



ICOMOS AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND  
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INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL ON MONUMENTS AND SITES

## Call for Expressions of Interest | Research Scholarships 2025-2026

### Background

The ICOMOS Aotearoa New Zealand Legislation and Policy Committee is seeking Expressions of Interest from interested individuals to undertake research to support the Committee in preparing submissions on behalf of ICOMOS ANZ and in providing advice to our membership on how to make their own submissions. The Committee is offering **two scholarships of \$2,600.00 each**.

The key objective of these scholarships is to compile and/or prepare research and case studies that will support and expedite ICOMOS Aotearoa New Zealand's submissions on proposed legislation.

The outcomes are intended to contribute to the development of an online database containing references to key literature (including research articles, reports) to be hosted on the ICOMOS Aotearoa New Zealand website.

The recipient will work with ICOMOS Aotearoa New Zealand Legislation and Policy Committee Chair Chessa Stevens and ICOMOS Aotearoa New Zealand President Stacy Vallis.

### Proposed Research Briefs

#### Scholarship One: Heritage Protection Legislation Nationally and Internationally

- **Mapping significant/landmark legislative and policy reform/rulings in Aotearoa New Zealand:** *Review the last <5 years of legislative changes to identify trends in the type of information that has been required; summarise the current legislative environment including what has been introduced in this electoral cycle.*
- **Mapping legislative and policy frameworks:** *Examples/Case Studies regarding how heritage has been managed in comparable jurisdictions - why it is (or isn't) included in planning and environmental legislation and how does consenting through multiple agencies work in these jurisdictions; national direction for heritage in the proposed legislation, what it would ideally include and why); impact that focussing on private property rights over protections has on communities, both intended and unintended.*

#### Scholarship Two: Heritage, Economics and Sustainability

- **Mapping the role of cultural heritage in sustainable resource management and climate action:** *Examples/Case Studies of how cultural heritage conservation*

*contributes to sustainable development – adaptive reuse and other strategies? What are the advantages of employing cultural heritage as a driver for sustainable development?*

- **Mapping the economics of cultural heritage conservation: Examples/Case Studies** that demonstrate what difference the provision of incentives such as grants or tax rebates make on the success of heritage management legislation and public perceptions that heritage protections are a barrier that imposes costs and prevents them from doing what they would like to.

## **Eligibility Criteria**

Successful candidates will:

- Currently undertaking postgraduate-level studies and/or have attained a postgraduate level qualification (e.g. Master's or PhD student or recently graduated).
- Be able to demonstrate a research interest in cultural heritage conservation.
- Be based in New Zealand and available between December 2025 – March 2026 to undertake the project and online or hybrid meetings on a weekly or fortnightly basis.

Applicants do not need to be current members of ICOMOS Aotearoa New Zealand

## **Submission Requirements**

If you are interested to participate, please submit the following documents ***no later than Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at 17:00 (5.00pm)***:

- A one-page CV.
- 300 words maximum outlining relevant experience, skills, and interest in cultural heritage conservation.
- Contact details for a minimum of one and maximum of two referees.

**Applications must be emailed directly to:** [icomosnzsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:icomosnzsecretary@gmail.com) with the subject line "EOI Research Scholarships 2025-2026".

We aim to notify the successful applicants by Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2025 and expect to hold our first meetings in the week of 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

Please contact [icomosnzsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:icomosnzsecretary@gmail.com) if you have any queries.