



Jamie has many awards and distinctions which include:

- ‘Best paper award’ for ‘From Tapu to Noa – Māori cultural views on biosolids management’ at the NZ Land Treatment Collective conference. 2016
- Finalist in Marae Investigates Ngā Toa Whakaihuwaka (Māori of the Year) in the Science/Technology/Innovation category. 2012
- Participant of the Manu Ao Māori Leadership Academy, 2010–2011
- Manaaki Tangata Fellowship to Trent University, Canada. 2008, 2010
- Te Amorangi Māori Academic Excellence Award (Te Tohu Pūtaiao Toiora – Biological Sciences). 2002
- Ministry of Science Research and Technology (MoRST) scholarship for emerging scientist to accompany NZ delegation to the World Conference on Science, Hungary. 1999
- Māori Education Trust Professional Scholarship. 1993, 1997–2000
- Tūāpapa Pūtaiao Māori Fellow. 1997–2000
- Rolfe Overseas Study Scholarship to the Institute of Wildlife and Environmental Toxicology (TIWET), South Carolina, USA. 1996
- ANZAC Fellowship to the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, Australia. 1994
- Tuaropaki Education Scholarship. 1993–95, 2002

Dr James Ataria

Rongomaiwahine, Ngāti Kahungunu, Ngāti Raukawa

- 1991 Bachelor of Science in Zoology, UC
- 1994 Master of Science (1st Class) in Biology, UC
- 2001 PhD in Ecotoxicology Lincoln University
- 2017 Bachelor of Māori Performing Arts, Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiarangi

Being Māori and a scientist has shaped Jamie’s career and his personal journey that has included appearances on the national kapahaka stage, Māori community environmental research, governance roles in Māori business and education initiatives. In these roles he is recognised as a leader within the Māori and science communities.

Jamie has expertly woven together strands of Māori culture and science to achieve research excellence and mentoring, and business development, with a strong mātauranga Māori core.

On completing his studies, Jamie took up a post-doctoral fellowship at Manaaki Whenua Landcare Research where he went on to become a senior scientist with a joint appointment as a senior Māori lecturer at Lincoln University.

From there he joined Cawthron Institute as an ecotoxicologist before drawing all these strands together to hold positions at the Bio-Protection Research Centre (Lincoln University), Cawthron Institute, Ngā Pae o Te Māramatanga (Centre of Research Excellence) and the Tuaropaki Trust (a Māori land Trust with investment in energy production, food and communication sectors).

Jamie conducts his research within multi-disciplinary/multi-organisational programmes embedded in Māori cultural process and communities but linked strongly with end-user organisations. This approach explores mechanisms that promote mutual understanding and equality of uptake in policy and decision making with respect to environmental resource management.

