

Frequently Asked Questions

About the application

Do you need to submit references or additional documents?

References are not a requirement. If you wish to provide a reference from an individual or group relevant to the research project and/or the Tūpuna Maunga Authority, you are able to. Additional documents, such as CV's, previous work, or project plans, can also be submitted, but are not a requirement.

Are staff able to apply? Or only students?

Both staff and students are able to apply for funding. The Tūpuna Maunga Authority Research Scholarship funds research projects, and the selection committee does not prioritise student applications over staff.

Can a group of researchers apply?

Yes. The Tūpuna Maunga Authority Research Scholarship funds research projects, and group applications will be considered.

About the research projects

What if a project is ongoing, and will not be complete for months/years?

Ongoing and long-term projects are welcome to apply. There is no expectation for projects to be completed during the time the research scholarship is awarded.

What if my project is more creative, rather than research based?

Despite the scholarship's name, you can apply for the TMA Research Scholarship even if your project is more creative than research based. Research can be defined as the creation of new knowledge, or the use of existing knowledge in new and creative ways, and toi Māori and arts-based research practices are valid forms of research.

What kinds of research 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.

Research that includes any of the above activities is prohibited.

About working with the Tūpuna Maunga Authority

How is pastoral care incorporated into this scholarship?

Pastoral care is about supporting people's emotional, social and spiritual wellbeing. As a research scholarship recipient, you will be welcomed into the team with morning tea, karakia, and whakawhanaungatanga, and those important to you and your research are encouraged to join you here.

You will also have the opportunity to have hui every 2 months with the TMA scholarship lead. Here you can access research support, ask questions, and make connections with those that can enhance your research. You are also able to contact the scholarship lead for assistance throughout the scholarship period.



What happens once the scholarship finishes?

Just because the scholarship eventually ends, does not mean your relationship with the Tūpuna Maunga Authority has to. Being a research scholarship recipient creates a relationship between the researcher and TMA, and this relationship creates a pathway for further engagement with TMA in future research that you undertake.

About the Māori Education Trust

Are there different expectations if my scholarship is funded by the Māori Education Trust?

No. Whether your scholarship is funded by both the Māori Education Trust and the Tūpuna Maunga Authority, or solely the Tūpuna Maunga Authority, expectations are the same.

What if I do not meet the Māori Education Trust's criteria?

Then you will only be eligible for funding from the Tūpuna Maunga Authority.

About the Tūpuna Maunga Residency

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

Yes, you can apply for both the Research Scholarship and the Residency. Both can be applied 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 funding

What can and cannot be funded?

This research scholarship does not fund tuition or associated tertiary fees. Project costs, such as materials, transport, koha, software licenses, and archive/library fees are all appropriate uses of funding.

If I have gotten the scholarship before, am I allowed to apply again?

Yes, there are no restrictions on applications. If you have a project that takes multiple years, you can apply each year. If you have multiple single-year projects, you can also apply each year.

If I have any questions, who can I ask?

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

