

SUMMER RESEARCH 2024/25

PROJECT ABSTRACT



THE UNIVERSITY OF
WAIKATO
Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato

PROJECT # 18

SUPERVISOR/S:	Professor Tangiwai Rewi
PROJECT TITLE:	Te Pua Wānanga ki Ngā Taonga Tuku Iho
FIELD:	Māori studies; Pacific studies; Indigenous studies
DIVISION/SCHOOL:	Te Pua Wānanga ki te Ao Faculty of Māori and Indigenous Studies
PROJECT LOCATION:	Hamilton

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Te Pua Wānanga, the Faculty of Māori and Indigenous Studies at the University of Waikato, has a legacy of producing and hosting prominent Indigenous scholars whose work influences both local and global stages. The Faculty's rangahau expertise ranges from Te Tiriti o Waitangi, te reo Māori, mātauranga Māori, raranga, to critical Indigenous studies. As the faculty continues to expand its research capability and excellence, we are looking for a summer scholar to identify the Faculty's research strengths and areas for improvement through a review of historical and contemporary taonga and published works from the Faculty. These taonga include pukapuka, artworks, and audio and visual materials in the Faculty. The selected candidate will also work with the Dean of Faculty to build on the Faculty's research profile through whakawhanaungatanga, whakawhiti kōrero, and hui with faculty staff. This is an exciting opportunity for a scholar to learn about research in a Kaupapa Māori context while embarking on the journey to revitalise Te Pua Wānanga's research aspirations.

STUDENT SKILLS:

- A passion in expanding Māori and Pacific scholarship
- Strong organisational skills
- Ability to engage respectfully with Faculty staff and students

PROJECT TASKS:

1. Conduct a scoping review of published works from the Faculty staff members
2. Cataloguing taonga (e.g., books and resources) in the Faculty
3. Regular meeting with supervisors
4. Produce a poster

EXPECTED OUTCOMES:

- Student's Research Poster (as per clause 6 of the [Scholarship regulations](#))
- A concise review piece
- A short reflexive piece detailing the learning journey as a summer scholar

