

## Call for Scholarship applications

3-year Doctoral Scholarship

Massey University

New Zealand



### Homelessness and Disaster Risk Reduction

#### Scholarship opportunity – PhD thesis

If you are looking to do your thesis we have an exciting opportunity for a PhD to explore the relationship between living precariously (e.g. homelessness, including rough sleeping and transitional housing etc.) and disaster risk reduction and emergency management. Aotearoa New Zealand's natural hazard landscape has increased disaster events, alongside record numbers of people enduring poverty and housing insecurity, with both expected to increase over the coming years. This research will explore experiences of resilience for people in poverty to provide a greater understanding of what enables and constrain their ability to prepare for and respond to disasters, including COVID-19.

The successful candidates will have the opportunity to learn and apply qualitative research techniques in order to represent the lived experiences of precarious living within disaster settings. This research is part of a wider research project, funded by Kia manawaroa - Ngā Ākina o Te Ao Tūroa (Resilience to Nature's Challenges, National Science Challenges), which aims to increase people's ability to adapt and thrive as we experience natural hazard, climate change and other disaster events.

Skills that would be useful include:

- A background in a health-related social science subject area (e.g. psychology, critical health, community psychology, geography, public health etc)
- Strong qualitative research skills
- Excellent writing and critical analysis skills
- Expertise in Kaupapa Māori theory and research.

The successful scholarship holder will receive NZ\$32,000 per year for up to 3 years. This amount includes the student stipend and the domestic PhD and other enrolment fees:

<https://www.massey.ac.nz/massey/admission/fees/quick-guide/2020-quick-guide.cfm#domestic-postgraduate-fees>

The candidate would be based at Massey University and supervised by Denise Blake (Joint Centre of Disaster Research/School of Psychology) and Shiloh Groot (School of Psychology, Faculty of Science, Auckland University). For additional information about the project or to discuss possible topics, please contact Dr Denise Blake – [D.Blake@massey.ac.nz](mailto:D.Blake@massey.ac.nz) or Dr Shiloh Groot – [s.groot@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:s.groot@auckland.ac.nz)

To apply, please provide the following information:

- A curriculum vitae (max. 2 pages)
- Academic transcript
- List of publications (if any)
- Contact details

- One A4 page cover letter outlining your interest in the topic, and why you would like to be considered for this scholarship.

**Closing Date for Applications:** 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020

**About Resilience to Nature's Challenges:**

Resilience to Nature's Challenges is a national research programme that is building new knowledge and tools to contribute to greater resilience in our unique rural, urban, coastal and Māori communities to natural hazards including earthquakes/tsunamis, volcanoes, weather and coastal hazards. We work with stakeholders to generate co-created research that communities, organisations and agencies can use to improve New Zealand's natural hazard resilience. You can find out more about us here <https://resiliencechallenge.nz/>. This project sits within the Resilience in Practice Model, the goal of which is to advance scientific understanding of resilience in New Zealand, identify solutions and deliver resilience outcomes for the nation.

<https://resiliencechallenge.nz/scienceprogrammes/resilience-in-practice/>  
<https://resiliencechallenge.nz/scienceprogrammes/multihazard-risk-mod>