

Aotearoa New Zealand

## Community Researcher Awards

for New and Emerging Researchers

*In partnership with Unitec*

Deadline for applications: **16<sup>th</sup> September 2011**

**Ko te hōkai nuku ko te hōkai rangi**

**Ko te hōkai a tō tupuna**

**a Tānenui-a-rangi**

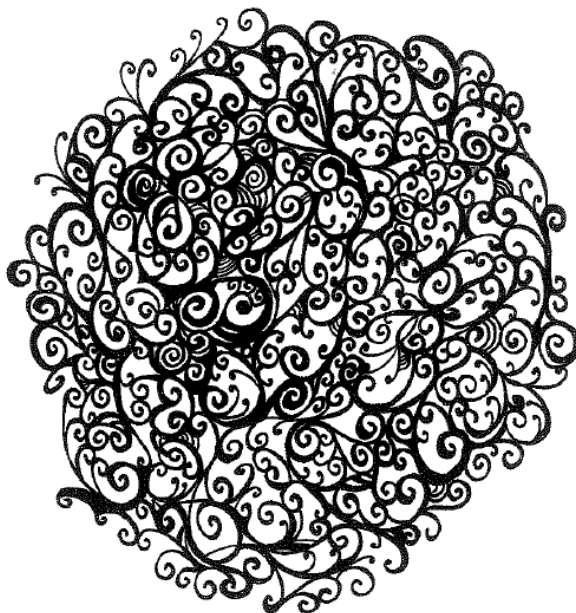


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The Tangata Whenua, Community and Voluntary Sector Research Centre (Community Research) is offering **six awards in 2011** for New and Emerging Community Researchers, who are producing research/rangahau which adds to our understanding of community in Aotearoa.

Award recipients will **present their work at a Community Research Seminar** in Auckland on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2011 and **participate in a workshop** on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November. They will receive structured feedback and meet other Community Researchers with shared interest and knowledge in this field.

**Background:**

Community Research (the Tangata Whenua, Community & Voluntary Sector Research Centre) was established in 2008. We gather Community Research that supports development, and we share it with a wider audience – all for free. We're a virtual hub for community organizations, iwi, hapu and researchers to share their thinking. We publish resources which help people do community research better. We encourage good methods in community research and we communicate the benefits of community-based research – making a healthier, better-connected sector. (see <http://www.communityresearch.org.nz>).

To further strengthen our role in helping to build a strong and vibrant research community, the annual New & Emerging Community Researchers' Seminar series was begun in 2009.

This is an opportunity for people producing research for the community, with the community, or by the community in New Zealand. They may be producing an evaluation, a dissertation, a thesis or relevant report, or rangahau in any form including multimedia forms.

**Eligibility:**

The award is aimed at New & Emerging Community Researchers. This includes postgraduates, and people who are already working with community and who are 'emerging' researchers. It includes established researchers who are new to community-led methodologies (like cooperative inquiry, narrative inquiry, kaupapa Maori research and participatory action methods).

Researchers may come from any background including any group, institution, academic discipline, organisation, iwi or hapu. In order to be considered, researchers must have approved research/rangahau already underway.

The research/rangahau must be focused on a topic that adds to our understanding of community in Aotearoa. Focus areas might include (but are not limited to)

- organisations in this sector (eg iwi, hapu, marae, pacific health, social services, arts , environmental)
- concepts (eg mahi aroha, sustainable communities, cultural identity)
- issues (Community-Government relations)

**The Award:**

A small scholarship will be offered, and up to \$400 to offset the cost of travel to attend the seminar and workshop. Overnight accommodation and food will be offered for Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November.

**The Workshop:**

The Workshop will be held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November, 10am – 6pm (venue on Unitec campus - to be advised). Here the Award recipients will have the opportunity to talk about their research, receive feedback and be part of a discussion about community research, in an informal and relaxed setting.

**The Community Research Seminar:**

The New and Emerging Community Researcher Seminar will be held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November, 9am – 4pm at the Unitec Marae, Auckland. Our six Award recipients will make brief presentations and receive feedback and questions. We will invite academics, researchers, tangata whenua, community and voluntary sector, government and individuals to come along to this Seminar. We will ask - what is good community research? We discuss the processes, values, purposes and impacts of well-managed community research.

## Seminar Presentations:

If you are a successful Award recipient you will be asked to prepare a 20 minute (max) presentation of your research. This will allow 20 minutes for questions, answers, observations and feedback on your research. There will be power-point available to presenters.

## Application:

Please submit

- a one or two page description of the research project and issues encountered, with an explanation of why participation in this seminar would be particularly helpful to you as a researcher
- a one page description of your processes, as a Community Researcher, including a description of your purpose, how you consulted and involved your community, the intended outcomes for the community, and a description of any 'glitches' or lessons you learned from these processes. You may want to read our Code of Practice for Community Research (<http://tinyurl.com/3zj9t79>)
- a letter from your manager or research supervisor or other appropriate person, which confirms that your research proposal has been approved, or is supported by them
- an estimate of your travel costs to attend

Applications should be sent to [sally@communitywaikato.org.nz](mailto:sally@communitywaikato.org.nz).

These materials must be received by **12.00pm, Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September**. We will contact you in the week of Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October, if you have been chosen to receive an award and present your research at the Seminar. We will then send guidelines for presenting your research.

Due to the anticipated demand we will only contact you if you are chosen for an award.

## Applications Process:

Applications should be sent by e-mail, as Word documents or multimedia files, to [sally@communitywaikato.org.nz](mailto:sally@communitywaikato.org.nz). Subject line should say: "Coordinator, Community Research Award – Application". Questions can be directed in advance to Sally at the above email or Jan Hinde at Community Research on 04 381 6389. If your submission cannot be emailed please contact Sally/Bronwyn for a conversation about how it can be sent to us.

**PLEASE SEE ATTACHED APPLICATION FORM TO APPLY FOR AWARDS**

### KEY DATES:

- **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September** - applications close. Applications should be sent by e-mail, as Word documents or multimedia files, to [sally@communitywaikato.org.nz](mailto:sally@communitywaikato.org.nz).
- **Week of Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October** - awards announced. Further details about the workshop, venue, accommodation and the seminar presentation will be sent to successful recipients.
- **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November**, 10am -6pm - Workshop
- **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November**, 9am – 4pm - Seminar

**APPLICATION FORM**

New Zealand

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**Name:**

**Email address:**

**Contact phone number:**

I am applying for an Award and have attached:

1-2 page description of my research project

1 page statement about my processes

A letter of support from my supervisor, or other appropriate person

An estimation of my travel costs to attend

I understand that if I am offered a scholarship I will present my work at a workshop on 16<sup>th</sup> November and at the Research Centre Seminar on 17th November, and participate in feedback and korero.

I will upload my research to the Community Research Clearing House following the Seminar  
[www.communityresearch.org.nz](http://www.communityresearch.org.nz)

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