

DairyNZ / AgResearch Group

Joint Internship 2025-2026

DairyNZ and AgResearch's joint internship has been established to provide opportunities for taurira Māori to gain experience working within Aotearoa's primary sector.

TĒNĀ KOUTOU KATOĀ,

We are looking for passionate and dedicated taurira Māori to join us for our DairyNZ / Bioeconomy Science Institute - AgResearch Group Joint Internship. Dates for the 12 week internship are flexible between October 2025 and March 2026.

This is an exciting opportunity for you to gain exposure and experience across an industry-good body, DairyNZ, and a public research organisation, Bioeconomy Science Institute – AgResearch Group.

You'll see first-hand, some of the amazing kaupapa that we deliver to drive our primary sector and support our Māori communities.



WHO WE ARE

DAIRYNZ

Our purpose:

Te Whanake anamata angitu mō ngā pāmu kau o Aotearoa. Progressing a positive future for Aotearoa, New Zealand dairy farming.

DairyNZ is the industry-good organisation that represents dairy farmers in Aotearoa. We support our farmers to remain profitable, sustainable and internationally competitive. We accelerate on-farm productivity, power more adaptable and resilient farms, and enable sustainable and competitive dairying. We employ some of the best and brightest in the industry to deliver exciting projects throughout the motu focused on healthy waterways, animal care, biosecurity, farm systems, farmer events and Māori agribusiness to mention but a few.

At DairyNZ, we seek ways to incorporate te ao Māori and mātauranga Māori into our research and projects to derive better outcomes for Māori and the dairy sector. It goes hand in hand, with our dedication to support the next generation of aspiring Māori leaders, advisors, researchers and scientists.

We're proud of our Māori internship programme that has been running for the past six years. Our internships have helped ignite a passion among our tauira for the primary sector, and with the guidance and support that we offer post internships, we've helped many of our tauira into exciting career opportunities and post-graduate studies.

AGRESEARCH GROUP

Our purpose:

Using science to enhance the value, productivity and profitability of New Zealand's pastoral, agri-food and agri-technology sector value chains to contribute to economic growth and beneficial environmental and social outcomes for New Zealand.

AgResearch is a Group of the Bioeconomy Science Institute. We are here to support the growth and resilience of the bioeconomy in New Zealand and beyond. Our science develops new products, processes and technologies that optimise the use of biological resources to deliver food and materials from a resilient supply chain while protecting the natural environment. We translate science into real-world outcomes, impact and commercial success.

At AgResearch Group, we embrace mātauranga Māori knowledge systems as equally valued to experimental science and are impact focused on the challenges in Te Ao Māori with our Māori partners.

AgResearch Group has offered programmes aimed at supporting rangatahi Māori under Te Puāwaitanga programme since 2021. These internships were established to provide opportunities for fresh minds to explore, collaborate, and contribute to solving the challenges of our future. They have been extremely successful, and we're excited to be partnering with DairyNZ to provide a similar opportunity, across both organisations in 2025.



YOUR OPPORTUNITY

For incoming interns, we have two projects available:

1. ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

An internship focused on waterway health, including; E.coli monitoring, eDNA, and catchment management.

Ideal background: Preferably studying towards, or have recently received an undergraduate or master's degree in science or a related field (e.g., science communication, environmental law).

2. MĀORI PARTNERSHIPS

An internship focused on opportunities to work alongside experienced kaimahi as they engage with Māori Partners (agribusiness, hāpū) and support kaupapa Māori approaches.

Ideal background: Preferably studying towards, or have recently received an undergraduate or master's degree in Māori Studies, Mātauranga Māori, Social Sciences or equivalent work experience in this field.

YOUR IDEAL BACKGROUND

- Understanding or enthusiasm for Te Ao Māori, Mātauranga Māori or Kaupapa Māori.
- Have a keen attitude and motivation to work in an innovative environment.
- Demonstrate safe workplace behaviour by taking all practicable steps to ensure your own and others' safety in the workplace

Successful applicants will be based in Kirikiriroa , Hamilton at the AgResearch Group Ruakura campus and DairyNZ Ruakura office.

WHY JOIN US?

This is an opportunity to build your skills and confidence under the guidance of kaimahi Māori, science teams and alongside other taura and early career researchers. Upon completing your internship, you will have the opportunity to present your learnings, outcomes, and experience from your project at our intern wānanga where you will be immersed in mātauranga Māori and local kaitiakitanga practices.

Some of the benefits for our internship include:

- Mentorship and guidance
- Gaining practical experience from some of the experts in your field
- Developing connections with the wider research community

Please apply through:

<https://jobs.bfound.net/jobs/163264?Cold=2013>

APPLICATIONS CLOSE SUNDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2025.

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