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Global Fisheries Scholarship Application Form for 2027

Closing date for applications: Friday 24 July 2026



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This document contains:

- Information about the Global Fisheries Scholarship Programme, which is a training and development programme based in Japan.
- An application form.

The Global Fisheries Scholarship (GFS) is a jointly funded training and development venture between Te Ohu Kai Moana Trustee Limited (Te Ohu Kaimoana) of Aotearoa (New Zealand) and Nissui Corporation of Japan.

This prestigious scholarship focuses on developing the skills of Māori in the business, science, operational and technology sectors, so that these skills can be applied in New Zealand's fisheries and seafood industries. Successful candidates will travel to Japan to complete a scholarship programme.

The duration of stay in Japan is determined by Nissui Corporation in discussions with Te Ohu Kaimoana and the scholar. Generally, scholar's depart for Japan in July and return in December. A graduation ceremony will take place in December. This may vary on a case by case scenario, but in consultation with the scholar.

The scholarship programme is designed for Māori who have either a serious interest or some experience in the seafood industry, or who are recent graduates looking to build a career in the fisheries and seafood industries. If this sounds like you, then you are strongly encouraged to apply.

Criteria and characteristics sought

This scholarship programme is available to Māori who:

- Have experience working within the seafood industry, or have a very strong interest in the seafood industry and its future;
- Are able to demonstrate a commitment to their iwi, hapū and whānau;
- Have knowledge of te reo Māori me onā tikanga; and
- Demonstrate a commitment to working in the seafood industry
- and are interested in building their personal skills and expertise in Māori fishing, aquaculture and business.

In addition to the above, we are looking for candidates that have a genuine interest and ability to learn the Japanese language and live amongst the culture.

Process

- Applications are due in on Friday 24 July 2026.

- For further information please contact our Global Fisheries Scholarship Programme Manager Charlie Mackey via email: charlie.mackey@teohukaimoana.nz or phone: 021 324 590.

Global Fisheries Scholarship Programme

1. Japanese Language Training

As soon as possible after the successful candidate is selected, Te Ohu Kaimoana will arrange and pay for the Global Fisheries Trainee Scholarship recipient to receive Japanese language training in their home town/city, until they begin their placement in Japan.

The successful candidate will be expected to sit and pass Level 4 of the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test before departing to Japan. This training will require a minimum of four hours of study per week.

2. Industry Induction

Prior to placement in Japan, an induction to Māori Fisheries Settlement entities from Te Kāhui o Te Ohu Kai Moana will be provided for the scholar (Te Ohu Kaimoana, Te Wai Māori Trust, Tapuwae Roa, Moana New Zealand and Sealord Group Limited).

3. Training Programme

The actual dates for training in Japan are determined by Nissui Corporation in discussions with Te Ohu Kaimoana and the scholar. Generally, scholars depart for Japan in July and return in December of that same year. A graduation ceremony will take place in December.

The training schedule will be based on a standard Monday to Friday work week.

Te Ohu Kaimoana and Nissui Corporation will work with the scholarship recipient prior to his or her departure to Japan to develop a training programme to meet their interests and background, within the scope of what Nissui Corporation can offer.

4. Benefits included within the Scholarship Package

- All costs associated with obtaining a trainee visa to Japan and an International Driving Permit will be reimbursed.
- Economy airfares to and from Japan
- Travel insurance cover.
- Assistance for the storage of home contents, as well as storage insurance.
- Accommodation whilst in Japan, arranged by Nissui.
- A training allowance of 200,000 yen per month (excluding holiday pay).
 - The allowance is paid by Nissui Head Office at the start of each month for the duration of the scholarship programme, and will commence the month of arrival in Japan.

- Technological needs may be determined and discussed on a case by case scenario. This may include supply of a laptop (generally the scholar will take their own), with the possible supply of a workphone from Nissui Incorporation and portable WiFi for the scholar also.

5. Business Travel

All business related travel within Japan will be arranged and paid for by Nissui.

6. Tangihana

In the event of a death of an immediate family member, Nissui, in consultation with Te Ohu Kaimoana, will assist the scholar to make arrangements for travel to and from New Zealand as soon as practicable. All costs associated with any travel is to be covered by the scholar.

If the scholar is required to stay in New Zealand for an extended period of time, a discussions with Te Ohu Kaimoana must occur at the earliest convenience to decide on the most appropriate action to meet the needs of all parties.

7. Things not included in the Scholarship Package

- Any loss of income while learning Japanese in New Zealand.
- Any travel or visa expenses for whānau travelling to Japan with the scholarship recipient.
- Any Legal fees and/or other costs associated with breaking any laws in Japan.

8. Background and Criminal Records Check

The offer of this scholarship is strictly conditional upon a satisfactory Ministry of Justice (MoJ) Criminal Record and Traffic History Check.

By applying for this scholarship, you consent to Te Ohu Kaimoana applying for a copy of your criminal and traffic record from the Ministry of Justice for the sole purpose of assessing your suitability for the scholarship.

Under the provisions of the Criminal Records (Clean Slate) Act 2004, you are not required to disclose any convictions if you are eligible for a clean slate. You must inform us of any convictions that are not covered by the clean slate scheme, or if you are deemed ineligible for the scheme.

If the results of the MoJ check reveal undisclosed, relevant criminal convictions that Te Ohu Kaimoana and/or Nissui Corporation deem unsuitable for the scholarship, Te Ohu Kaimoana reserves the right to withdraw the offer of this scholarship immediately on notice.

1. Personal details

Full name:

Home / Work Phone:

Mobile Phone:

Email:

Date of Birth:

2. Next of kin

Full name:

Residential address:

Contact phone:

3. Iwi affiliations

Iwi #1:

Iwi #2:

Hapū:

Hapū:

Marae #1:

Marae #1:

Marae #2:

Marae #2:

4. Whakapapa - please attribute whakapapa (by iwi) below

Great Grandfather	Great Grandmother	Great Grandfather	Great Grandmother	Great Grandfather	Great Grandmother	Great Grandfather	Great Grandmother
Grandfather		Grandmother		Grandfather		Grandmother	
Father				Mother			
You (the applicant)							

5. Education

Please outline your educational achievements and the qualifications you have acquired (University/Technical Institute/NCEA) below. Please only attach a copy of your highest (or most relevant to this scholarship application) certified academic transcript.

Year	Institution	Qualification Gained

6. Iwi and community involvement

List your previous involvement with your iwi and community below. Please include details of any awards or acknowledgements you may have received.

7. Future contribution to your iwi

Describe how you will use this experience to contribute to your own iwi, and the development of Māori generally, particularly in relation to fisheries below.

8. Fisheries experience

Describe your involvement with the fisheries/Seafood sectors to date.

9. Te reo Māori

Please indicate your proficiency in te reo Māori (highlight or **bold** option below):

None

Beginner

Intermediate

Advanced

10. Other information

Are you currently in paid employment?

Yes / No

Have you been convicted or discharged without conviction as a result of criminal charges in New Zealand?

Yes / No

Are there any charges pending against you?

Yes / No

If you answered “Yes” to either or both the above questions, please provide details below (pursuant to the Clean Slate Act 2004, please provide details of any criminal conviction received in the last seven years):

Do you suffer from any health issues (including any allergies) that may affect your ability to work? (if yes, please provide details below)

Yes / No

Have you ever applied for a Global Fisheries Scholarship before? (if yes, please provide details below)

Yes / No

11. References

Please attach three written references from people who can comment on your personal qualities, skills, academic ability and experience.

Please ensure you provide the following:

- An academic reference.
- A reference from a kaumātua or someone who currently sits on a rūnanga, Māori Trust Board or other Māori organisation.

12. Checklist

Before you send your application form, please ensure that you have:

- Completed all sections as applicable.
- Enclosed certified copies of your academic transcript/s.
- Enclosed three references (including an academic reference and one from a kaumātua or someone who currently sits on a rūnanga, Māori Trust Board or other Māori organisation).
- Enclosed your Curriculum Vitae.
- Enclosed a current photo.

13. Agreement and signature

By submitting this application, I affirm that the facts set forth in it are true and complete, I understand that if I am chosen as the Global Fisheries Scholar, any false statements, omissions, or other misrepresentations made by me on this application may result in my immediate dismissal.

If successful, I authorise Te Ohu Kaimoana and Nissui Corporation to publish my name, photo, iwi affiliations, course of study and academic qualifications, in communications to iwi and the general public through traditional media, social media and website stories.

Name:

Signature:

Date:



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