

MĀPIHI: Māori and Pacific Housing Research Centre University Doctoral Scholarships

Is the role of housing in Māori and Pacific wellbeing important to you? Do you want to contribute to transdisciplinary research that will empower thriving Māori and Pacific communities? MĀPIHI Māori and Pacific Housing Research Centre is offering up to two annual University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarships for new doctoral candidates.

MĀPIHI's strategic objective is to improve housing quality and supply for Māori and Pacific communities in Aotearoa New Zealand and the Pacific through impactful research that is manaaki-centred (uplifting mana) and based on tikanga Māori, Pacific values, Te Tiriti and Vision Mātauranga principles, expert knowledge and transdisciplinarity. Our research projects have been cocreated with our stakeholders, which include communities, NGOs, local and central government agencies, professional practices, industry organisations and other research entities. The MĀPIHI University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarships will support research topics within our 'Whakahā' work programme themes:

- Whenua (land for housing, commercial forest land use)
- Hanga (innovation in construction, design, and infrastructure)
- Kāinga (houses and communities)
- Hauora (family, community, iwi, hapū and environmental wellbeing through housing).

Successful applicants will benefit through research topics created with established research partners, as well as transdisciplinary relationships, and mentorship of the MĀPIHI Postgraduate Group. Training the next generation of scholars and practitioners is an important goal for MĀPIHI.

How to apply

Contact MĀPIHI co directors Karamia Müller and Deidre Brown by email to mapihi@auckland.ac.nz to discuss thesis topics and supervision one month before the DATs (Doctoral Apply to Study) application close date. We will ask for your CV (Curriculum Vitae) and academic transcript.

1. Once you have discussed your area of interest with the codirectors, complete the MĀPIHI Statement of Research Intent and MĀPIHI Supervisor Statement with the support of your proposed supervisor/s. At least one of the supervisors must be from the MĀPIHI team (see list in the [MĀPIHI website](#)). Supervisor involvement in the development of a Statement of Research Intent is advised.
2. Submit the MĀPIHI Statement of Research Intent and all other required material as part of the DATS (Doctoral Apply to Study) by the DATS close date.
3. Submit the completed MĀPIHI Statement of Research Intent and MĀPIHI Supervisor Statement to mapihi@auckland.ac.nz by the DATS close date.
4. The deadline for submission to the next round of 2023 proposals is 1st July 2023 to mapihi@auckland.ac.nz.

| Application closes for round 1 MĀPIHI scholarships, for 1 st September+ start | Scholarship Offer and request for start date from applicant* | Enrolment Date: Domestic Candidate/Domestic Qualifying Programme | Enrolment Date: International Candidate with International Qualifying Programme |
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| 1 st July | 1 st August | Applicants onwards awarded on the 1 st of August to nominate date for 1 st September+ start, candidates must take up this scholarship before the end of 2024. | International candidates will need to ensure all visa and travel arrangements are for the study to begin in 2023 to qualify for MĀPIHI scholarships. |

Taking up your scholarship

Students must enrol for a University of Auckland PhD programme by the dates shown in the table above to take up the scholarship, otherwise the scholarship offer will be forfeited.

Selection Criteria

Selection will be based on:

- Relevance of topic to the whakahā research programme.
- Value of thesis research to MĀPIHI research projects.
- Research methods based on Kaupapa Māori Research and/or Pacific Research Methods.
- Commitment to involvement in MĀPIHI thorough participation in annual stakeholder hui and the MĀPIHI postgraduate group.
- Where relevant, transdisciplinary processes (involving participants from outside of the university).
- Supervision by at least one member of the MAPIHI team.

Taumata Teitei, the university's strategic plan, informs candidate selection by:

- Nurturing, recruiting, and retaining outstanding research talent.
- Supporting excellent research and the creation of high-quality research.
- Growing Māori and Pacific research scholarship (candidates, topics, supervisors).
- Developing and strengthening relationships with Māori and Pacific communities.
- Supporting Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity (EDI) in research (candidates, topics, and supervisors).
- Developing and strengthening transdisciplinary research collaborations.
- Boosting knowledge mobilisation, research translation, and research impact.

- Supporting the university's Te Ao Māori Principles of manaakitanga, kaitiakitanga, rangatiratanga and whanaungatanga.

For further information see:

- [Taumata Teitei | Vision 2030 and Strategic Plan 2025](#)
- [MĀPIHI Strategic Vision](#)
- [University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarships](#)