



New Zealand Geographical Society Ngā Mātai Matawhenua Māori Award

The Ngā Mātai Matawhenua Māori Award recognise outstanding rangahau, ako, and ratonga hapori in relation to Ngā Mātai Matawhenua Māori.

The award celebrates rangahau, ako, and ratonga hapori conducted by, grounded in, or engaged with iwi, hapū, whānau, or other Māori communities and associated places, spaces and environments as experienced through Te Ao Māori and expressed in dynamic forms, past and present. Ngā Mātai Matawhenua Māori embrace the intellectual, physical, social, and emotive dimensions of kaupapa Māori in creative and interconnected relationships between Māori, lands and waters, identity, ancestors, environment, power and self-determination.

The Ngā Mātai Matawhenua Māori Award recognises and promotes excellence in rangahau, ako, and ratonga hapori (including collaborative relationships and partnerships) across and within a variety of spatial scales (iwi, hapū, marae, whānau, kura, wānanga, and other communities).

This award is established to:

- Recognise and promote excellence in Ngā Mātai Matawhenua Māori;
- Celebrate and promote excellence in rangahau, ako, and ratonga hapori.

Eligibility

To be eligible for consideration, applicants must demonstrate that they meet the following criteria:

- identify as Māori and / or demonstrate sustained mentorship of, or partnership with, tangata whenua.