

Tūpuna Maunga Residency

Frequently Asked Questions

Eligibility

Who can apply for the residency?

Anyone can apply. Priority will be given to applications submitted by mana whenua writers, recipients of the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Research Scholarship, and professionals working on projects particularly relevant to the Tūpuna Maunga.

Can I apply if I live overseas?

Yes, but only if you hold either permanent resident or citizenship. Travel costs are not covered as a part of the residency.

Can I apply multiple times?

Yes, this residency is offered annually, and applicants can apply each year.

Application Process

Do I need to submit references or additional documents?

No, references are not a requirement. However, you may provide a reference from an individual or group relevant to the research project and/or the Tūpuna Maunga Authority (TMA) if you wish. Additional documents, such as a CV or previous work may be submitted, but are not required.

What are the expectations around mana whenua engagement?

Applicants are expected to display cultural competency in their application.

This includes:

- Showing an understanding of the mana whenua of Tāmaki Makaurau
- Explaining how your project will impact or be of interest to mana whenua

If relevant, please describe previous engagement with mana whenua.

If your project does not directly involve mana whenua, please explain your understanding of the significance of the Tūpuna Maunga to mana whenua, and how this understanding will enable you to engage with the Tūpuna Maunga in accordance with tikanga.

About the Residency

What will I get out of this residency?

The Tūpuna Maunga Residency provides a stipend, accommodation, and pantry staples for a two-week period. There will be at most two people staying at Signalman's House at any time, making this residency an opportunity for individuals to have a quiet and tranquil space to independently undertake their project, rather than collaborate with other researchers or creatives.

Can my partner, spouse, children, or family join me?

No, the residency is for individuals only.

Will there be an opportunity to present / showcase my work?

Yes, all residency recipients will have the opportunity to present their work to the TMA. If residency recipients wish to hold a showcase or exhibition on one of the Tūpuna Maunga, this can be discussed with the TMA management.



About the projects

What am I expected to produce while a resident?

You are expected to work on your project while staying at Signalman's House.

There is no expectation of having your project completed by the end of the residency.

If I am awarded both the Residency and the Research Scholarship, does this change what is expected of me?

No. If you are awarded both the residency and the research scholarship, this does not change your expected output. For both the residency and the research scholarship there is no expectation of a completed project at the conclusion of these programmes.

There will be an end of stay report for the residency, and a final report for the research scholarship which you will be expected to complete

What kinds of projects cannot be done on the Maunga?

The following activities are prohibited on the Tūpuna Maunga;

Smoking, drinking alcohol, promoting smoking or alcohol, ash scattering, open fires, off-road biking, driving off-road on the Maunga, off-road running races, any activity which degrades the physical, cultural, spiritual, historic, or geological value of the Maunga.

Projects that include any of the above activities are not permitted.

About the Tūpuna Maunga Research Scholarship

Can I apply for both the Research Scholarship and the Residency?

Yes, you can apply for both via SmartyGrants; however you will need to complete separate applications.

If I receive both the Research Scholarship and the Residency, will this impact my funding?

No. If you receive both the Research Scholarship and the Residency, you will receive the amount allocated to you for the Research Scholarship (up to \$10,000), the two-week residency, and a stipend paid at living wage, to cover living costs for the duration of your stay.

About the Tūpuna Maunga Authority (TMA)

Will this residency help to establish a relationship with TMA?

Yes. TMA is keen to create and maintain relationships with researchers, creatives, writers and other professionals whose work focuses on and contributes to the wellbeing of the Tūpuna Maunga. Opportunities for future partnership and collaboration are possible and can be discussed with the management team.

Am I expected to be a representative of TMA?

No, however for the duration of your residency you are expected to exhibit positive behaviour that reflects well upon both the Tūpuna Maunga Authority and the Michael King Writer's Centre.

If I have any questions, who can I ask?

For all questions, email maungaevents@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

