

***Job description:***

***Job title:*** Research Facilitator

***Salary/FTE:*** $60,000-$75,000 per annum

***Employment type:*** full-time, 12 month fixed term

***Location***: Kaitaia, Northland

***About us:***

Our purpose is to address the unique challenges faced by Māori in health and science spaces where there is a significant lack of representation and support. By addressing health inequities, advocating for systemic change, and increasing Māori participation in these fields, we aim to empower our community and assert our rightful place in spaces that have historically excluded us.

The Moko Foundation has built this community-based Māori health research model for the purpose of providing opportunities for aspiring Māori health professionals and Māori researchers (especially those who Whakapapa or are from Te Tai tokerau) wanting to return home and apply their skills in a direct and also kaupapa Māori way. This is model that is innovating around how health research in the community can be leveraged to develop local capacity, infrastructure and job opportunities within our rohe.

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The Research Facilitator role supports TMF’s involvement in biomedical research, focusing on the Infectious Disease Carriage Study. This position will facilitate and deliver the project to the community using a kaupapa Māori approach, working closely with scientists and partner organisations. Key responsibilities of this role will include establishing relationships with whānau & collecting research samples such as throat & nasal swabs. The individual will be involved in the processing & analysis of these samples for the purpose of the study. Responsibilities include planning and hosting hui such as information evenings, marae-based workshops, and online webinars, as well as creating accessible educational resources for whānau. The role also involves attending events that connect the community with biomedical science, including conferences, training with research partners, and organising student visits to universities and labs.

This job is the perfect opportunity for an individual who is interested in working at the intersect between Kaupapa Māori Health research, public health, biomedical sciences. This job will give the employee opportunities to experience research firsthand both on the ground in the community as well as at high level research institutions.

As part of this role, The Moko Foundation is passionate about furthering capability and professional development in Māori Health, science and research and will support the candidate to achieve their goals of further study or job opportunities.

***Job requirements***

* Full drivers license
* Comprehensive Knowledge and understanding of health sciences
* Competent with using administrative platforms Microsoft Office and Canva
* Confident & good understanding of Te Reo Māori & tikanga Māori.
* Be available to travel across the Far North for health promotion and project delivery
* Ability to communicate clearly and confidently with the community, Maori health providers and research partners.
* Collecting participant samples such as throat & nasal swabs.
* Processing & analysing data related to relevant research.
* Skills and ability to develop educational resources that clearly communicate relevant information to target audiences
* Competent with data entry and management- including sensitive data and information
* Confident understanding of research protocols and ethics
* Have skills and confidence to establish and maintain professional relationships with partner organisations and individuals.
* Good time management and event planning skills
* The ability to work independently and self manage tasks when required

***Working conditions***

* Mixture of working on-site at office, from home & off-site when required
* Flexible working hours within the scope of Monday-Friday
* Required to travel regionally & nationally when required.

***Job benefits:***

* Be part of an organisation that is passionate about helping the community and improving Māori health outcomes.
* Be exposed to development opportunities in Te Reo Māori me ōna tikanga
* Upskill and improve knowledge in the application of tikanga Māori in research and education
* Work in a kaupapa Māori environment
* Opportunity to further develop capabilities and skills in biomedical research, Kaupapa Māori methodologies, community public health and health promotion
* Financial and peer support in further studies related to science and research
* Develop connections and relationships with a range of researchers and scientists as well as local iwi, hapu and Māori organisations.
* Opportunity to attend national (and possibly international) science and research conferences