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NEW ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORTS NGATI POROU DEVELOPMENT

Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou have partnered with Fulton Hogan to establish a tertiary scholarship for Ngati Porou pursuing a career in the field of Engineering. The scholarship will contribute up to \$5000 per year towards the successful recipient's course fees for a maximum of three years.

Fulton Hogan is a civil engineering, contracting and resources company providing infrastructure support to the East Coast region. The Ngati Porou tribal boundary encompasses this area, and is reliant on a well-maintained network of state highways, rural roads and bridges for its economic sustainability and productivity.

Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou Chief Financial Officer, Allan Jensen believes the scholarship will help provide important benefits for the Iwi and Fulton Hogan in the future.

“We need to increase the numbers of Ngati Porou in the Engineering profession, and by working with Fulton Hogan to provide scholarship and summer internship opportunities, we aim to achieve this. Fulton Hogan employs civil engineers to design and build our roading infrastructure, as well as carry out maintenance and repair work. Through our collaboration we can help produce a skill base of highly qualified Ngati Porou Engineers, who not only have an affinity to and knowledge of the area, but will also have a personal investment in improving and developing our infrastructure assets.”

Fulton Hogan Regional Manager for the East Coast, Andrew Harvey says some common objectives have been identified through their partnership with Ngati Porou, and the scholarship is one of the outcomes of the relationship.

“This award presents a fantastic opportunity for a student to build a career with a national company, that is committed to working alongside Iwi to develop the community in which it operates. On the East Coast we find it hard to recruit for technical roles, so we have always looked to develop our own staff.”

The selection criteria for the Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou-Fulton Hogan scholarship is as follows:

- The applicant must be of Ngati Porou descent and a registered Iwi member
- Intending or enrolled to undertake a fulltime Engineering or related undergraduate degree
- Enrolled at a NZ University or NZQA recognised Institute
- The selection committee will also take a range of assessment criteria into account including the applicants' academic records, references and commitments to the Engineering field

In addition to receiving the scholarship the successful applicant will also:

- Be required to meet with TRONPnui and Fulton Hogan management to discuss progress each semester (twice a year)
- Be expected to be employed by Fulton Hogan Limited during the summer vacation breaks

Applying for the scholarship:

The scholarship application form with all relevant information must be provided by the closing date of 31 October, 2013.

Application forms are available from the Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou website www.ngatiporou.com or by contacting:

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