



Te Māori Fellowship

Information Sheet

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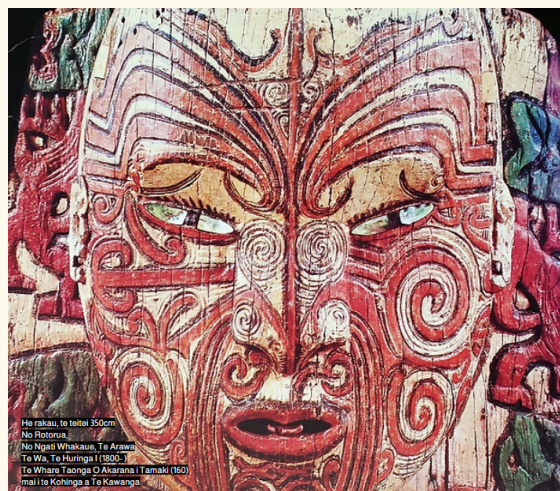
Overview

The Te Māori Fellowship offers two international development opportunities for emerging and established Māori curators, practitioners, researchers, and cultural heritage professionals.

Delivered in partnership with Te Wānanga o Aotearoa and the Pitt Rivers Museum, one fellowship is open to all eligible applicants, while the other is specifically for Te Wānanga o Aotearoa kaimahi and taura.

Both fellowships support Māori practitioners to undertake a six-week residency at the Pitt Rivers Museum in Oxford, England, from 11 October to 30 November 2026.

The residency provides an opportunity to engage directly with significant collections of taonga Māori, undertake research, build international relationships, and contribute to the understanding and interpretation of taonga Māori held overseas.





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Criteria - Open Fellowship

Applicants must:

- Whakapapa Māori
- Demonstrate a strong grounding in te ao Māori
- Significant experience working with taonga, toi Māori, particularly in a Māori/Indigenous ethnographic or anthropological context (either as a curator or practitioner)
- A commitment to and experience with collaborative and co-curatorial practices
- A tikanga informed approach to tiaki taonga (either as a curator or practitioner)
- Excellent research and recording skills, either written or oral
- The ability to work well within a team, with strong cross-cultural communication skills
- Specialised knowledge related to a specific collection area, such as textiles
- Be able to take leave from current employer (please note: all travel, accommodation and a small stipend for kai will be provided for the duration)
- Demonstrate capability to represent Te Māori with professionalism and mana
- Be available from September - December 2026
- Commit to delivering a written and oral report following completion of the residency
- Be able to promote experience with media in Aotearoa and in the UK
- Meet the requirements for UK visitor visa

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Employment Arrangements

The fellowships are intended as paid secondments or cultural sabbaticals.

Applicants who are currently employed must be able to secure leave from their employer for the duration of the residency. Travel, accommodation, and a daily allowance will be provided; however, applicants are encouraged to discuss salary arrangements with their employer before applying.



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Fellowship Expectations

Successful fellows will be expected to:

- Participate fully in the six-week residency programme
 - Engage professionally with Pitt Rivers Museum staff, researchers, and programme partners
 - Undertake agreed research and project work
 - Contribute to knowledge-sharing activities during the residency where appropriate
 - Represent Te Māori Manaaki Taonga Trust, Te Wānanga o Aotearoa, and Aotearoa with professionalism and mana
 - Complete a written report outlining learnings, findings, and recommendations
 - Deliver an oral presentation following completion of the residency
 - Participate in communications and media activities relating to the fellowship
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What's Included?

Te Māori Manaaki Taonga Trust

The Trust will provide their fellow with:

- Return international flights
- Accommodation for the duration of the residency
- Daily living allowance (per diem)
- Programme coordination and pastoral and cultural support

Pitt Rivers Museum

The Pitt Rivers Museum will provide substantial in-kind support, including:

- Dedicated mentorship and supervision from senior curators, researchers, and museum leaders
 - Professional development opportunities and internal training
 - Access to collections, archives, and research resources
 - Workspace and research facilities
 - University of Oxford library access
 - Networking opportunities with museum professionals, researchers, and Indigenous leaders
 - Opportunities for public engagement and knowledge sharing
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Application Requirements

Applicants must submit:

- Completed application form
- Current Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- Statement of Interest outlining:
 - Relevant experience and background
 - Reasons for applying
 - Areas of interest for the residency
 - Intended outcomes and aspirations
- Contact details for referees
- Evidence of employer support (where applicable)

Applications will be reviewed by a selection panel representing the programme partners.

Key Dates

Applications Open: Monday 29 June

Applications Close: Monday 20 July

Interviews: Monday 3 August – Friday 14 August

Successful Applicants Notified: Friday 21 August

Residency Period: 11 October – 30 November 2026

To apply

[Go to www.temaori.nz](http://www.temaori.nz)

For more information

If you have any questions about the Te Māori Fellowship or the application process, please refer to the FAQs or get in touch at: info@temaori.nz