

## PhD Scholarship MBIE – Te Hotonga Hapori Māori concepts of wellbeing and the impact of urban regeneration on Māori

**CLOSING DATE: 4.30pm on 1 October 2021**

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A PhD Scholarship is available in the topic area of ‘concepts of wellbeing and the impact of Urban Regeneration on Māori’. Te Hotonga Hapori – Connecting Communities offers an excellent opportunity to be part of a diverse team working in this critical area of research. The multidisciplinary and multi-university research team, led by Professor Scott Duncan, includes leading experts in community health and development, social geography, epidemiology, economics, urban design, Mātauranga Māori, and wellbeing assessment. Professor Tania Ka’ai, a Key Researcher, guides the team in Māori innovation and development, and Māori engagement and tikanga. This scholarship and resulting research will also be guided by Professor Ka’ai.

Te Hotonga Hapori is a collaborative, co-design process involving partner organisations with a shared vision to understand how urban regeneration affects community wellbeing. It is centred on the multi-billion-dollar community-building projects taking place across Auckland by our industry partners Kāinga Ora (urban development agency) and Isthmus (integrated design studio). The overarching aim of this public-private investment is to improve liveability, community connections, and place-based identity by providing more homes as the foundation for regeneration.

This multi-layered research programme will provide direct evidence of the impact of urban regeneration on priority indicators of individual and collective wellbeing. We will employ innovative measurement approaches, including the Integrated Data Infrastructure (IDI), interactive mapping systems, and mobile citizen science applications, to compare pre-post changes in wellbeing between residents affected by the developments and suitable comparison cohorts. This evidence will (1) guide ongoing investment to where it has the greatest impact on community wellbeing, (2) quantify the overall return on public sector investment, and (3) provide evidence to support the design and implementation of future community-building projects in NZ and overseas.

### PURPOSE

The Ministry of Business and Innovation Te Hotonga Hapori Scholarship is available to a Māori Doctoral student and will be attached to Te Ipukarea Research Institute, Faculty of Design and Creative Technologies at Auckland University of Technology (AUT). We acknowledge that this topic is broad, however we are open to individual perspectives of appropriate research in this space. Undertaking a PhD with Te Ipukarea Research Institute, alongside the wider Te Hotonga Hapori team, offers a unique opportunity to study in this critical area of Research.

A summary of the project can be viewed [here](#).

### AMOUNT AND TYPE OF AWARD

A stipend of \$30,000 per year plus tuition fees and compulsory student services fees.

## TENURE

The tenure is three years (subject to satisfactory progress).

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Applicants must be of New Zealand Māori descent.
- Applicants must fulfill all conditions to the Doctoral Programme at AUT University, which can be found on the AUT University website [www.aut.ac.nz](http://www.aut.ac.nz). This includes having completed the required academic qualifications for direct entry. For information on how to commence your application for admission to the doctoral programme, contact the Graduate Research School on [doctoral.and.mphil.admissions@aut.ac.nz](mailto:doctoral.and.mphil.admissions@aut.ac.nz).
- Applicants will have an excellent academic record, strong academic references and have demonstrated the potential for high quality research.
- Scholarships are awarded on academic merit and the recipient of this scholarship will normally have the equivalent of first-class honours. Previous study should include research methodology paper(s) and an independent research project, including the writing of a report on that research.

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must complete the AUT PhD Scholarship application online. It is not possible to submit incomplete scholarship applications through the online application process. In order for the application to be submitted applicants must complete all sections and request the required support statements. Incomplete applications will not be forwarded to the selection panel. The following will need to be uploaded and submitted with the on-line Application Form:

- A cover letter describing your research experience and your interest in this project.
- A curriculum vitae including the names and contact details of two referees.
- A two-page proposal outlining the intended research using the template provided with the online application form. The applicant will be asked to provide the following details:
  - Proposed Topic/Title - Rationale and significance of the study
  - Key Question/hypothesis/problem/issue to be Investigated:
  - Design of the study; the methodology and research technique(s) to be employed in the study
  - Research benefits
  - References

**Note:** the proposal must be **two pages only** (1,000 words) plus a maximum of one page for any references. If a longer document is provided you will be asked to revise the document to meet the requirements.
- Reports from two academic referees. Applicants must not submit referee's reports directly; applicants must send a request to their nominated referees from the online application system. Please advise your referees that they will be receiving an email requesting a reference statement. Applicants can submit the application without referees' statements. However, the application will be considered ineligible and will not be released to selection panels without the required reference statements.

## SELECTION PROCESS

- Applications will be considered by the management team of the Māori concepts of wellbeing and the impact of urban regeneration on Māori project and will be based on demonstrated strength in the following:

- the applicant’s academic record
- the applicant’s past research experience and publication record (if appropriate)
- the referees’ statements.
- The Selection panel’s decision will be final.
- If the selection panel is of the opinion that the applicants are not of sufficient merit; the scholarship will not be awarded, and the position may then be re-advertised.

#### CONDITIONS OF ACCEPTANCE AND APPOINTMENT

- The award of the scholarship is conditional on the recipient gaining entry to and enrolling in an AUT Doctor of Philosophy programme.
- The start date will depend on the completion of AUT University enrolment. The scholarship is to be taken up by February 2022.
- The stipend cannot be released until the successful applicant is enrolled at in the PhD programme at AUT.
- The successful applicant must be prepared to commit full-time to their programme of research.
- The successful applicant will be required to sign an AUT Research Scholarship Contract.
- This scholarship may not be held in conjunction with any other scholarship without the approval of the selection panel and the Scholarships Office.
- Recipients must be resident in New Zealand to receive stipend payments. Stipends will not be paid to students living offshore. Reasonable annual holiday leave overseas of no more than four weeks is acceptable.
- Scholarship payments will not be made retrospectively.
- Recipients will not normally be approved to hold employment for more than 15 hours per week and will be expected to declare their employment. The discretion regarding whether permission is granted for the Scholar to undertake paid employment, is at the sole discretion of the University, via application through the Head of the Scholarships Office.
- The scholarship cannot be deferred.
- Recipients must be enrolled continuously in their programme of study. Suspension requests must be made in writing to the Scholarships Office.
- The scholar must move from provisional to full registration (PGR9) within the timeframe outlined in the AUT Postgraduate Handbook.
- The University Scholarships Committee may at any time suspend or terminate the Scholarship if it determines the Scholar is not diligently pursuing the programme or making satisfactory progress or has failed to comply with any of the terms and conditions on which the Scholarship was awarded.