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New Zealand Scholarships Internship Programme 2020



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Kia orana, Mālō e lelei, Mālō nī, Noa'ia, Talofa lava

Overview

The New Zealand Scholarships Internship programme commenced in 2015 and is an initiative the Pacific Cooperation Foundation (PCF) implements in partnership with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade.

The purpose of the Internship?

To provide students with an opportunity to apply knowledge and skills in a real work place in preparation for employment in their home country as future public and private sector regional leaders.

Who is eligible?

New Zealand undergraduate scholarship students from the Pacific and Timor-Leste

- You must be currently studying at a tertiary institution in New Zealand
- You must be in your second year of a bachelor programme
OR
- In your third year of a four-year bachelor programme
OR
- In your fourth year of a five-year bachelor programme
OR
- A final year student BUT NOT in your final semester in semester 2, 2020.

When will the internship start?

16 November 2020 - 12 February 2021 with three weeks break for Christmas and New Year.



Esmond Siope (Solomon Islands), Merari Nelson (Kiribati), Lania Temahua (Solomon Islands), Sela Maka (Tonga), Don Mann (PCF CEO), Talie Mundia (Samoa), Jack Philip (Vanuatu), Sonia De Oliveira (Timor-Leste) and Linda Kaua (PCF Programme Development Manager)



Encie Hilarai (Papua New Guinea), Lisa Tai (Associate Director, Risk Advisory, Deloitte), Leyla Niowenmal (Vanuatu)



Jason Glennon (Chief People Officer, Watercare Services Limited) and Florence Pauku (Solomon Islands)

Benefits

What are the benefits?

- Interns enhance their skills through experiential work.
- Opportunity to apply knowledge/skills acquired at university in the work place.
- Interns establish networking and mentoring relationships.
- An investment that contributes to long term career development.

Other benefits:

- Participate in a work-ready workshop.
- Provided a one-off clothing/transport allowance.

Key Dates

Applications open: Monday 4 May 2020

Applications close: 5pm (NZ Standard Time), Friday 5 June 2020

[Application form is available here](#)



*Sina Aiolutepotea-Aiono
(Deputy Chief Executive,
Regional Partnerships,
Ministry for Pacific Peoples)
and Pauline Dokekana
(Solomon Islands)*



*Josephine Lagi
(Solomon Islands) at Ministry
of Business, Innovation &
Employment*



*Annajane Schutz (Kiribati)
at Auckland Council*

Testimonies

The following are testimonies of former interns and host agencies:



Florence Pauku
(Solomon Islands)

2019 – 2020

*PCF NZ Scholarship Intern,
Watercare Services Ltd*

“While at Watercare, I had the opportunity to work both in the office and off-site.”

“During the site visits, I was able to go to the Huia and Ardmore water treatment plants and to a waste management area in East Tamaki. The water treatment plant is where the water gets treated which then undergoes a number of processes before being supplied to be used.”

“The waste water tour on the other hand gave me a chance to see how the waste water in Auckland that comes from businesses and houses are environmentally safe before being disposed.”



Sokopeti Vite
(Tonga)

2019 – 2020

*PCF NZ Scholarship Intern,
Fonterra Research and
Development Centre*

“At home, my parents run this little kava business to generate more income for our family, and it made me think of how the resources we have in Tonga are efficiently utilised so that it can help sustain a family and community.”

“Whereas the internship has pulled me out of my comfort zone to be more practical and has enhanced my perspectives on the differences between a developed economy and a developing economy.”



Amanda Kora
(Papua New Guinea)

2019 – 2020

*PCF NZ Scholarship Intern,
Ministry of Business,
Innovation & Employment*

“My role as an intern involved providing compliance support work to the ERM Compliance Royalties Auditors.”

“The team that I worked with investigates and audits all businesses that have petroleum or mining permits or licenses to determine whether these businesses are dealing fairly and paying the appropriate taxes in the form of royalties to the government.”

“Highlights for me from this internship was gaining insight to compliance work in the petroleum and mining industry and the level of value this industry has in any country.”



Leaupepe Rachel Karalus
Chief Executive Officer
K'aute Pasifika

“I am just writing to say how impressed we were..... and how much impact and value she brought to the organisation. She took every opportunity and frankly smashed it. We are really going to miss her...”



Jodi Watene
Manager Business
Strategy & Planning
Energy & Resource Markets
*Ministry of Business,
Innovation & Employment*

” ... had a great work ethic and she knew that she'd only get out of this opportunity what she was prepared to put into it. Keen to support this initiative in the future.”



Lisa Tai
Associate Director
Risk Advisory
Deloitte

“Hardworking and always happy to take on the tasks allocated. was a lovely addition to our team during her internship.”

Top Achieving Tongan Scholar Wins Prime Minister's International Scholar Award

The Prime Minister's Pacific Youth Awards is held annually. In 2019, Sela Maka, a former PCF NZ Scholarships intern from Tonga was awarded the Prime Minister's International Scholar Award. The proud Tongan-born scholar spent ten weeks at GHD, one of the world's leading engineering companies.

Often referred to as 'Generation 6B's - Brown, Beautiful, Brainy, Bilingual, Bicultural and Bold' by Minister for Pacific Peoples Aupito Su'a William Sio, eleven Pacific youth were recognised for their exceptional contributions across eight categories.

"Each recipient is a symbol of the future I see for Pacific peoples in Aotearoa, a rising generation of Pacific people who are confident, thriving and resilient," says Minister Aupito William Sio.

"These young people are effecting positive change that is helping to shape New Zealand where Pacific people are prosperous and achieving wellbeing for their families."

PCF sponsored the International Scholar Award - acknowledging a young person from the Pacific region who is an active leader in both New Zealand and in their home country.

Having supported the awards in March 2018, PCF Chief Executive Don Mann says the selection process for this year was 'tough' as all candidates demonstrated passion and determination in their applications.

However, on the night it was revealed that the winner was Sela Maka - one of New Zealand's top-achieving NZ Aid Pacific scholar who is studying engineering with Honours at Massey University.

Hailing from the village of Lotoha'apai Ha'ateiho in Tonga, Sela also grew up in Fiji where she spent most of her primary schooling years.

Thanking the Ministry for Pacific Peoples and PCF for her award, Sela also dedicated the award to her family, friends and to her late father who inspired her love for STEM subjects.

"I like to acknowledge Ministry for Pacific Peoples for paving a way for our students from the Pacific to gain recognition outside of our homes," she said.

"I'd like to thank Pacific Cooperation for sponsoring the award, I know so many of islanders sacrifice the comfort their own homes to face challenges different from what we've been raised in, and so I acknowledge them as well."

Sela hopes to become a chartered process engineer and will use her award to create an initiative focused on giving other engineering students an opportunity to work on development projects in Tonga.



Rt Hon. Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern, Sela Maka, Minister for Pacific Peoples Hon. Aupito Su'a William Sio and PCF Board Trustee Mr Andrew Wilson



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