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# Vision Mātauranga Capability Fund Webinar

Wednesday 18 September 2024





# MBIE Karakia

Tāwhia tō mana kia mau, kia māia

Ka huri taku aro ki te pae kahurangi,  
kei reira te oranga mōku

Mā mahi tahi, ka ora, ka puāwai

Ā mātau mahi katoa, ka pono, ka tika

**TIHEI MAURI ORA**

**TRANSLATION:**

*Retain and hold fast to your mana, be bold, be brave*

*We turn our attention to the future, that's where the opportunities lie*

*By working together we will flourish and achieve greatness*

*Taking responsibility to commit to doing things right*

**TIHEI MAURI ORA**

**MĀIA**  
BOLD & BRAVE

**PAE  
KAHURANGI**  
BUILD OUR FUTURE

**MAHI TAHI**  
BETTER TOGETHER

**PONO  
ME TE TIKA**  
OWN IT



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# Housekeeping

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Time to answer questions after key sections, but feel free to ask at any time


Use the **Q&A FUNCTION** to ask questions (not the chat)

A recording of the webinar (slides and transcript) will be available on our website



# Outline

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- ❑ Overview of the Fund
  - ❑ Application and Assessment Process
  - ❑ Accessing Pītau
  - ❑ Advice to Applicants
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# The Fund's aim | Te Whāinga o te Tahua

- **STRENGTHEN CAPABILITY, CAPACITY, SKILLS** and **NETWORKS** between Māori and the science, innovation and technology system
- **INCREASE UNDERSTANDING** of how scientific research can contribute to the aspirations of Māori organisations and deliver benefit for Māori and New Zealand



# Funding Available | He aha te pūtea e wātea ana?

Approximately **\$2.0\*** million per year is available to fund successful new projects in the 2025 VMCF investment round

- Projects **up to 1 year** can apply for a maximum of **\$150,000\***
- Projects **between 1 and 2 years** can apply for a total of **\$250,000\***

*\*Note all funding amounts are exclusive of GST*



# Updates to the 2025 investment round

- Applications submitted in Pītau
  - Get your access sorted early
  - Changes in terminology – Application administrator etc.
- Emphasise **scientific outcomes** in addition to capability building
  - Science definition: Science is the pursuit and application of knowledge and understanding of the natural and social world following a systematic methodology based on evidence.



# Eligibility Criteria | Ko wai e āhei ana ki te tono?

- ✓ Be made by a NZ based **single** legal entity
- ✓ Include both a Māori organisation **and** Research organisation **or** Individual researcher
- ✓ Work Programme **not** already funded by another Government funding scheme
- ✓ **Not** include any full time tertiary or school students
- ✓ Majority of work **occurs** in Aotearoa New Zealand
- ✓ Not benefit a Russian state institution or an organisation outside government that may be perceived as contributing to the war effort
- ✓ Be submitted via **Pītau** (MBIE's online portal)
- ✓ Kaupapa tūhono | Connect **or** Kaupapa ika tauhou | Placement scheme
- ✓ Address **one or more** Vision Mātauranga themes (not solely Hauora)



# Investment Schemes | Ngā Kaupapa Haumitanga

## Connect scheme | Kaupapa tūhono

**Build new connections** between Māori organisations and the science, innovation and technology system.

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*Existing relationships are eligible but the proposal needs to **clearly go above business as usual** and **build new capability***

## Placement scheme | Kaupapa ika tauhou

**Enhance the development of an individual(s)** through placement in a Partner organisation.



# Vision Mātauranga Policy Themes

## Indigenous Innovation



Contributing to economic growth through distinctive science and innovation

## Taiao



Achieving environmental sustainability through iwi and hapū relationships with land and sea

## Mātauranga



Exploring indigenous knowledge and science and innovation

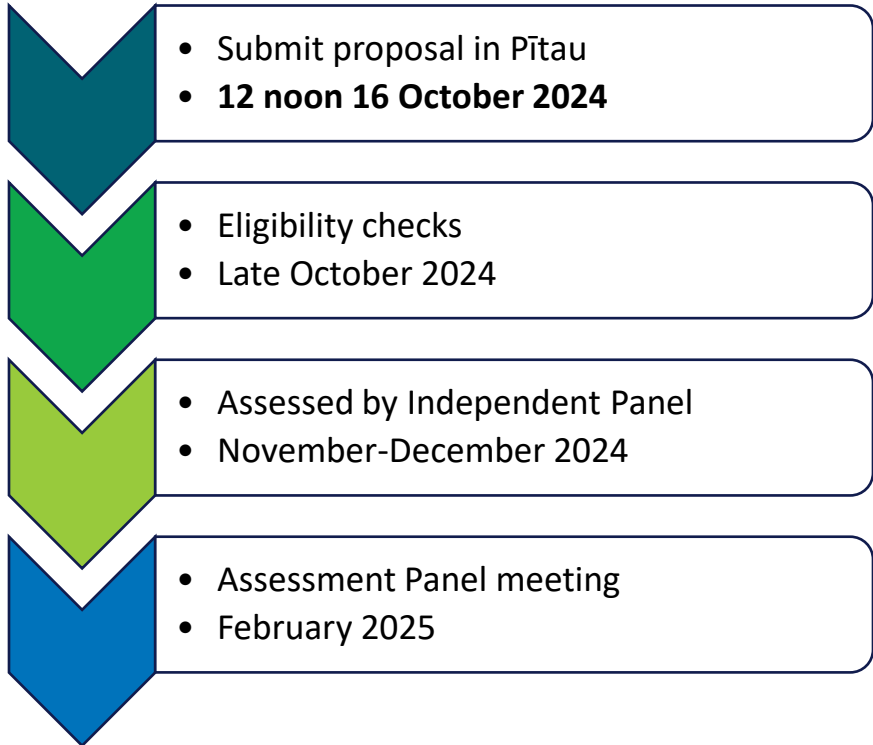
## Hauora/Oranga



Improving health and social wellbeing

*VMCF proposals cannot only address the hauora aspect of the theme*

# Application and Assessment Process | Te Tukanga Tono Me Te Aromatawai



Independent Assessment Panel	
Nichola Harcourt (Chair)	Naomi Simmonds
Clinton Hemana	Selai Letica
Jane Kitson	Rebekah Fuller
Nicholas Roskruge	Acushla Sciascia

*Assessor Bios will be available on our website at the end of September*

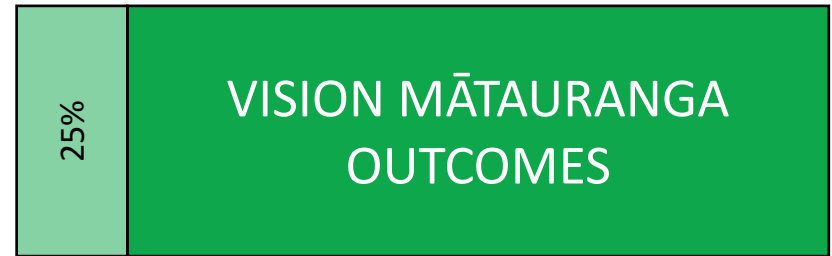


# Assessment Criteria | Ngā paearu aromatawai

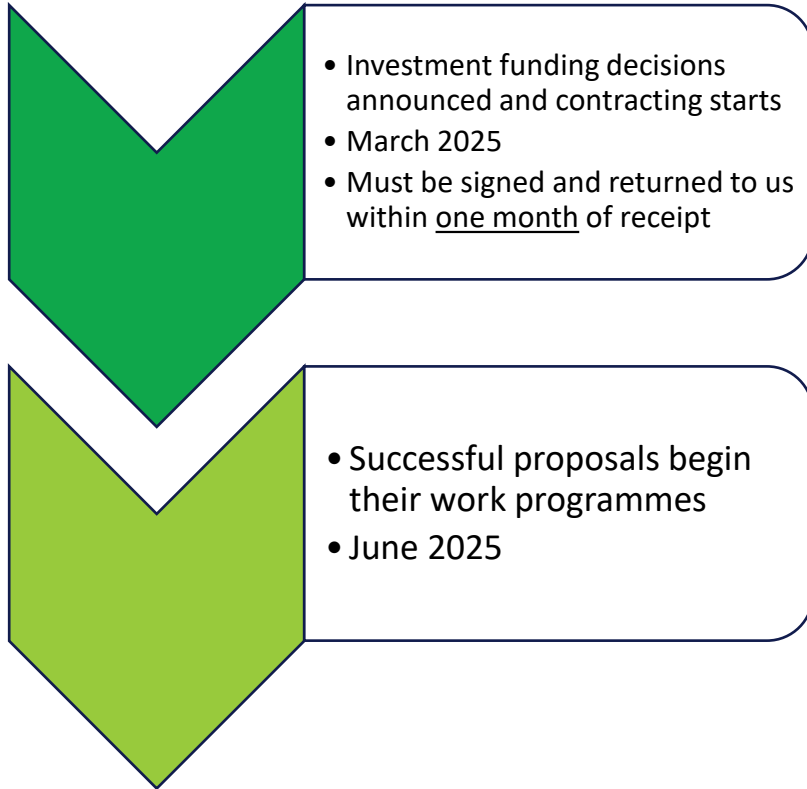
## EXCELLENCE | KAIRANGITANGA



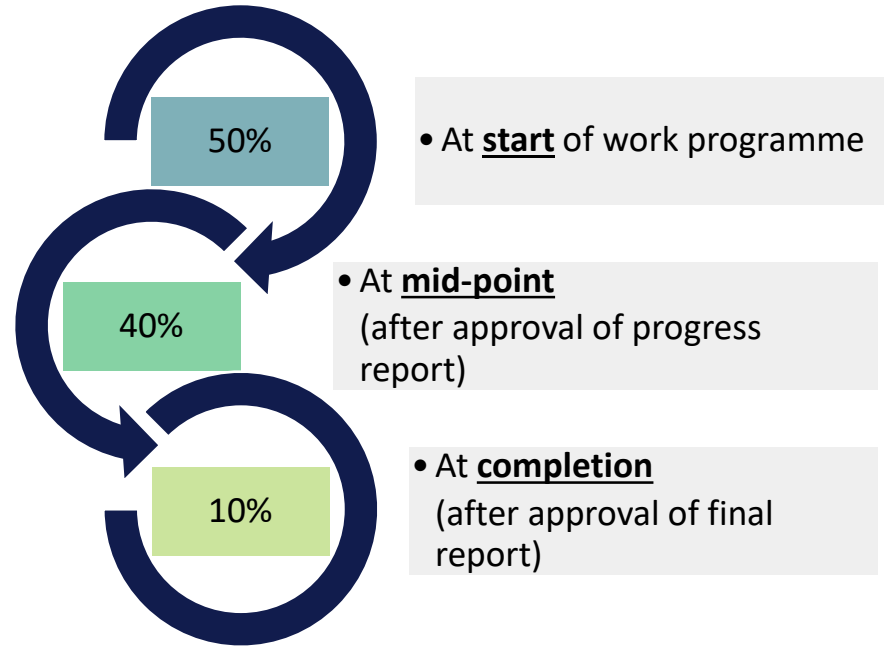
## IMPACT | PĀPĀTANGA



# Contracting Process



# Payments





# Pītau



PĪTAU – INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

 Log in

Nau mai, haere mai

## Welcome to Pītau – Investment Management System

Login with RealMe®

 Log in

New to Pītau?

 [Pītau Request for Access form](#)

Pītau – Investment Management System allows logged in users to:

- apply for funding
- manage contracts your funding contracts
- submit funding reports
- submit invoices and expenses associated with
- perform assessments

## New to Pītau?

 You can request access in one of two ways:

1. If your organisation has applied with us in the past, contact your organisation's administrator, for them to grant you access.
2. If your organisation has never applied for MBIE funding, complete the [Pītau Request for Access form](#) and email it to [jmssupport@mbie.govt.nz](mailto:jmssupport@mbie.govt.nz).

Once your access has been processed, you will receive an email with login instructions and a unique Pītau access code. To complete the login process, you will need a RealMe account. If you do not have a RealMe account, go to [RealMe](#) to create one.

### Contact

For enquiries email [jmssupport@mbie.govt.nz](mailto:jmssupport@mbie.govt.nz)

# Helpful Hints for Pītau

- Allow plenty of time – try to complete 2 weeks before you want to submit
- Additional support
  - Your Partner Organisation
  - IMS Support
    - [imssupport@mbie.govt.nz](mailto:imssupport@mbie.govt.nz)
    - 0800 693 778
    - Monday to Friday 8:30am – 4:30pm





# Assessment Panel Feedback from 2024

- **QUALITY** of applications remains **HIGH**, with a greater percentage of high scoring proposals, meaning **COMPETITION IS HIGH**.
- Heartened to see an increase in **MĀORI TAKING THE LEAD IN PROJECTS**
  - Important to show how Māori will lead/be the focus of the project
  - Need to clearly demonstrate how the capability and capacity of Māori researchers will be enhanced.
- Applicants should **CLEARLY EXPRESS** how the project team and/or organisations involved have the **MANDATE TO CONDUCT THE WORK**
  - Describe who has the mandate / scope of their mandate.
- Pleased to see a **HIGHER RATIO OF FTE ALLOCATION FOR MĀORI, IWI AND HAPŪ MEMBERS** in the project team
  - Encourage applicants to maintain this trend.



# Feedback continued...

- Noted that information about **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT PLANS** has improved in most circumstances.
  - Continue to take IP into consideration, particularly to ensure post contract benefits and better distribution of gains to Māori organisations.
- Still improvements to be made regarding ethical and tikanga considerations need to be considered for some projects involving iwi and hapū.
- **DON'T LEAVE THE PREPARATION OF YOUR APPLICATION TO THE LAST MINUTE**; allow time to check for obvious mistakes.
- Make sure that **ALL RELEVANT INFORMATION IS PROVIDED** in all sections of the application so that it **ACCURATELY REPRESENTS THE PROJECT**.



# MBIE Advice

- **READ** all the provided documentation
- Clearly describe how your project is **CO-DEVELOPED/CO-DESIGNED**
- Describe how you will **DISSEMINATE** project findings
- **EMPHASISE** new partnerships / going beyond business as usual
- **HIGHLIGHT** science, outputs and outcomes of the project
- Ensure the **TITLE** accurately reflects the proposal aims, particularly the underpinning science
- Ensure that any **ACRONYMS ARE DEFINED.**



# Questions? | Pātai?

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Use the Q&A function



# MBIE Closing Karakia

Ka hiki te tapu

Kia wātea ai te ara

Kia turuki ai te ao mārama

Hui ē, Tāiki ē

**TRANSLATION:**

*Restrictions are moved aside*

*So the pathway is clear*

*To return to everyday activities*

*Enriched and unified.*

# Applications CLOSE 12 noon, 16 October 2024

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Questions about applying?

[vmcf@mbie.govt.nz](mailto:vmcf@mbie.govt.nz)

Questions about Pītau?

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