

Manaaki New Zealand Short Term Training Scholarships Infrastructure Project Management Pacific 2026-2027

Overview

The New Zealand Government's Manaaki New Zealand Scholarship Programme is pleased to offer an Infrastructure Project Management course for Pacific scholars, supported by the New Zealand International Development Cooperation Programme.

The Infrastructure Project Management course has been created to increase the knowledge and skills of Pacific officials and other professionals working in infrastructure delivery and management roles. The course is expected to improve the capability of participants to manage infrastructure projects effectively and efficiently in their home countries.

This is a four-week (continuous) residential course to be held in Wellington, New Zealand.

This is a fully funded scholarship covering course fees, visa costs (excluding passport fees), accommodation and other programme related expenses.

The design, management and delivery of the programme will be led by Co-Programme Directors– Dr Atie Ahmadi and Dr Wallace Imoudu Enegbuma and is managed and supported by the Kāpuhipuhi Wellington Uni-Professional Programmes team.

While the course does not constitute a formal tertiary qualification it will provide scholars with unique insights into New Zealand approaches and best practice in each sectoral study area.

On completion each scholar will be awarded a completion certificate from the Manaaki New Zealand Scholarship Programme.

When?

The Infrastructure Project Management course timeline is as follows:

Applications Open	Monday 17 August 2026
Applications Close	Sunday 11 October 2026
Travel to New Zealand	Week commencing 18 January 2027
Course Start Date	Tuesday 26 January 2027
Course Finish Date	Friday 19 February 2027
Depart New Zealand	Saturday 20 February 2027

This course will be delivered on a full-time basis in Wellington, New Zealand.

Successful applicants should be available to travel to New Zealand the week prior to course commencement and will receive an orientation on arrival.

Who should attend?

This course is designed for early-mid level officials or professionals with at least 3 years work experience in the relevant course sector.

Participants should have Intermediate level English language proficiency.

To be eligible for a Manaaki New Zealand Scholarship, all the following statements must be true:

- From the date my application is submitted, I will have lived in my country of citizenship for the last two years or more.
- Exception for diplomatic corps and their family: A member of the diplomatic corps or a dependant of a member of the diplomatic corps, living outside their own country, can apply for a Scholarship.
- I am not a citizen or permanent resident of any of the following countries:
- New Zealand, Australia, Bahrain, Canada, any European Union country, Iceland, Israel, Japan, Kuwait, Norway, Oman, Qatar, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, Switzerland, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom, or the United States of America.

Exception: People from the following countries and territories are eligible to apply

- Niue, Cook Islands, and Tokelau, even though they are New Zealand citizens;
- New Zealand–Samoan dual citizens
- I will be at least 18 years old at the time I start the scholarship.
- I am not currently serving in the military.
- Within the last five years, I have not had a New Zealand Scholarship terminated.

Applicants must also acknowledge and agree that:

- They have received endorsement from their employer to attend this training programme.
- They expect to meet the academic entry requirements (including English language requirements) for their planned training programme.

Course Schedule

Venue	Kāpuhipuhi Wellington Uni-Professional
Duration	Four-weeks, Wellington based programme
Class Times	Monday to Friday, 9:00am – 4:00pm
Sessions include	Presentations and discussions, site visits and field trip, workshops and labs, case-studies, guest speakers, project work, questions and application.

Infrastructure Project Management	
Module 1	Foundations of Infrastructure Project Management
Module 2	Planning and Procurement
Module 3	Risks, Contracts, Safety and Sustainability
Module 4	People and Implementation

Key Learning Outcomes

By the end of the course the following Learning Outcomes will be delivered

- Develop your project planning, design and management acumen and skillset.
- Enhance your programme management capabilities, including scheduling approaches.
- Build your understanding of procurement management processes, practices, and risks – including outcomes that support high-quality and resilient infrastructure that generates local, inclusive economic opportunities.
- Increase your proficiency in contract management and managing supplier performance.
- Develop your understanding of stakeholder management, relationship management, communication, and consultation frameworks, including approaches for managing diverse stakeholder groups.
- Deepen your understanding of risk management practices and decision making (including environmental risks and social safeguards).
- Understand how to integrate gender equality, disability, and social inclusion (GEDSI) into infrastructure project management.
- Enhance your leadership skills and team management capabilities.
- Deepen your people-to-people connections, including with New Zealand industry.

Delivery & Programme Management

The course will be managed and supported by the Kāpuhipuhi Wellington Uni-Professional Programmes team and will be led by Co-Programme Directors– Dr Atie Ahmadi and Dr Wallace Imoudu Enegbuma

Drs. Ahmadi and Enegbuma are Lecturers in the Faculty of Architecture and Design Innovation, Victoria University of Wellington. They both teach in Project Management and Construction programmes

Application

Applicants can apply via an online application form accessed through the [Manaaki TSTTS website](#).

Enquiries

All enquiries should be directed to the Wellington Uni-Professional Scholarships team in the first instance.

Please direct queries to: manaaki-tstts@wup.nz and include the course name and your country in the subject line.