

# Te Puāwaitanga

## Summer Internships

*AgResearch's  
Te Puāwaitanga internship  
was established to provide  
opportunities for fresh minds  
to explore, collaborate and  
contribute to solving the  
challenges of our future.*

The meaning behind Te  
Puāwaitanga is 'to flourish' or  
'come to fruition'.

Tēnā koutou katoa.

AgResearch is looking for enthusiastic and dedicated students to join us for our Te Puāwaitanga Summer Internship.

Te Puāwaitanga interns will work from November 2024 until February 2025.

This is an exciting opportunity for you to experience what your professional career at a Crown Research Institute could be like. You will gain exposure to the science community, develop skills, and create connections that will set you up for a bright career.

[Click here to visit our website and view a video featuring the Summer 2021/2022 interns.](#)



## Who we are

AgResearch is a Crown Research Institute delivering leading agricultural science and innovation to benefit the wider New Zealand economy. Our internationally-recognised scientists work across the agricultural production and agrifood sectors in collaboration with a range of stakeholders both nationally and internationally, putting science and innovation at the forefront. We conduct research within five science areas – Ethical Agriculture, Resilient Agriculture, Digital Agriculture, Smart Foods and Bioproducts and Māori Research and Partnerships.

## Te Puāwaitanga Guiding Principles

- Connect with talented students – Te Puāwaitanga doesn't advertise for students to fit pre-defined research opportunities. We identify passionate students and then match you with projects and teams that match your passions and interests.
- Successful applicants will have the opportunity to co-design and co-develop your research with your supervisor.
- Whanaungatanga and Manaakitanga – we prioritise your wellbeing and development, while providing opportunities for networking within the rōpū and the wider organisation. We also provide safe spaces for students to provide feedback and challenge the way things are done.

## Your opportunity

Successful applicants will receive guidance and support from Kaiārahi o Te Puāwaitanga, the Māori Research and Partnership group, and their project supervisors.

We will work with successful applicants to place you within an AgResearch team depending on your area of interest.

For incoming interns, we will match you with an existing project that matches your area of study and your skill set, or we will identify an opportunity for you to co-design/co-develop a project. The project may involve Kaupapa Māori, Mātauranga Māori or have a te ao Māori focus.

Successful applicants can be based at any of our four campuses - Ruakura campus in Hamilton, Grasslands campus in Palmerston North, Lincoln campus in Christchurch or Invermay campus in Mosgiel.

Interns are paid at the living wage rate of \$27.80/hour.

## Your ideal background

- Preferably studying towards, or have recently received an undergraduate or master's degree in a science (including statistics) - while tertiary level study is preferred this is not a requirement for the right person.
- Understanding or enthusiasm for Te Ao Māori, Mātauranga Māori or Kaupapa Māori.
- Be able to commit to working from late Nov 2024 – Feb 2025 (excluding our Christmas close-down period).
- Have a keen attitude and motivation to work in an innovative environment.
- Demonstrates safe workplace behaviour by taking all practicable steps to ensure your own and others' safety in the workplace.

## Why join us?

Our Te Puāwaitanga internships are aimed at developing well supported pathways into a science organisation. This is an opportunity to build your skills and confidence under the guidance of our Māori Research and Partnership Group, AgResearch science teams and alongside other students and early career researchers.

Upon completing your internship, you will have the opportunity to present your learnings, outcomes, and experience from your project.

Some of the benefits for our internship include:

- Mentorship and guidance
- Gain practical experience from some of the experts in your field
- Developing connections with the wider research community
- Exposure to working as part of a Crown Research Institute

Contact Louise Hennessy, Kaiārahi o Te Puāwaitanga (Māori Research and Partnership group) on [Louise.Hennessy@agresearch.co.nz](mailto:Louise.Hennessy@agresearch.co.nz) if you have any questions or queries about the Te Puāwaitanga internship.

Please apply through our [career portal](#) today, including a CV and a cover letter. In your cover letter please include your pepeha, previous mahi and study, and details about your journey in or engagement with Te Ao Māori. Whether you have recently begun your journey, or have grown up fully immersed in Te Ao Māori, we would love to hear about your experiences.

**Applications close Monday 2 September 2024.**