



2025-26 Summer Internship Programme

Information and Application



Introduction

Te Oranganui has been providing health and social services within the Whanganui region for the past 30 years.

Te Oranganui strives to build a capable skilled workforce. However - attracting a qualified workforce has often been difficult. The organisation has never had a permanent GP who is a descendant of the Iwi that the organisation serves. These Iwi are Te Atihaunui a Pāpārangi, Ngā Rauru and Ngā Wairiki-Ngāti Apa. In an effort to change this, Te Oranganui established the Te Manawanui Pauro Scholarship in the hope of one day attracting one of these students back to be a GP in Te Waipuna medical centre.

In 2015 in an effort to try and build a stronger relationship between the recipient and the organisation this scholarship was offered in two parts as a summer internship and a lump sum payment. The successful applicant was offered an opportunity to undertake 5 weeks paid work in Te Waipuna medical centre over the summer break.

In addition to this, Te Oranganui offers three other summer internships. These provide an opportunity for uri currently engaged in study to spend time in Te Oranganui in the hope they may one day return to work with their iwi organisation.

All interns will be offered 5 weeks paid work within Te Oranganui. The practice of Te Oranganui is guided by Whānau Ora, which the successful applicants will need to be aware of, demonstrate and uphold should they be successful.

Te Oranganui is pleased to announce the following Summer Internship positions available for the 2025-26 summer break;

Te Manawanui Pauro Memorial for those studying a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery degree (MBChB) - \$4,342.50 + Study Grant \$1,500

Dennis Wharetini Ratana Memorial for those studying a Bachelor of Health, Māori Health, Social Work or a Health-related degree - \$4,342.50

Ngarini Phillips Memorial for those studying a Health-related qualification at a Bachelor level - \$4,342.50

Niko Tangaroa Memorial for those studying towards a Bachelor or post-graduate qualification in the area of Mental Health and Addictions - \$4,342.50¹

The actual start and finish dates will be determined on a case by case basis with the successful applicants, but this shall occur between November 2025 and February 2026, either side of our annual Christmas shutdown.

¹ Note - the value of internship is based on working 150 hours, this could be less depending on actual internship period. The pay rate is the living wage.



Internship Backgrounds

Te Manawanui Pauro Memorial Internship & Scholarship:

Te Manawanui Pauro of Ngā Paerangi worked alongside other Kuia and Koroheke in the establishment of Te Oranganui in the early 1990's. Kui Nui, as she is fondly remembered, gave Te Oranganui the whakatauki that has guided the organisation since its inception:

Korowaitia Te Puna Waiora

Te Oranganui initially developed this scholarship in recognition of Kui Nui's vision and to assist in the building of General Practice capability amongst uri of Ngā Wairiki-Ngāti Apa, Ngaa Rauru Kiitahi and Whanganui iwi. It has now been developed into an internship to support the whanaungatanga and relationship building of the students and the organisation and wider health sector. The successful recipient will also receive a small lump sum payment upon the successful completion of their internship to support their ongoing studies.

The Te Manawanui Pauro memorial internship/scholarship will assist a descendent of Ngā Wairiki-Ngāti Apa, Ngaa Rauru Kiitahi or Whanganui studying a Bachelor of Medicine and/or a Bachelor of Surgery degree (MB ChB).

Dennis Wharetini Ratana Memorial Internship

Dennis was a qualified social worker who worked for Te Oranganui as a community health worker from the mid-eighties until his passing. He was a staunch advocate for the rights of whānau Māori and was often seen advocating on behalf of someone in our community. He was a very loving father and was committed to his whānau, hapū and Iwi. This internship honours the memory of Dennis and provides an opportunity for someone who is studying towards a Bachelor of Health/Māori Health, Social Work or a Health-related degree.

Ngarini Phillips Memorial Internship

Ngarini Phillips worked for Te Oranganui for 20 years. She retired in 2015 and passed away a short time later. Ngarini held many roles during her long tenure with the organisation. She was one of the first Maternity Support Workers supporting young mothers during and after their pregnancy. She worked in whānau ora and moved on to administration. Te Oranganui has established the Ngarini Phillips internship to support an uri who is studying towards a health-related qualification at a Bachelors level.

Niko Tangaroa Internship

In honour of Niko Tangaroa whose commitment and dedication contributed in not only the establishment of Te Oranganui but also provided leadership for recognition of Te Awa Tupua. His activism was present throughout Pakaitore and his negotiation skills was greatly admired. Niko was well respected both nationally and internationally in the struggle for indigenous independence. Such was the love for his Awa Tupua many recognised that this prolonged his life of which he was of a generation that gave birth to the Tira Hoe Waka. Niko's formidable wit and infectious smile matched only by his compassion for his people. The aim of this internship is to support an uri who is studying towards a Bachelor or post-graduate qualification in the area of mental health and addictions.



Eligibility

- All four internships are available to uri/descendants of Te Atihaunui a Pāpārangi, Ngā Wairiki-Ngāti Apa, & Ngaa Rauru Kiitahi.
- Applicants must be registered on their iwi register and provide evidence of this
- Applicants must be undertaking a relevant qualification (as outlined above)
- Applicants must be in their second or subsequent year of study of their respective degrees

Applicants must also:

- Provide evidence of enrolment and successful completion of the previous year's study;
- Be a New Zealand citizen or hold a New Zealand residency permit as conferred by the New Zealand Immigration Service;

Selection process:

Four (4) internships are available:

1. Te Manawanui Pauro Memorial Internship & Scholarship
2. Dennis Wharetini Ratana Memorial Internship
3. Ngarini Phillips Memorial Internship
4. Niko Tangaroa Memorial Internship

One candidate will be chosen for each internship. Priority will be given to the applications that align closely to the Te Oranganui priorities for iwi Māori health.

What is the application process?

1. Applications are open.
2. Complete the application **via Q Jumpers**
3. A selection panel will review the applications and preferred applicants may have their referees contacted about your application;
4. Dependent on numbers received, the selection panel may choose to invite a person to participate in an interview;

Please be advised that any information given by the applicant will be used to assist in assessing the suitability for the advertised internships/scholarships. Please ensure you have completed all sections of the application in full.

**Please apply via Q Jumpers by 5:00pm on 12th October
2025.**