

Tupu Tai Pasifika Public Policy Summer Internship Programme

Enliven your skills, access world-class on-the-job professional development opportunities and make a difference on New Zealand's only Pacific public policy summer internship programme.

Tupu Tai offers Pacific tertiary students the opportunity to explore career pathways in public policy, build resilience, confidence as Pasifika professionals and see first-hand what it is like working for Government.

Gain work experience in a paid 11-week internship over summer enriched by opportunities to deepen your sense of belonging as Pasifika leaders. In 2019, 41 internship placements were offered across 21 government agencies.

Join our collective movement: 'Tupu' means 'to grow' and 'Tai' means 'tide' in a number of Pacific dialects – Tupu Tai refers to growing the tide of Pacific peoples in public policy roles in New Zealand's public sector.



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Therese Fatu

[Ministry of Culture & Heritage]



Tupu Tai for me became a personal journey of discovering my own self-worth and understanding what I have to offer. In terms of career development I knew that if I made it on this internship it would definitely give me the initial experience I needed to give myself a better shot at making the transition from administration to policy. I felt welcomed by my Ministry, they were really enthusiastic to have a fresh perspective join their team and I felt that my voice was welcomed. I'm at a point in my life where I'm looking for a start to my career and the natural next steps for me after Tupu Tai was to find a work

placement. Close to the end of my time on the internship, a role became available that encapsulated the skill-set I was learning. I had also definitely managed to come out of my shell more, realise my potential and find confidence in my capabilities, so I felt ready to apply. I was lucky enough to secure an interview, which then ended with a job offer (spoiler alert - I accepted!).

Who are we looking for?

We're looking for passionate and driven Pasifika tertiary students from any discipline who want to help build a better Aotearoa-New Zealand!

Students who bring a Pasifika perspective, show academic promise, are motivated to work hard, curious and willing to learn, challenge themselves, and who want to deepen their understanding of the role of public policy and Government in New Zealand.

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 (two semesters) and have a minimum B grade average.
- › Must be of Pacific descent and legally entitled to work and live in New Zealand.
- › Tupu Tai alumni can re-apply up to 2 years after their graduation from university.
- › Must be available to carry out internship placement from 16 November 2020 – 29 January 2021.

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Applications open
Tuesday 2nd June.
Applications close midnight,
Sunday 12th July.