

Request for Expressions of Interest

Whanake te Kura i Tawhiti Nui Programme Co- Lead, Resilience to Nature's Challenges Kia Manawaroa – Ngā Ākina o Te Ao Tūroa

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Background

The Whanake te Kura i Tawhiti Nui programme of research aims to generate the fundamental Mātauranga Māori and applied Māori hazard, risk and resilience knowledge for Aotearoa New Zealand. The programme is developing innovative culturally underpinned research methods and models that will be applied to investigating multiple natural hazards, and their complex impacts on our society.

Whanake te Kura employs rohe-centric case studies to ensure Mātauranga Māori can interface, inform and transform our resilience within communities through multi-scale modelling, conceptual frameworks, te reo Māori, and mātauranga Māori/hapū/iwi across a range of natural hazards. A co-leadership position has recently become vacant in the Whanake te Kura programme and we invite expressions of interest to fill the role alongside co-lead Dr Acushla Dee Sciascia (Massey University). Potential candidates will be evaluated by a panel of Resilience Challenge representatives who will then put forward a recommendation to the Resilience Challenge Governance Group to make the appointment.

Duration

Start date by agreement, as soon as possible to 24 June 2024, approximately 0.1 FTE

Evaluation Criteria

Essential

- High standing in their research field, with a strong national or international reputation.
- A suitable area of expertise to co-lead the research programme.
- Strong track record of delivery of research within collaborative research programmes, as measured by peer-reviewed outputs, reports and journal articles, particularly those in high-impact journals and international journals.
- Demonstrable commitment to Vision Mātauranga or kaupapa māori research.



- Strong record of collaboration, motivation and team building with experience in leading science teams to high-quality research outcomes.
- High standards of communication and presentation skills, evidence for clear written and oral presentation.
- Evidence of attention to quality of research, timeliness of research delivery and reporting.

Desirable

- Active researchers in a New Zealand research organisation (noting new appointments will not be the lead contracting party for any Programme)
- Evidence of participation in the preparation of the Resilience Challenge research programme.

Additional selection considerations:

- Skills, attributes and research experience that align with the needs of the existing Programme Co-lead and the agreed programme deliverables
- An emphasis on providing an opportunity for under-represented groups in Programme leadership
- Opportunities to re-consider the division of effort in research contribution and Programme co-leadership

Responsibilities of Programme Co-Leaders

Resilience Challenge Programme Leaders (collectively forming the RNC Science Leadership Team) are responsible for co-leading the science direction, coordination, delivery, and engagement for their Programme. Specifically, in collaboration with their Programme co-leader, they:

1. Contribute to strategic planning and review processes for the Challenge
2. Set strategic priorities for research programmes, and allocate and manage resources accordingly
3. Embed the principles of Vision Mātauranga in the Challenge
4. Drive the delivery of excellent, high-impact collaborative research and facilitate coordination of research across the Challenge Programmes and with external parties
5. Ensure contracted milestones are met for the Programme throughout the 5-years of this phase.
6. Monitor and report regularly (to a high standard) to the Director on performance against the terms of the Programme Sub-contract
7. Identify performance issues/risks, consult with the Director, and advise on mitigation measures
8. Work collaboratively with the other Programme Leaders of the Resilience Challenge to ensure research is well coordinated across the Challenge and with other relevant external research programmes
9. Work with the Challenge Management team to ensure contracts are put in place between the host organisation (GNS Science) and the Programme Co-leader's employing organisation.

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10. Work with host institutions of all team members to ensure third-party sub-contracts are put in place and executed in a timely manner for prompt delivery of science.
11. Participate in regular Programme-Leader meetings with the Director and other members of the Science Leadership Team.
12. In conjunction with the Programme host organisation, ensure that appropriate health and safety systems are in place that are compliant with the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015, and risks and incidents lodged with the Challenge Management Office.
13. Facilitate internal and external communication, engagement and public outreach in relation to their Programme, including acting as a spokesperson
14. Work with the Challenge Directorate to identify and contribute to appropriate media stories and outreach opportunities.
15. Be a contact point for the Challenge Management Office in respect of their Programme, and provide information when requested by the Director, or Challenge Manager.

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How to Apply

Please direct enquiries to the Resilience Challenge Manager, Delia Tamsen (d.tamsen@gns.cri.nz) by **COB Friday 12 March 2020**.