The whānau is the wellspring of children's evolving languages and literacies from which they are inspired to imagine and create their futures.

Children's foundational literacies begin before birth and expand exponentially and uniquely in interaction with people and places. Languages, cultural, relational, and spiritual knowledges, and ways of being, knowing and communicating within families and communities shape children's belonging, well-being, development and learning. This doctoral scholarship will support innovative and inspirational research co-designed with children, their families, communities and teachers. The thesis will contribute to the sophisticated noticing, understanding and nurturing of young children's embodied, multimodal, multilingual, multigenerational, cultural and relational foundation of literacies. Māori and Pasifika applicants will be prioritised.

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• Enrolment in doctoral programme required by 1 March 2024 or 1 June 2024 (or 1 September 2024 for international candidates).

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