



Climate Health Aotearoa Māori and Pacific Masters Scholarship 2027

Ko au te taiao, ko te taiao ko au.

This scholarship is designed to help develop and apply skills in a Masters research programme that contributes understanding on oranga taiao/hauora tangata (healthy natural world/healthy people), with a focus on climate change and health. The Masters scholarship is funded by Climate Health Aotearoa Research Centre, Ōtākou Whakaihu Waka | University of Otago, and will provide **one year** of research funding for a full-time Māori and/or Indigenous Pacific student enrolled at Ōtākou Whakaihu Waka. The successful applicant will have the opportunity to join the CHA team, draw on leading national climate change and health expertise for supervision, and develop wider relationships with tangata whenua and tangata Tiriti climate change and health researchers.

Eligibility

Applications are open to students who:

- (a) Whakapapa Māori and/or have Indigenous Pacific ancestry; **and**
- (b) Are eligible to enrol as a domestic student in a Masters qualification that places human health within healthy ecosystems, at Ōtākou Whakaihu Waka | University of Otago; **and**
- (c) Intend to enrol full-time in 2027.

Application Process

All applicants must:

- Submit an application to Climate Health Aotearoa via email climatehealthaotearoa@otago.ac.nz on the form below, with appropriate documentation, by **the deadline of 11:59pm Sunday 22 November 2026**
- Include a copy of your full tertiary academic record.

Selection Process

A selection committee will consider the following factors in recommending the award of the scholarship:

1. The applicant's involvement and commitment to Māori and/or Pacific communities;
2. The applicant's interest and commitment to oranga taiao and hauora tangata (placing human health within the health of ecosystems and the natural world), in particular climate change and hauora Māori, and/or climate change and Pacific health;
3. The applicant's academic record and ability to fulfil the relevant enrolment requirements.

The selection committee reserves the right not to award the scholarship if no application meets these criteria to its satisfaction.

Financial

The value of the scholarship is **\$25,000**, including tuition fees and a living costs allowance

Scholarship regulations

- (i) Applications are due **11:59pm Sunday 22 November 2026** and will be assessed soon after.
- (ii) The length of the scholarship is for one academic year (or equivalent).
- (iii) The scholarship must be taken up in the year for which it is awarded.
- (iv) Full-time study is preferred, although part-time candidates will be considered.
- (v) The scholarship may be held concurrently with other scholarships and awards.

Notes

In exceptional circumstances, CHA may approve some variations to these regulations.

The scholarship is not intended for doctoral study.

The programme of study must include a research component.

The funding will be flexibly allocated to fees/stipend/internship depending on the programme of study.

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Application Form



Applicant name:

Email address:

(Please ensure this is the email address you will be checking in November and December 2026)

Iwi/Hapū affiliations and/or Indigenous Pacific ancestry:

Please outline your involvement with, and commitment to Māori and/or Indigenous Pacific communities (500 word maximum):

Please outline your interest in ora ngā taiao and hauora tangata (placing human health within healthy ecosystems), including climate change and health (500 word maximum):

What Masters research programme are you planning to enrol in?

Name and contact details of a referee who can attest to your involvement with, and commitment to Māori and/or Indigenous Pacific communities:

Applicant's signature:

Date:

Please attach a copy of your tertiary academic record.