

AOTEA GREAT BARRIER ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST MOANA RESEARCH AWARD

Supporting MSc and PhD research on the flora and fauna of the moana at Aotea (Great Barrier Island)

Award Value	NZ\$5,000 (paid in two instalments directly to the student)
Who Can Apply	MSc or PhD students enrolled at a New Zealand University
Research Focus	Any aspect of the flora or fauna of the moana around Aotea
Duration	Up to 2 years
Closing Date for 2026	16 November 2026 (late applications will not be considered)

ABOUT THE AWARD

The Aotea Great Barrier Environmental Trust (AGBET) Moana Research Award supports postgraduate research that builds knowledge of the marine flora and fauna of Aotea (Great Barrier Island). Funds can be used to cover student travel, accommodation, and direct operating costs associated with research carried out on Great Barrier Island. The NZ\$5,000 award is paid in two instalments directly to the recipient, with the final payment released on submission of a final report.

HOW TO APPLY

Applicants should submit the following to the AGBET Coordinator by 16 November 2026:

- A two-page Curriculum Vitae (including applicant contact details).
- A two-page Research Proposal, including: the hypothesis to be tested, the names of any collaborating individuals or organisations, and any information on ongoing engagement with [Ngāti Rehua-Ngātiwai ki Aotea](#) (the mandated iwi authority for Aotea (Great Barrier Island)).
- The names of two professional referees, one of whom should be the major supervisor.
- Copies of any permissions required for the research (e.g. DOC, Animal Welfare, Ethics, EPA).

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Successful candidates must submit a two-page final report to the AGBET Coordinator on their major research findings, along with any research outputs such as conference presentations and publications resulting from the funded work.

APPLY NOW

Submit applications (or questions) to the AGBET Coordinator on contact.gbiet@gmail.com. For more information on Aotea Great Barrier Environmental Trust, visit our website: www.gbiet.org