

# NGĀTI KAHUNGUNU IWI INCORPORATED GENERAL AND RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS POLICY



## 1.0 Preamble

- 1.1 Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated acknowledges that education is the key to personal, whānau, hapū and iwi development. For this reason the board has allocated funds (\$40,000) to support Ngāti Kahungunu tertiary students' educational achievement.
- 1.2 The Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated Board has identified strategic areas of priority for academic research, scholarship, and internship in 2021.
  - Te Reo and Tikanga Māori
  - Fisheries and Resource Management/Environmental Science
  - Health & Wellbeing
  - Information and Communication Technology

These strategic areas support the Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated Vision 2026 and Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated strategic direction and operations.

## 2.0 Purpose

- 2.1 To provide financial benefits and work experience to Ngāti Kahungunu tertiary students.
- 2.2 To encourage and recognise the pursuit of academic excellence, knowledge and qualifications by Ngāti Kahungunu tauira.
- 2.3 To support the realisation of the Ngāti Kahungunu Strategic Vision 2026, and develop the capacity and capability of the Ngāti Kahungunu workforce for future generations.

## 3.0 General Scholarships

- 3.1 General Scholarships are funded from a pool of \$25,000. The maximum amount awarded is \$500, up to a maximum of 50 scholarships.
- 3.2 If the number of applicants exceed the funding available, applicants will be ranked on the basis of academic merit with priority given to applicants studying in areas that support the Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated strategic direction as indicated above.

## 4.0 Research Scholarships

- 4.1 Three Research Scholarships (\$5000) are offered to full-time Ngāti Kahungunu tertiary post-graduate students undertaking research.
- 4.2 Priority is given to students undertaking research projects within one of the areas of strategic interest to Ngāti Kahungunu (as indicated above).

- 4.3** In the event that insufficient suitable applications are received in the disciplines above, applications from students undertaking research in areas in which Māori are underrepresented may also be considered. This includes (but is not limited to): Science (Physical and Chemical Science, Mathematics and Statistics), Architecture and Design, physiology, medicine, physiotherapy, Engineering. *The decision of Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated as to what constitutes an area under represented by Māori is final.*
- 4.4** ALL applicants will be judged on the basis of academic merit. Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated reserves the right not to award any Scholarships (or a reduced number of scholarships) if it is deemed that insufficient suitable applicants have applied.
- 4.5** Past Research Scholarship recipients are not eligible to apply for a further Research Scholarship.
- 4.6** Students who are unsuccessful in obtaining a Research Scholarship will automatically be considered for a General Scholarship and do not have to supply both a Research Scholarship and General Scholarship application.
- 4.7** Successful applicants will receive half of their scholarship immediately and will receive the final payment after providing a copy and update of their research to Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated.
- 4.8** Successful applicants are invited to provide Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated with an electronic copy of their thesis.

## **5.0 Internships**

- 5.1** Internships may also be available this year, providing the opportunity for Ngāti Kahungunu students to join the Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated office. Interns will participate in research and work relevant to their studies and skills and contribute to iwi development.
- 5.2** If you would like to be considered for an internship (should these be available), please ensure you indicate your interest on your application form.

## **6.0 Process**

- 6.1** The final decision is made by Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated staff members and endorsed by the Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated Board **with no right of appeal.**
- 6.2** Applicants cannot receive both a general and research scholarship in the same year.

**6.3** The following criteria must be met to be considered eligible for a scholarship:

- 6.3.1** Of Ngāti Kahungunu descent and **registered** on the Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated - Iwi Registration Database;
- 6.3.2** Currently enrolled at a tertiary institution as a full-time undergraduate student in their third to final year of completing their degree or a post-graduate student. To be considered for a **Research Scholarship** you must be doing post-graduate study;
- 6.3.3** The Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated office has **received a correctly filled in application form by the stated deadline**. The onus is on the applicant to supply all the required information and material; including a named passport sized photo.
- 6.3.4** If successful, a letter of acknowledgement must be sent to Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated within 2 weeks of receipt of scholarship. Research Scholarship recipients are also expected to send an update on their research information to update the NKII Board.

**7.0 Timeframes**

- 7.1** Applications will open on the first week of February each year and the scholarships will be advertised via panui ki te iwi, Te Reo Irirangi O Ngāti Kahungunu and on the Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated website.
- 7.2** The closing date and time for applications will be at 4pm, 10<sup>th</sup> May each year.
- 7.3** All applications will be received by the Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated office and a report including recommendations will be submitted to the Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated Board for ratification at their meeting following the close off date.
- 7.4** All applicants will be informed of the decision by June of that year.
- 7.5** Approved scholarship recipients will need to respond to appropriate staff at Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated within 2 weeks of notification.

**8.0 Joint Scholarships**

- 8.1** From time to time Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated will offer joint-Scholarships with our strategic partners, thereby allowing us to increase the available amount of scholarship funding.
- 8.2** In 2016 Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated partnered in a joint-scholarships with Victoria University of Wellington.

- 8.3** A funding pool of up to \$20,000 will be available to support Ngāti Kahungunu students studying at Victoria University of Wellington funded equally by both partners.