

Universities New Zealand – Te Pōkai Tara Pacific Policy Advisor (part time)

- **Work across New Zealand’s university sector**
- **Shape sector thinking and practice for Pacific peoples**
- **Be a key part of the university sector’s interface into Government**

Universities New Zealand - Te Pōkai Tara is the peak body for this country’s eight universities. Though it is a relatively small organisation of just 14 Wellington-based staff, it coordinates work across the university sector on matters of common interest and it provides a constructive well-considered contribution to thinking and policy shaping in Wellington. Its work is overseen by a committee made up of the eight vice-chancellors.

Universities New Zealand has several portfolio managers each of whom has oversight for analysis, coordination and the shaping of strategy in a discrete area with issues or opportunities for the university sector. The Pacific Policy Advisor will work with the Portfolio Manager Education System and Māori.

Based in Wellington, this role is focussed on building Pacific success across the university and wider tertiary system with a key focus on delivering the strategic goals of Komiti Pasifika - the Universities New Zealand committee for Pacific.

The role will ensure there is good coordination and sharing of Pacific knowledge across Government and the university sector by;

- Working across a range of university sector committees and working groups.
- Representing the university sector to Government agencies and various planning and project working groups.
- Maintaining a good network of contacts across industry, Government and the university sector.

You will have experience and success in an advisory or advocacy role, with excellent skills in analysis and creative problem solving. You will be very capable at presenting ideas in person and on paper and will be known for your credibility in working with and advocating for Pacific people.

In addition, you will have the following:

- Employment over at least 2 years in either the university sector or the public sector.
- Experience and/or qualifications that will make you a credible interface between the university and Government.
- Experience in an advisory role with a policy and/or strategy focus.

This is a fixed term role (2 years), working approx. 15-20 hours per week with some requirement for travel – mainly domestic.

To register your interest please send a CV and a short covering letter to fiona.johnson-bell@universitiesnz.ac.nz Applications close 5pm, Monday 3 August 2020.