iD", and a white button with the REAMVZ TUAKIRI logo. Below these buttons are several input fields: "E-mail*" with a placeholder "E-mail address", "Username*" with a placeholder "Username", a "Captcha*" section containing an "I'm not a robot" checkbox and a reCAPTCHA logo, "Password*" with a placeholder "Password", and "Password (again)*" with a placeholder "Password (again)". At the bottom of the form is a large black button with the text "SIGN UP »".

Otherwise, you will need to sign up to the portal.

It is preferred that all applicants sign up by adding or creating an ORCID iD, but this is not mandatory. Alternatively, you can sign up using a number of options using i.e. TUAKIRI; Google or create a new account.

- To sign up with ORCID click the green “Sign up with ORCID iD” option and add your 16 digit ORCID iD and password.

- To create an ORCID iD click the green “Sign up with ORCID iD” option and follow the link “Don’t have an ORCID iD yet? Register now” and follow the instructions.

Please continue to **use the same logon** for all interactions with Royal Society Te Apārangi portals. Creating multiple user accounts will cause problems with your portal profile and records.

Personal profile

Every person (including applicants and referees) using the portal for the first time must create a profile and input at a minimum of the following (some fields may be auto filled from nomination, please ensure these are accurate):

- Name
- Contact email address
- Address (please use your organisational address)
- Current primary place of employment or education
- Agree to the Privacy Statement
- Provide Protection Pattern settings

If some of this information has changed since your last interaction with the portal, ensure that you update the information.

Other questions that are asked for making a profile are optional (i.e. it does not form part of your application) and **you are not required to answer them**. These optional sections are Organisation Affiliations, Career Stages, External IDs, Curriculum Vitae, Academic Record, Prizes or Medals, and Professional Bodies. To skip an optional question, please press “Next” or “Skip and Complete”. It is also possible to import the data for many of these sections from your ORCID profile if available.

Note: Royal Society Te Apārangi must ask to collect the Personal Profile information to be compliant with the New Zealand Research Information System ([NZRIS](#)).

Ethnicity and gender

One of the objectives of all Tāwhia te Mana Research Fellowship schemes is to improve equity and diversity within the ST&I system, in particular by increasing opportunities for Māori, Pacific peoples and women. While supplying this profile information is entirely optional for applicants, please consider entering your **gender and ethnicity information** (particularly if you identify as a member of any of the priority groups), so that your application includes this information for the purposes of the selection ballot. You are also able to indicate any iwi group(s) to which you identify.

For the purposes of these Fellowships, Pacific ethnicity is intended to take into consideration the complex configurations and multiple ethnic identities of Pacific Peoples and cultures. It is intended to be inclusive of people who affirm their identity as Indigenous Pacific Peoples and those of Fijian Indian descent.

Privacy statement

You will need to read and agree to the “Privacy Statement” by ticking the check box.

Protection pattern

You control how your information can be used by specifying the protection to be applied to your data. By default, your demographic details (gender) and birth date are kept private. For the purposes of the Mana Tūāpapa Future Leader Fellowship, demographics data on gender and ethnicity will be used to fulfil the Fellowships equity and diversity requirement as explained under “Objective” and “Selection Process” of the Terms of Reference. The data will additionally be used for statistical purposes to monitor the profile of different groups of applicants and identify funding trends and gaps.

If you are comfortable with sharing other demographic information with the Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment, you may do so by de-selecting the tick box for the protection you wish to relax, or by toggling “no protection needed”.

Mana Tūāpapa Future Leader Fellowship application

Tono ki te Mana Tūāpapa

Once all of the steps to obtain a profile have been completed, you will then be able to click on “Start Application” to progress to the application for a Mana Tūāpapa Future Leader Fellowship. You can also Start or continue applications via the “Home” tab in the portal.

To ensure the application process goes smoothly, we recommend that you click “Save” **regularly** as you complete the application (e.g. before you change tabs and after you upload a document). You will need to click “Edit” after saving to continue your application.

Applicant

Some of the applicant data will be pulled from your profile. Please ensure that all required fields (marked*) are current, correct and complete, including Postal address, City and Postcode. If your current organisation differs from the organisation through which you intend to apply for your fellowship you may need to update to your current organisation accordingly.

Mentor

A named mentor is not a requirement for applying. However, an experienced mentor involved with your application can help you guide your research programme, leadership development, and career progression. A named mentor can also help convince the panel to support your application where they have questions or reservations regarding your proposed research programme.

To add a Mentor to your application, switch the TEAM toggle key to ON. Note that a team name is NOT requested for this application.

Enter the details for your Mentor and select “Mentor” under the “Role” dropdown menu.

Clicking “Save” or “Save and continue” will automatically send an invitation email to your Mentor. Your Mentor is asked to register with the portal (if not already registered). Once registered with the portal, your Mentor must accept the invitation to be a Mentor on your application before the application can be submitted.

Categories

The collection of this data is for the purpose of our reporting obligations to NZRIS, for statistical purposes to track application numbers and success across different fields of research, and to provide information to the selection panel for the assessment of your proposal.

Research experience in years (Post PhD)

Please enter the number of years of research experience you have attained **after conferment of your doctoral degree**. This should be a whole number (round where needed) between zero to four years and exclude any agreed career interruptions (e.g. accounting for extended sickness leave, part-time employment or career interruptions as a result of care giving responsibilities, work or service in the community or an industry, see eligibility criteria). Periods of part-time work can be factored in by multiplying the length of time with the FTE component for the period, e.g. 1 year working at 0.5 FTE counts for half a year of research experience etc...

Applicants should additionally list the same years of research experience in narrative CV template in the field “Total years of relevant experience post PhD” and describe any “Career break events” in the section immediately below in section 1 of the Narrative CV template. This information will aid panellists in assessing your proposal, under the selection criteria, relative to the opportunity you have had. Royal Society Te Apārangi reserves the right to request further documentation supporting your stated years of research experience.

A [career gaps calculator](#) is available on the Mana Tūāpapa Future Leader website to assist you in determining your years of research experience post-PhD.

Type of activities

The four activities are:

- **Pure basic research** (default setting): is experimental and theoretical work undertaken to acquire new knowledge without looking for long term benefits other than the advancement of knowledge.
- **Strategic basic research**: is experimental and theoretical work undertaken to acquire new knowledge directed into specified broad areas in the expectation of practical discoveries. It provides the broad base of knowledge necessary for the solution of recognised practical problems.
- **Applied research**: is original work undertaken primarily to acquire new knowledge with a specific application in view. It is undertaken either to determine possible uses for the findings of basic research or to determine new ways of achieving some specific and predetermined objectives.

- **Experimental development:** is systematic work, using existing knowledge gained from research or practical experience, which is directed to producing new materials, products, devices, policies, behaviours or outlooks; to installing new processes, systems and services; or to improving substantially those already produced or installed.

Socio-economic objectives (SEO)

The Australian and Aotearoa New Zealand Standard Research Classification (ANZSRC) and SEO classification allow Research and Development (R&D) activity in Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand to be categorised according to the intended purpose or outcome of the research rather than the processes or techniques used in order to achieve this objective. The purpose categories include processes, products, health, education and other social and environmental aspects in Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand that R&D activity aims to improve. Please enter up to FIVE codes from the drop-down field, using codes that are as specific as possible. For a list of codes, please refer to the Socio-Economic Objectives Calculator at: <https://royalsociety.org.nz/what-we-do/research-practice/socio-economic-objectives-calculator/>

As part of our NZRIS obligations, we will be required to report the share of each SEO code to the proposed research. Please indicate the % share of each SEO code to the proposed research. The shares should add up to 100%.

Fields of research (FOR)

The FOR classification allows R&D activity to be categorised according to the field of research. In this respect, it is the methodology used in the R&D that is being considered. Please enter a minimum of THREE and up to FIVE codes from the list of research codes supplied in “Fields of Research Classification Codes” here. For a list of codes, please refer to the Field of Research Calculator at: <https://royalsociety.org.nz/what-we-do/research-practice/field-of-research-calculator/>. Please use codes that are as specific as possible, i.e. 6 digits.

As part of our NZRIS obligations, we will be required to report the share of each FOR code to the proposed research. Please indicate the % share of each FOR code to the proposed research. The shares should add up to 100%.

Vision Mātauranga theme categories

[Vision Mātauranga](#) is a policy about innovation, opportunity and the creation of knowledge that highlights the potential contribution of Māori knowledge, resources and people.

Applicants should identify which, if any, of the four Vision Mātauranga themes below are associated with the proposed research. A Vision Mātauranga theme must be included for all research that has relevance for Māori. The panel has an expectation for applicants to address Vision Mātauranga where applicable. If this is not applicable to your proposed research, you should tick N/A, and provide a justifiable rationale for your decision.

The four themes are:

- Indigenous Innovation, which involves contributing to economic growth through distinctive research and development

- Taiao, which is concerned with achieving environmental sustainability through iwi and hapū relationships with land and sea
- Hauora/Oranga, which centres around improving health and social wellbeing
- Mātauranga, which involves exploring indigenous knowledge.

Collection of the % of the research that aligns to each Vision Mātauranga theme will form part of our reporting obligations for NZRIS. If you have identified one or more Vision Mātauranga theme(s), please consider each theme one at a time. Indicate the proportion of the proposed research that aligns with that theme. Note that it is possible for the combined total to be over 100% (for example, if the proposed research is entirely Mātauranga and also has a Hauora/Oranga theme, the contributions could be 100% and 10% respectively).

Please note that the percentages do not form part of the assessment criteria and are solely for NZRIS reporting purposes.

For more information on engagement with the Vision Mātauranga Policy see [Appendix I](#).

Keywords

Please list at least **three** keywords describing your field of research.

Research Priorities

Please select ONE of the four available Research Priorities. These represent the outcome area that your research is prioritising: the economy, environment, health and society, or technology.

Outcome areas are high-level and broad domain areas. If an applicant feels their proposal doesn't neatly fit into a single outcome area, they are recommended to select the best fitting area for their proposal in terms of the intended research outcomes which would be delivered through the Fellowship.

Note that although these areas are listed as 'Research Priorities' on the portal, the collection of outcome areas for all applications is for statistical purposes only and does not directly relate to research priorities for this scheme

Summary and forms

Title of proposed research

Please provide a title that describes the nature of your proposed programme of research. Keep the title brief and to the point. It will be used for reporting and public information.

Summary

Please provide a summary of the planned project suitable for a lay audience with some limited research knowledge, and using a maximum of 300 words. It will be used for reporting and public information.

Curriculum vitae: Narrative CV

Applicants may use a total page limit of FOUR pages for their CV.

Please use the template provided which is based on the Endeavor Fund Narrative CV with minor amendments to align the template with the requirements of the Mana Tūāpapa Future Leader Fellowship. Note that the CV template for Mana Tūāpapa Future Leader Fellowships uses a smaller 11 point font than the MBIE template to provide a consistent font size across the application. This accounts for the reduced 4 page limit.

Resources

Further information on Narrative CVs including examples can be found on the [MBIE website](#). There is also a useful [webinar on the MBIE website](#).

- Guidance and resources for filling out the individual narrative profile (originally sourced from the Luxembourg National Research Fund, FNR <https://www.fnr.lu/>)
- FNR has resources [available on narrative CVs](#)
- FNR also has a guidance workshop on how the Narrative Profile. The slides, mural, and pre-workshop survey are available as resources. [Here is the link to the website](#)
- Imperial College has a webpage giving guidance for filling out a narrative-style CV. [Here is a link to the website](#).
- The University of Glasgow has created an online resource giving guidance on filling out narrative-style CVs. [Here is the link to the website and resources](#).
- The University of Glasgow has created a video on how to talk about research output. [Here is a link to the video](#).
- Maastricht University provides [guidance for evidencing impact of a broad range of outputs](#)
- Oxford University has published [guidance for researchers on how to write narrative CVs](#)
- Trinity College has created the “[Researcher Impact Framework](#)”, which can help researchers develop evidence-based impact narratives.

In general, using the narrative CV to tell a story about yourself tends to read better than simply listing a lot of outcomes. In addition, you should try to verify claims that you make in your CV – otherwise, panellists are unlikely to attribute much credit to your claim.

Guidance

It is important to note that any section in this template can be removed if you do not wish to use it. The weight and value of the CV template will be assessed using a holistic view and no section has more merit or advantage than another. Please only expand the sections that seem relevant to you and delete the sections that do not fit your experience or the proposal you are applying for.

Formatting guidance:

- Use 11-point font e.g. Calibri
- Do not alter page margins
- Delete all guidance in italics and blue shaded boxes once you’ve finished

- Feel free to use images or tables within the defined page limit and margins
- Use the template to capture your expertise and experience in the best way you are comfortable with. The sections titles and descriptions are only a guide
- When completing this template, we recommended you use bullet points and short descriptions.

Part 1

This section is for personal details. It identifies who you are and where you can be contacted most readily. A space is provided for your own personal website about your research (optional) and has space for a research ID such as ORCID, ResearchGate or Google Scholar where you maintain an up-to-date list of publications.

Part 1 also contains sections to list your most recent / relevant:

- Significant qualifications and /or merit-based roles
- Professional positions or community roles
- Areas of expertise
- Up to five publications relevant to the proposal.

There are also sections relating to:

- Your role on the project.
- Any career break events. If you have had your eligibility confirmed by the Tāwhia te Mana Secretariat, please indicate this here.

Part 2

This consists of six sections. It's recommended that you use bullet points and short descriptions.

- How have you contributed to broader societal engagement and/or knowledge exchange?
- How have you contributed to the generation, revitalisation, preservation, and dissemination of knowledge?
- How have you contributed to the development of individuals, collectives, iwi/hapū?
- How have you contributed to the wider research or professional community?
- How have you contributed nationally or internationally to the development of research and technology impact?
- Personal statement.

Application form: Visionary statement

To assist the panel in assessing your potential as a future research leader, using only ONE page, please use this section to further expand on your research leadership. You should also use this section to discuss how awarding you a fellowship can contribute to positive outcomes for Aotearoa New Zealand, and how the fellowship will support you to establish, re-enter, or progress your career in research.

The panel will be able to assess your past leadership experience from your narrative CV. To avoid repeating yourself, this section could primarily be future focussed, address vision or leadership that has not been addressed in your CV, and/or summarise your demonstration of leadership.

Examples of leadership may include, but are not limited to: your vision for your field of work, understanding of how your research can benefit New Zealand (including potential benefits in areas of future value, growth or critical need for New Zealand), team leadership, knowledge transfer activity, entrepreneurial activity (where applicable), giving effect to the Vision Mātauranga policy in your research and community (where applicable), project management, stakeholder relationships, presence in relevant research communities, building collaborator networks, mentoring activity with students or early career researchers, or any other examples that is important to you, your research, or for driving any form of impact from your fellowship and research.

Note that if you do discuss mentoring activities, please make sure that you separate out mentoring where you are/have been an official supervisor from other mentoring activities.

You may structure this section as you like. You could add headings for how your fellowship will contribute to positive outcomes for New Zealand, how the fellowship will support your research career, and a discussion on your leadership, or you can mix it up in any way you like and with any headings you like.

Application form: Host support of Fellow

As set out in the Mana Tūāpapa Future Leader Fellowship Terms of Reference, hosts must demonstrate their capability to support the **individual** Fellow (including cultural support and pastoral care) throughout the Fellowship. This section has a total page limit of ONE page to address this requirement. This could include, but is not limited to, information about how the host:

- Will provide appropriate and timely support (including appropriate cultural support and pastoral care) for the fellow, their research programme, and their career development during (and potentially beyond) the Fellowship
- Will support the Fellow to develop a strong track record and become leaders in their field, their organisations and across the SI&T system
- Will support the Fellow to give effect to the Vision Mātauranga policy in their research and community
- Facilitates translation of research to commercialisation or delivery of benefits in areas of future value, growth or critical need for Aotearoa New Zealand
- Where relevant, will provide support structures and/or services for Māori, Pacific peoples and women more generally. These could include associations, groups, programmes, partnerships, mentorship, dedicated cultural support staff, etc.
- Where relevant, support the Fellow to develop and maintain connections with Māori and Pacific Communities
- Any other relevant information.

It is expected that a duly authorised person(s) at the host organisation will complete this section.

Application form: Proposed research

The proposed research page limit does NOT include references. References should not exceed ONE page total. The page limit for the Proposed Research section is:

- If no Vision Mātauranga theme is identified for this application, the TOTAL page limit (excluding references) for this section is **FOUR** pages, with no set limit for each section within this. You may delete the Vision Mātauranga section from the template.
- If one or more Vision Mātauranga theme is identified for this application, the TOTAL page limit (excluding references) is **FIVE** pages, with no set limit for each section within this.

This gives applicants an opportunity to more easily integrate Vision Mātauranga into the conceptual framework and/or research design of the proposed programme, for example, demonstration of consultation, linkages, outcomes or other relevant information. Alternatively, applicants may choose to gather all relevant Vision Mātauranga information under the separate Vision Mātauranga heading, or use any combination of information across the various sections of the template. For more information on Vision Mātauranga, see [Appendix I](#).

NOTE: the additional space of up to one page provided for proposals aligned with a Vision Mātauranga theme is for providing additional information related to Vision Mātauranga. Applications that fill this space with information that is not relevant to Vision Mātauranga will be seen less favourably by the panel than applications that fulfil the intent of the extra space.

The scope of research may be broader than that of a single defined project, where there is often a limited three-year period in which to complete the proposed objectives. It should be possible to address some of the larger themes of a research area in the four-year term of a programme of research. In doing so, you may have more than one specific question or inter-related projects to pursue.

The *Proposed Research Template* has four headings. It is up to the applicant to decide on how much space to allocate to each section. Please read the definitions of these sections clearly and avoid repetition.

Background

Please use this section to give an overview of the design and rationale of the proposed research, and indicate how it relates to work already done, by yourself and/or others, in this field. This section should give a context for the proposal by summarising in plain language the state of knowledge in the field. Please give consideration to offering both a primary design and an alternative plan.

Research Plan

Please use this section to clearly state your proposed research objectives, methods, timetable, data sources, and how you plan to transfer the knowledge gained from your research.

Vision Mātauranga

As noted above, applicants may integrate Vision Mātauranga into the conceptual framework and/or research design of the proposed Research Plan above, e.g., demonstration of consultation, linkages, outcomes or other relevant information. Alternatively, applicants may choose to gather all relevant Vision Mātauranga information under this separate heading, or use any combination thereof.

Alignment with Government Priorities

Describe how the proposed research aligns with current Government priorities and provide rationale for how the research proposal may contribute to, support or build capability in those priority areas.

An objective of the Scheme is to build science, innovation and technology capability in areas of Government priority. This criterion ensures all applicants have considered this objective as part of their proposal, and are able to identify how their research has the potential to contribute to a Government priority.

The Government regularly publishes high-level strategies that outline its overall priorities and the outcomes it seeks to achieve. These strategies set the broad direction for how public investment and activity should be oriented. Ministerial statements, public releases, and Budget announcements further clarify areas of focus, including specific priorities or capability needs where the Government intends to direct effort and investment.

Applicants should consider, as part of their proposal, how their research has the potential to contribute to Government priorities and outline how it will build capability in these areas. Where practicable, applicants should reference the specific priorities and briefly describe how their proposed work aligns with or supports those priorities. For the panel to be able to verify your reference, include a link(s) to the referenced document(s).

References

It is important to support the Research Plan by means of references. Please ensure that these are not restricted to your own work. Please also ensure that the references have been published, to ensure that they are readily accessible when the proposal is being assessed. Authors must verify all references.

- The list can be in 10-point font size.
- Start each reference on a new line (numbering is optional).
- For three or more authors, list the first three names followed by “et al.”
- Ensure you include the journal name (abbreviated if desired), year of publication, volume number and page numbers.
- If you wish, you can bold your own references.

The Proposed Research page limit does NOT include References. References should not exceed ONE page total.

Budget

Download the Mana Tūāpapa Leader Fellowship budget spreadsheet template. There are four components to this budget, each on a separate worksheet: Budget, Direct costs, Sub-contractors, and Other funding. When the Direct costs and Sub-contractors worksheets are completed, the front Budget worksheet should automatically update these line items.

Note that the budget should support your proposed project. For example, if your project is dependent on you travelling somewhere, and you haven't budgeted for this expense, it may jeopardize the delivery of your project.

Vision Mātauranga costs

If a proposal contains one or more Vision Mātauranga themes, it is essential that any costs associated with Vision Mātauranga capability development and engagement are accounted for in the budget. Examples include (but are not limited to):

- research assistant time
- student stipend support
- costs of engagement or consultation (direct expenses; e.g. donation to the organisation or marae committee as a way of recognising expertise and contribution; koha; vouchers; providing resources such as books or research findings to the communities involved)
- costs of dissemination (direct expenses; e.g. hui).

Fellowship Salary Contribution

Mana Tūāpapa Future Leader Fellowships are awarded on a 0.8 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) basis. This means that the Fellowship *contributes* towards 80% of a Fellow's salary, and the Fellow must dedicate 80% of their time towards the objectives of their Fellowship proposal.

Note that the Applicant Salary (combined with the Applicant's Salary Related Costs if split up) cannot exceed 82,500. There are some circumstances under which you should budget less than 0.8 FTE of salary support from your fellowship:

Other grants with a salary contribution

Applicants to a Mana Tūāpapa Future Leader fellowship are not eligible if they have (at the time of application) previously been awarded a major research grant (e.g. Marsden Fast-Start or Endeavour grant) as a Principal Investigator or equivalent leadership role.

For other smaller grants with a salary contribution (e.g. as an Associate Investigator), these can be included as part of the 0.8 FTE dedicated to the Fellowship research. Released salary (and overheads) as a consequence of including other research grants with a paid FTE component should be re-allocated to other research costs, preferably personnel, to help out with the Fellowship objectives. This is similar to how the Royal Society Te Apārangi administers other fellowship funding.

Family or care responsibilities

The Fellowship may be undertaken on a part-time basis to enable the Fellow to fulfil family and/or care responsibilities, including personal care, subject to agreement by the host and

Royal Society Te Apārangi. In this case the duration of the Fellowship may be extended up to a maximum of eight years. Alternatively, the applicant may choose to employ other personnel (e.g. a postdoctoral fellow) to help with the completion of the fellowship research objectives. Salary and overhead costs should be reduced pro rata to the FTE to be funded by the Fellowship and additional year columns can be added to the budget if required. Released salary (and overheads) of the fellow can therefore be re-allocated to fund this other personnel.

Other circumstances

If you have other personal or community circumstances leading you to wish to work less than 0.8 FTE on your Mana Tūāpapa Future Leader Fellowship which are not covered above, you are welcome to [contact us](#) to discuss the possibility.

Salary for Post-doctoral Fellow(s) or Research/Technical Assistant(s)

Research related expenses (or released PI salary as discussed above) may be used to support Postdoctoral Fellow(s) and/or Research/Technical Assistant(s). The figures in this category are to cover only the costs of personnel employed on the research proposal in the application. This should include the direct costs (i.e. salary) and salary related costs (for example, superannuation, ACC and fringe benefits).

Any subcontracted personnel should not be included in this section but incorporated under the Sub-contractors worksheet.

The FTEs of personnel shown in the budget page **should only be those where costs and time are associated with Mana Tūāpapa Future Leader Fellowship funding**. If this funding is not sought for particular individuals (for example, overseas investigators, post-doctoral researchers with stand-alone fellowships, or postgraduate students with other sources of funding) then the individual should still be named on the budget page, but with zero FTEs recorded.

Post-doctoral researchers may be part-time or full-time on your proposal. Please check with your host organisation for more information.

Postgraduate Scholarships

Postgraduate students are awarded scholarships free of income tax and may be supported on your proposal on a fixed-rate basis. This is set at \$35,000 scholarship per year for three years, plus fees (Aotearoa New Zealand resident rates) for PhD students or \$22,000 scholarship for one year plus fees (Aotearoa New Zealand resident rates) for Masters students. These figures assume the postgraduate students are assigned to the research on a full-time basis. Fees should be included in the direct costs.

Please note that the **Mana Tūāpapa Future Leader Fellow must be the primary supervisor** for the postgraduate student for the student to be funded from fellowship funding. PhD students funded by Mana Tūāpapa Future Leader Fellowship funding **must begin their studies in the first year of the Fellowship** unless otherwise approved by Royal Society Te Apārangi.

Indirect costs

Fellowships are accompanied by an award of \$82,500 per year contribution to host organisation overheads. This is represented under indirect costs on the budget spreadsheet. If applicable, indicate the cost of any additional overheads that relate to personnel other than the Fellow. These should be directly proportional to the time spent on the programme of research. Overheads include managerial time not included in the proposal, the cost of support services, the cost of financial and accounting systems, corporate activities, the cost of premises and other indirect costs. Cost of premises may be either the annual rental cost, or the depreciation cost of premises and should be proportional to the project's use of the organisation's premises for the research proposed.

An example of a budget worksheet appears below.

Budget (\$NZ)	Year 1		Year 2		Year 3		Year 4																
	Budget	FTE*	Budget	FTE*	Budget	FTE*	Budget	FTE*															
Salaries (giving names):																							
Principal Investigator (Applicant)																							
Dr AB Kahurangi	82,500	0.80	82,500	0.80	82,500	0.80	82,500	0.80															
Post-doctoral Fellow(s)																							
Research or Technical Assistant(s)																							
Mx Robin Smith	9,000	0.15	9,000	0.15																			
Salary-related costs	630		630																				
Total Salaries & Salary-related costs (a)	92,130	0.15	92,130	0.15	82,500	0.00	82,500	0.00															
Other Costs:																							
Indirect Costs:																							
Host Contribution	82,500		82,500		82,500		82,500																
Overheads (PI excluded)	10,800		10,800																				
Direct Costs:																							
Expendables	17,000		17,700		26,690		19,610																
Equipment depreciation/rental	3,000		3,000		3,000		3,000																
Sub-contractor(s)	4,140	0.01	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00															
Postgraduate student(s)																							
Masters student (unknown)					22,000	1.00																	
Total Other Costs (b)	117,440	0.01	114,000	0.00	134,190	1.00	105,110	0.00															
Sub Total (a) + (b)	209,570	0.16	206,130	0.15	216,690	1.00	187,610	0.00															
GST at 15%	31,436		30,920		32,504		28,142																
TOTALS	241,006	0.16	237,050	0.15	249,194	1.00	215,752	0.00															
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Direct costs

Expendables, Equipment depreciation/rental and Sub-contractors need to be further explained on the Direct costs worksheet of the spreadsheet.

Expendables

This category should include the general operating expenses associated with the research proposal such as consumables, travel (for the annual workshop, conferences, collaboration etc...), costs associated with Vision Mātauranga, student fees (but not stipends), capital purchases under \$5,000 (in total for all years), and other miscellaneous costs associated with research. This does not mean that equipment, such as a spectrometer, can be divided into separate components all less than \$5,000 each. Details of expendables should be given on the Direct costs worksheet. Please give details of major working expenses.

Equipment depreciation/rental

The Mana Tūāpapa Future Leader Fellowship scheme does not fund the purchase of equipment directly but may allow for an annual depreciation or rental cost. In the case of rental costs, the share of the total cost of the equipment should be proportional to the use of the equipment as outlined in the proposal.

Many organisations make a general provision for depreciation in their overhead costs. If this is the case, depreciation costs should be incorporated in “Indirect Costs” as Overheads.

An example of a Direct costs worksheet appears below.

Direct cost budget details (\$NZ)				
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Expendables				
Annual hui attendance (flights and accomodation)	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Lab consumables	11,000	11,700	11,690	11,110
Resource for Vision Mātauranga engagement	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Student fees (Masters)			9,000	
Conference travel	2,500	2,500	2,500	5,000
Sub Total (a)	17,000	17,700	26,690	19,610
Equipment depreciation/rental				
confocal microscopy hire (\$150/h)	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Sub Total (b)	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
TOTAL (excl. GST)	20,000	20,700	29,690	22,610

Sub-contractors

Break down the sub-contractors into costs per year for each organisation. If required, please insert more sub-contractors in the sub-contractor worksheet of the spreadsheet.

Any costs, where services are purchased from other organisations, should be included in this section. Where personnel are sub-contractors they should be shown in this section, named, and their time-commitments shown in the FTE column.

Where a sub-contractor is an Aotearoa New Zealand research organisation, please break down costs per year into salary, overheads and direct costs. Other sub-contractors (for example, private individuals) may provide the annual cost as a single figure in the budget, rather than breaking down the costs.

research relevant to this proposal. Include information on the FTEs applied for or received from non- Mana Tūāpapa Future Leader Fellowship government funding sources.

An example of an Other funding worksheet appears below.

Other funding				
Indicate whether non-Mana Tūāpapa Future Leader Fellowship funding (e.g., Marsden Fund, HRC, CoRE, TEC, Iwi, Commercial, Other) has been: (i) received; or, (ii) applied for, for this or for research relevant to this proposal. Include information about your FTEs applied for or received from non-Mana Tūāpapa Future Leader Fellowship funding sources.				
(i) Funding received				
Title of application	Funding source	FTE	Contract term	Relationship to current proposal
Investigating the effect through modelling (Associate Investigator)	Marsden Fund	0.05	1 March 2025 - 28 Feb 2028	Extension of objective 1 of the Tāwhia te Mana Fellowship.
International Collaboration to develop improved assay for research	Catalyst: Seeding	0	1 July 2025 - 30 June 2027	Improvement of specificity for assay used in objective 2 (Travel and consumables only).
(ii) Funding applied for				
Title of application	Funding source	FTE	Relationship to current proposal	
Use of this research to improve health and wellbeing in Aotearoa (Principal Investigator)	HRC	0.1	This will build on preliminary findings from objective 3 to move research into the wider community.	

Application form: Translation

If you have completed any or all sections of your application in te reo Māori, and wish to submit an English translation, please upload a concatenated document of any translated sections here.

Document: Proof of citizenship or permanent residency

Proof of citizenship or copy of a permanent resident visa must be scanned and uploaded to the application portal. Original or certified copies of the documents may be requested by Royal Society Te Apārangi.

Document: PhD certificate or completion of requirements

PhD certificate or other evidence must be scanned and uploaded to the application portal **demonstrating the date your PhD was conferred** or that you have submitted all requirements for your degree at the time of application. If successful, the Fellowship will be awarded on the condition that all requirements have been met for their PhD to be conferred. Original or certified copies of the documents may be requested by Royal Society Te Apārangi.

Please note that the Royal Society Te Apārangi will fill in your PhD conferment date in your profile if you have not done this yourself. We do this to confirm your eligibility for the Mana Tūāpapa Future Leader Fellowship Scheme.

Referees

To support the panel decision, we ask applicants to solicit **three referee reports** to support their proposal. One of your referees must be your PhD or postdoc supervisor unless otherwise approved by Royal Society Te Apārangi. While it is anticipated that your supervisor may/will have some conflict of interest, your other two referees should not have a conflict of interest

with you (see below). You are welcome to invite referees located outside of Aotearoa New Zealand, but this is not a requirement for the Mana Tūāpapa Future Leader Fellowship. Where possible, it is recommended that your invited referees are not all from the same organisation because it testifies to your ability to build links across the SI&T sector.

The panel will be unable to fairly and equitably compare your application to others if it does not have a full complement of three referee reports. You will therefore be required to secure three referees to support your application by the closing date of **Thursday 06 August at 2pm (NZST)**.

At least two of your referees should be able to comment on your capability and/or potential as a researcher. Where relevant, you may choose to have one referee comment on other aspects important for your career as a researcher, e.g. working with communities, stakeholder relationships, demonstration of leadership, research service or any other aspects you see relevant. Referees are asked to comment on your abilities, relative to opportunity, in a series of questions on various aspects of a research career. Referees also have an opportunity to give a free text reference of the applicant to provide other commentary. Referees are additionally asked to indicate in what capacity they know the applicant, detail any real or perceived conflict of interest, and to shortly summarise their experience (research or otherwise) relevant to their referee report in order to provide some context for the report.

For more information about the referee reports and the questions we ask referees, please see “Guidelines for Referees”.

Note that in order to provide you with some feedback on your application that you can use for future grant applications, your referees are now being asked to provide some constructive feedback on how you may be able to approve your research proposal and leadership. All applicants, both successful and unsuccessful, will receive a copy of these non-confidential questions with their decision letter from Royal Society Te Apārangi.

Conflicts of interest

We want to make sure that there is a practically and procedurally fair process to apply to Mana Tūāpapa Future Leader Fellowship. Therefore, we will aim to take into account real and perceived conflicts of interest between applicants, referees and panel members along the application and assessment process.

Referees should ideally not have a direct conflict of interest with the applicant, i.e. they should not hold a line of management role over the applicant or vice versa at the proposed host organisation, and they should not be directly involved in the applicant’s proposed research, as funding of the application would be seen to benefit the referee. If possible, it is recommended to use referees you have not co-published with within the last 5 years. An exemption to these rules is allowed for the supervisor of an applicant’s PhD or postdoctoral programme as discussed above. It is recognized that this is inherently more difficult to avoid conflicts of interest for researchers who recently completed their PhD compared to researchers at a later stage in their career, so this will be assessed flexibly and within context by the assessment panel.

It is expected and acknowledged that each participant in the application and assessment process will have a range of outside interests and obligations. We also imagine you will likely have wide-ranging whakapapa and whanaunga relationships across Aotearoa and the rest of

the Pacific due to whānau, iwi, hapū, motu/island, community and research sector ties. We believe that the best approach to deal with potential conflicts of interest is:

- for some relationships to be generally considered conflicted
- to clearly outline, and declare, a perceived conflict as it arises
- for all participants to be flexible in navigating potential conflicts
- for a clear record of the nature of any perceived conflict and the action taken in accounting for this to be noted/documentated

For the purposes of Mana Tūāpapa Future Leader applications, a referee is generally deemed to be conflicted if:

- they are a panel member in the current funding round.
- they are the applicant's parent, sibling or child.
- they have a low level of comfort assessing the application due to their relationship with the applicant.

Entering referees into the portal

It is recommended that you first ensure your proposed referees are willing to provide the Royal Society Te Apārangi with a referee report before the referee report closing date listed in the timeline.

All referees listed by the applicant in their application by the application closing date, will be emailed by Royal Society Te Apārangi after the application closing date. This is the only time we will email referees on behalf of the applicant. The referee email invite contains a URL link to an online portal to be used for referees to upload their reports.

Please note that it is your responsibility to ensure that your referees complete their report on the portal no later than the closing date for referee reports. **To be eligible for a Fellowship, a complete set of referee reports must be received by Royal Society Te Apārangi by the deadline for referee reports stated in the time timetable.**

To ensure this happens, it is prudent for you to check that the referee has received the invitation to review your application and the URL link. Occasionally, the email that is automatically generated is inadvertently identified as spam and ends up in a "junk" folder. If a referee does not receive their URL, please ask them to check their "junk" folder or contact tawhia@royalsociety.org.nz.

You can check if Royal Society Te Apārangi has received each of the applicant-solicited referee reports by logging in to the application portal and go to the Referee section. An envelope symbol in the Status section indicates an email has been sent, and a tick symbol indicates the referee report has been received.

Adding additional referees

Although past experience has shown that most referees only complete their reports in the last few days, it may be wise for applicants to contact their referees and confirm that a report is still expected.

If an applicant is concerned that one of their referees will not complete a report in time, they do have the option of approaching an alternative referee. However, do note that Royal Society Te Apārangi will only accept the **first three reports received**.

To add additional referees, applicants can log on to the portal and add contact details for additional referees. Once their details are entered in the portal, using the “Submit” button to send the referee the appropriate information. Again, it is advised that the applicant check that the referees have received the invitation to review their application after the email request has been sent from the web-based portal.

At the deadline for referee reports, applicants are given a 24-hour period to solicit any missing or new referee reports needed to obtain three referee reports.

Terms and conditions

Please read and tick the check box to confirm you accept the Terms and Conditions.

Submitting your application

Once you are happy with your application, click “Submit”. You will be asked to agree to a statement before your submission can be finalised. Submission flags to your research office that the proposal has been completed and can be released to Royal Society Te Apārangi. If you need to make changes to your application after you have marked it as completed, you must confer with your research office.

Appendix I: Vision Mātauranga

Āpitianga I: Vision Mātauranga

[Vision Mātauranga](#) is a policy about innovation, opportunity and the creation of knowledge that highlights the potential contribution of Māori knowledge, resources and people.

Applicants **must** identify which, if any, of the four Vision Mātauranga themes below are associated with the proposed research. If this is not applicable to your proposed research, you must tick N/A AND provide a brief rationale for this decision.

The four themes are:

- **Indigenous Innovation**, which involves contributing to *economic growth* through distinctive research and development
- **Taiao**, which is concerned with achieving *environmental sustainability* through iwi and hapū relationships with land and sea
- **Hauora/Oranga**, which centres around improving *health and social wellbeing*
- **Mātauranga**, which involves exploring *indigenous knowledge*.

Collection of the % contribution of each Vision Mātauranga theme to the proposed research will form part of our reporting obligations for NZRIS. If you have ticked one or more Vision Mātauranga themes, please consider each theme one at a time. Indicate the proportion of the proposed research that aligns with that theme. It is possible for the combined total to be over 100% (for example, if the proposed research is entirely Mātauranga and also has a Hauora/Oranga theme, the contributions could be 100% and 10% respectively).

If one or more themes apply to your proposed research programme, **up to one additional page** will be available for the “Proposed research” section of the application. This gives applicants an opportunity to more easily integrate Vision Mātauranga into the conceptual framework and/or research design of the proposed programme, for example, demonstration of consultation, linkages, outcomes or other relevant information. Alternatively, applicants may choose to gather all relevant Vision Mātauranga information under a separate heading, or use any combination of information across the “Proposed research” section. Aspects of Vision Mātauranga relating to relevant experience can be included in the “Narrative CV”. Where Vision Mātauranga is appropriate to a proposal, it can contribute to the assessment of its overall excellence.

How do I decide whether my proposal aligns with Vision Mātauranga?

A Vision Mātauranga statement must be included for all research that has relevance for Māori. The research category descriptions outlined in the next section may help you decide if this applies to your project. Please note, however, that those categories are fluid, there may well be overlap between them, and not every point in each category need apply. It is important to explain your choices.

Categories of Research

The five categories identified below have been adapted from those on the National Science Challenge, Biological Heritage website <https://bioheritage.nz/about-us/visionmatauranga/> hosted by Manaaki Whenua Landcare Research. Please note that there may well be overlap between categories as in categories 2 and 3 in terms of the nature and degree of relevance to Māori.

The original categories were set out by MBIE in information for the Endeavour Fund 2015.

Research with no specific Māori component

- This category includes research projects where: No mātauranga Māori (Māori knowledge) is used.
- Māori are not associated with the research process (for example: there are no Māori involved in relation to any research management / advisory / governance panels; the proposal does not involve or relate to Māori land or institutions; Te Ao Māori or Māori communities are not part of any component of the research).
- Work is not likely to be of direct relevance to Māori.
- It is critical that the researchers involved carefully consider the possibility whether the proposed research has direct (and possibly indirect) implications or benefits for Māori. For example, if a research project is developing a virtual reality programme that seeks to simulate a societal context, the panel should reasonably expect that it would have a Vision Mātauranga dimension.
- There are occasions where researchers have consulted with their organisation's appropriate advisor, who may have indicated the researchers that Vision Mātauranga is not applicable. It is best to explain why this was deemed to be the case (for example, the applicant may be new to New Zealand)

Research specifically relevant to Māori

This category includes research projects where:

- There is specific relevance to Māori.
- Mātauranga Māori may be used in a minor way to guide the work and its relevance to Māori. It includes work that contributes to Māori aspirations and outcomes.

Research involving Māori

This category includes research projects where:

- Mātauranga Māori may be incorporated in the project, but is not central to the project.
- Research is specifically and directly relevant to Māori and Māori are involved in the design and/or undertaking of the research.
- The work typically contributes to Māori (for example: iwi, hapū, organisations) aspirations and outcomes.

Māori-centred research

This category includes research projects where:

- The project is Māori-led, and where mātauranga Māori is used alongside other knowledges (for example: through frameworks, models, methods, tools, etc.).
- Kaupapa Māori research is a key focus of the project.
- Research is typically collaborative or consultative, with direct input from Māori groups, commonly including Māori researchers or a collaboration with Māori researchers or researchers under the guidance/mentoring of Māori. There is alignment with and contribution to Māori (for example: iwi, hapū, organisations) aspirations.

Kaupapa Māori research

This category includes research projects where:

- Mātauranga Māori is incorporated, used and understood, as a central focus of project and its findings.
- Research is grounded in te ao Māori and connected to Māori philosophies and principles.
- Research typically uses kaupapa Māori research methodologies.
- Te reo Māori may be a central feature to this kaupapa or research activity, and key researchers have medium to high cultural fluency or knowledge of tikanga and reo.
- The research is generally led by a Māori researcher; non-Indigenous researchers may carry out research under the guidance/mentoring of a Māori researcher.
- Māori participation (iwi, hapū, mara, individual) is high.
- The work contributes strongly to Māori (for example: iwi, hapū, organisations) aspirations and outcomes and is mana enhancing.

Māori Research Workforce Development

One of the purposes of the Vision Mātauranga policy is capability development. This is to build the capability of Māori individuals, businesses, incorporations, rūnanga, trusts, iwi, hapū, and marae to engage with research, science and technology. All applicants are asked to consider opportunities in addition to the categories of research above, for building the capacity of Māori researchers or students in their discipline.

Developing a Vision Mātauranga statement

It is important to keep in mind that there is no single approach or prescription for Vision Mātauranga: one size does not fit all and there are many possible ways of addressing Vision Mātauranga. Vision Mātauranga should not, however, be seen as an add-on, nor should it be treated as separate from the research, methods or people involved in the project. A holistic approach that considers reciprocity and relationships is therefore desirable.

Vision Mātauranga does not begin and end with your Vision Mātauranga statement. You should document how you have considered Vision Mātauranga and demonstrate applicable actions and relationships throughout the research proposal and in relation to the various stages of the research that is proposed.

If you have indicated that the research is relevant to Māori, involves Māori, is Māori-centred or is a kaupapa Māori proposal, you need to demonstrate how you have considered Māori throughout all parts of the research, and how it underpins different dimensions of the research including the problem identification or design, research team composition, community partners, methods, analysis and intended impact.

The following questions may be useful to consider when conceptualising and writing your project:

- Have you co-created the research topic/issue with an iwi or Māori organisation?
- What does working in partnership with iwi mean to you as researchers?
- To what extent have you discussed the research with Māori partners and agreed on the methodology you will use?
- Was there full disclosure and informed consent to the proposed research with Māori partners? How has that agreement/informed consent been agreed to?
- Has the budget been disclosed and agreed to with Māori partners? Is there provision in that budget for Māori involvement, capability development and consultation?
- Is there appropriate Māori researcher involvement in the project, both in terms of PI/Als and capability development?
- What provisions have you made to ensure there is advice from appropriate Māori organisations throughout the life of the research project? If there are concerns or disagreements with Māori partners, how are these to be resolved?
- What provisions have you made to ensure there is appropriate technology transfer to Māori partners as the research proceeds and as findings become available towards the end of the project?
- Are there benefits to Māori? What are they? And how have these been agreed with Māori partners?
- Have all people named in the proposal given their support or endorsement to the proposed research or to be involved?
- How is the project an opportunity to build the capacity of Māori researchers or students in your discipline, both now and for the future?
- How are you and your team working to increase understanding of te ao Māori and iwi aspirations in your area of research?
- How might this research build new, or enhance existing, relationships with Māori?
- How will you share the research outcomes with Māori?
- Has there been agreement about the intellectual property ownership of research findings with Māori partners? What is the nature of that agreement?
- Is there a need for members of the research team to be proficient in te reo? How has this aspect been addressed?
- Is there a Tiriti o Waitangi component or requirement in your research?

Vision Mātauranga resources

Below you will find a non-exhaustive list of published resources that describe, discuss, and talk about how researchers have engaged with Vision Mātauranga and kaupapa Māori research.

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Appendix II: Glossary of te reo Māori terms

Āpitianga II: Papakupu o ngā kupu reo Māori

Definitions taken from maoridictionary.co.nz

Ka mihi ki a Ahorangi Angus Macfarlane, Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha, mō tēnei. With thanks to the late Professor Angus Macfarlane, University of Canterbury, for his input.

Aotearoa	the Māori name for New Zealand
Aroha	affection, sympathy, charity, compassion, love, empathy
Atua	ancestor with continuing influence, god, demon, supernatural being, deity, ghost, object of superstitious regard, strange being - although often translated as “god” and now also used for the Christian God
Hapū	kinship group, clan, tribe, subtribe - section of a large kinship group and the primary political unit in traditional Māori society. It consisted of a number of whānau sharing descent from a common ancestor, usually being named after the ancestor, but sometimes from an important event in the group's history. A number of related hapū usually shared adjacent territories forming a looser tribal federation (iwi)
Hau kāinga	home, true home, local people of a marae, home people
Hauora	Health, wellbeing
Hui	gathering, meeting, assembly
Iwi	extended kinship group, tribe, nation, people, nationality, race - often refers to a large group of people descended from a common ancestor and associated with a distinct territory
Kāinga	home, address, residence, village, settlement, habitation, habitat, dwelling
Kaitiaki	trustee, minder, guard, custodian, guardian, caregiver, keeper, steward
Kaitiakitanga	guardianship, stewardship, trusteeship
Kaumātua	adult, elder, elderly man, elderly woman, senior person - a person of status within the whānau or iwi
Kaupapa	Philosophy, topic, policy, matter for discussion, plan, purpose, scheme, proposal, agenda, subject, programme, theme, issue, initiative

Kaupapa Māori	Māori approach, Māori topic, Māori customary practice, Māori institution, Māori agenda, Māori principles, Māori ideology - a philosophical doctrine, incorporating the knowledge, skills, attitudes and values of Māori society
Koha	gift, present, offering, donation, contribution - especially one maintaining social relationships and has connotations of reciprocity
Kōiwi tangata	Human bones or remains
Kōrero	to tell, say, speak, read, talk, address; speech, narrative, story, news, account, discussion, conversation, discourse, statement, information
Mamae	be painful, sore, hurt
Mana	prestige, authority, control, power, influence, status, spiritual power, charisma - mana is a supernatural force in a person, place or object. Mana goes hand in hand with tapu, one affecting the other. The more prestigious the event, person or object, the more it is surrounded by tapu and mana. Mana is the enduring, indestructible power of the atua and is inherited at birth, the more senior the descent, the greater the mana. The authority of mana and tapu is inherited and delegated through the senior line from the atua as their human agent to act on revealed will. Since authority is a spiritual gift delegated by the atua, man remains the agent, never the source of mana. This divine choice is confirmed by the elders, initiated by the tohunga under traditional consecratory rites (tohi). Mana gives a person the authority to lead, organise and regulate communal expeditions and activities, to make decisions regarding social and political matters. A person or tribe's mana can increase from successful ventures or decrease through the lack of success.
Manaakitanga	hospitality, kindness, generosity, support - the process of showing respect, generosity and care for others
Māori	Māori, Indigenous New Zealander, Indigenous person of Aotearoa/New Zealand - a new use of the word resulting from Pākehā contact in order to distinguish between people of Māori descent and the colonisers
Marae	courtyard - the open area in front of the whareniui (meeting house), where formal greetings and discussions take place. Often also used to include the complex of buildings around the marae
Mātauranga	knowledge, wisdom, understanding, skill - sometimes used in the plural; education - an extension of the original meaning and commonly used in modern Māori with this meaning

Mauri	life principle, life force, vital essence, special nature, a material symbol of a life principle, source of emotions - the essential quality and vitality of a being or entity. Also used for a physical object, individual, ecosystem or social group in which this essence is located
Moana	sea, ocean, large lake
Te Moana-nui-a-Kiwa	the Pacific Ocean
Pākehā	English, foreign, European, exotic - introduced from or originating in a foreign country; New Zealander of European descent - probably originally applied to English-speaking Europeans living in Aotearoa/New Zealand
Pepeha	tribal saying, tribal motto, proverb (especially about a tribe), set form of words, formulaic expression, saying of the ancestors, figure of speech, motto, slogan - set sayings known for their economy of words and metaphor and encapsulating many Māori values and human characteristics
Pūrākau	myth, ancient legend, story
Rangatahi	younger generation, youth
Rangatira	chief (male or female), chieftain, chieftainess, master, mistress, boss, supervisor, employer, landlord, owner, proprietor - qualities of a leader is a concern for the integrity and prosperity of the people, the land, the language and other cultural treasures (e.g. oratory and song poetry), and an aggressive and sustained response to outside forces that may threaten these
Rangatiratanga	chieftainship, right to exercise authority, chiefly autonomy, chiefly authority, ownership, leadership of a social group, domain of the rangatira, noble birth, attributes of a chief
Rohe	boundary, district, region, territory, area, border (of land)
Rūnanga	council, tribal council, assembly, board, boardroom, iwi authority - assemblies called to discuss issues of concern to iwi or the community
Tamariki	children - normally used only in the plural
Tāne	husband, male, man

Tāngata whenua	local people, hosts, Indigenous people - people born of the whenua, i.e. of the placenta and of the land where the people's ancestors have lived and where their placenta are buried
Taonga	treasure, anything prized - applied to anything considered to be of value including socially or culturally valuable objects, resources, phenomenon, ideas and techniques
Tapu	be sacred, prohibited, restricted, set apart, forbidden, under atua protection; restriction, prohibition - a supernatural condition. A person, place or thing is dedicated to an atua and is thus removed from the sphere of the profane and put into the sphere of the sacred. It is untouchable, no longer to be put to common use
Te reo Māori	Māori language
Te Tiriti o Waitangi	The Treaty of Waitangi
Tikanga	correct procedure, custom, habit, lore, method, manner, rule, way, code, meaning, plan, practice, convention, protocol - the customary system of values and practices that have developed over time and are deeply embedded in the social context
Tino rangatiratanga	self-determination, sovereignty, autonomy, self-government, domination, rule, control, power
Tipuna	ancestor, grandparent, grandfather, grandmother - singular form of tīpuna and the eastern dialect variation of tupuna
Tohunga	skilled person, chosen expert, priest, healer - a person chosen by the agent of an atua and the tribe as a leader in a particular field because of signs indicating talent for a particular vocation
Tupuna	ancestor, grandparent – singular form of tūpuna and the western dialect variation of tipuna
Tūrangawaewae	domicile, standing, place where one has the right to stand - place where one has rights of residence and belonging through kinship and whakapapa
Wairua	spirit, soul - spirit of a person which exists beyond death. It is the non-physical spirit, distinct from the body and the mauri
Wahine/wāhine	wahine - woman, female, lady, wife; wāhine - women, females, ladies, wives – plural form of wahine; female, women, feminine
Wairuatanga	spirituality

Wānanga	seminar, conference, forum, educational seminar; tribal knowledge, lore, learning - important traditional cultural, religious, historical, genealogical and philosophical knowledge; tertiary institution that caters for Māori learning needs - established under the Education Act 1990
Whaikōrero	oratory, oration, formal speech-making, address, speech - formal speeches usually made by men during a pōhiri/pōwhiri and other gatherings
Whakapapa	genealogy, genealogical table, lineage, descent - reciting whakapapa was, and is, an important skill and reflected the importance of genealogies in Māori society in terms of leadership, land and fishing rights, kinship and status. It is central to all Māori institutions. There are different terms for the types of whakapapa and the different ways of reciting them including: tāhū (recite a direct line of ancestry through only the senior line); whakamoe (recite a genealogy including males and their spouses); taotahi (recite genealogy in a single line of descent); hikohiko (recite genealogy in a selective way by not following a single line of descent); ure tārewa (male line of descent through the first-born male in each generation)
Whakataukī	proverb, significant saying, formulaic saying, cryptic saying, aphorism. Like whakatauākī and pepeha they are essential ingredients in whaikōrero
Whānau	extended family, family group, a familiar term of address to a number of people - the primary economic unit of traditional Māori society. In the modern context the term is sometimes used to include friends who may not have any kinship ties to other members
Whānaungatanga	relationship, kinship, sense of family connection - a relationship through shared experiences and working together which provides people with a sense of belonging. It develops as a result of kinship rights and obligations, which also serve to strengthen each member of the kin group. It also extends to others to whom one develops a close familial, friendship or reciprocal relationship
Whenua	land - often used in the plural; territory, domain; country, land, nation, state