

Tupu Tai

Pasifika Public Sector Internship Programme

Looking for real life work experience to earn while you learn
and tackle real life problems affecting New Zealanders?



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growing
Pacific Potential

Tupu means *to grow* and *Tai* means *tide* in a number of Pacific dialects.

This reflects Tupu Tai's vision to grow the potential of our Pacific people, who are a growing part of the New Zealand workforce.

Online applications open 6 July 2019.

Applications close 29 July 2019 at 5pm.



Interns at the 2018/2019 Tupu Tai summer internship launch in Wellington, 19 November 2018.

The Tupu Tai Pasifika Public Sector Internship Programme offers Pasifika students the opportunity to explore career pathways in public policy and see first-hand what it is like working for the Government.

The internship provides an opportunity to gain work experience in a government agency for 11 weeks over summer. In 2018/2019 the internships were offered across 15 government ministries and agencies.

Why work in Policy?

Policies are principles, rules, and guidelines that underpin advice given to Ministers to help them make decisions for all New Zealanders.

This is your chance to experience working for government in a policy team over summer and see first-hand how you can work to improve the lives of our Pacific communities and all of New Zealand.

Who are we looking for?

We're looking for passionate and driven Pacific people of all experiences, studies, and disciplines who want to create a better New Zealand.

Students who are driven to give a Pacific perspective, show academic promise, enjoy working hard and challenging themselves to think outside the box.

Apply for the Tupu Tai Internship today!

- › Internships are based in Wellington and Auckland.
- › Internship period runs from mid-November 2019 to end of January 2020.
- › This is a paid internship.
- › One on one career coaching is provided.

Application criteria

- › Open to undergraduate and postgraduate students as well as alumni of 2 years. You need to have completed at least one year's equivalent of full-time study (2 semesters).
- › Must be of Pacific descent and legally entitled to work and live in New Zealand.
- › Tupu Tai alumni can apply again up to 2 years after their graduation from university.
- › Students on a scholarship are entitled to apply, unless their letter of offer for the scholarship prohibits them to earn an income.
- › You must be available to attend an assessment day in mid-September.

Not sure about your grades?

Your grades make up only 20 percent of your overall online application score.

The success of your application will come from a CV, a cover letter, and a short situational test. Your past work experience, leadership roles, and voluntary work in the community are highly valued.

What you need to submit upon application:

- › Cover letter outlining reasons for application.
 - › Please include your involvement in your Pacific communities, including voluntary work at church or at your tertiary institutions.
 - › Please also indicate any government ministries you may be interested in interning with and provide your reasons why. It is also okay if you do not know your preference yet.
- › CV that includes two referees.
- › Copy of your passport/visa.
- › Copy of your academic transcript with grades from at least the last two semesters. Please double check your GPA. At application stage, it does not have to be an official transcript. Photos of the transcript are accepted. Successful candidates will be requested to provide original copies.
- › Assistance with your application can be provided through the student learning support or career centre at your tertiary institution, or ask a friend to have a look over your documents.



Find out more

For more information visit the Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment www.mbie.govt.nz and search for Tupu Tai, or email us at tuputai@mbie.govt.nz.

How to apply online

Go to careers.mbie.govt.nz, search for Tupu Tai.

You can also register your details at top right corner on careers.mbie.govt.nz to ensure you are notified when the application page goes live.

For any technical issues with the online application process itself, please contact grad.enquiries@mbie.govt.nz.

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The 2018/2019 Tupu Tai Internship Programme Cohort.

In 2018-19 Tupu Tai Pasifika Public Sector Internships were offered at:



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