

Supporting Pacific Education during COVID-19

PACIFIC EDUCATION INNOVATION FUND – ROUND 2

The Ministry of Education is seeking applications for proposals to support Pacific learners and families to continue to pursue education success and to overcome challenges presented by COVID-19.

Pacific Education Innovation Fund

In 2021, educators, places of learning, community groups, providers, researchers and academics from anywhere in Aotearoa can apply to respond to local wellbeing and curriculum needs of Pacific learners and families arising from and/or impacted by COVID-19 in innovative ways from two funding streams:

1. Innovative practices in Pacific bilingual and immersion education provision in early learning services and schools; or
2. General innovative practices to meet wellbeing and curriculum needs relating to Pacific education.

What sort of projects might be funded?

We are looking for creative, collaborative and different ways of delivering education for Pacific learners and families that reduce the impacts of COVID-19 on their education, including:

- » unique and specialised Pacific teaching and learning models for Pacific learners and families;
- » creating or expanding unique curriculum resources for groups of Pacific learners and families;
- » programmes or projects that address unmet education and wellbeing needs by Pacific for Pacific; and
- » projects that are built on Pacific knowledge, expertise, identity, language, and culture.

When do applications open?

Applications for the Pacific Education Innovation Fund open from 10 March 2021 to 26 April 2021.

Who can apply?

- » Group or representatives of early learning centres, schools and/or tertiary providers.
This can include:
 - » Groups of students connected to a school, tertiary provider or community group/organisation
 - » Groups of parents and families connected to an early learning centre, school, tertiary provider or community group/organisation
 - » A Kāhui Ako representing a cluster of schools, early learning settings and/or tertiary institutions
- » Community groups and organisations, including church groups.
- » Researchers and academics affiliated to a tertiary institution or research institute.
- » Education and social sector providers.

