

Manaaki New Zealand Short Term Training Scholarships Renewable Energy Project Management Latin America and Caribbean 2026 - 2027

Overview

The New Zealand Government's Manaaki New Zealand Scholarship Programme is pleased to offer a Renewable Energy Project Management course for Latin America and Caribbean scholars, supported by the New Zealand International Development Cooperation Programme.

The Renewable Energy Project Management short course empowers participants to successfully manage renewable energy projects across Solar, Wind, Biofuel, Geothermal, and Hydro. Through practical case studies, field visits, and expert-led sessions, the course builds core skills in project planning, financing, risk and asset management, and impact assessment - supporting inclusive and sustainable energy development across the region.

This is a five-week (continuous) residential course to be held in Auckland, New Zealand.

This is a fully funded scholarship covering course fees, visa costs (excluding passport fees), accommodation and other programme related expenses.

The design, management and delivery of the course will be led by the Programme Director, Dr John O'Sullivan, and will be managed and supported by the Geothermal Institute team.

While the course does not constitute a formal tertiary qualification, it will provide scholars with unique insights into New Zealand approaches and best practice in each sectoral study area.

On completion, each scholar will be awarded a completion certificate from the Manaaki New Zealand Scholarships Programme.

When?

The Renewable Energy Project Management course timeline is as follows:

Applications Open	Monday 3 August 2026
Applications Close	Sunday 4 October 2026
Travel to New Zealand	Week commencing Monday 1 February 2027
Course Start Date	Tuesday 9 February 2027
Course Finish Date	Monday 8 March 2027
Depart New Zealand	Tuesday 9 March 2027

This course will be delivered on a full-time basis in Auckland, New Zealand.

Successful applicants should be available to travel to New Zealand the week prior to course commencement and will receive an orientation on arrival.

Who should attend?

This course is designed for mid-level professionals (with at least 5 years of relevant work experience) from the sector, primarily renewable energy development companies, from Latin America and the Caribbean.

Participants should have basic level computer literacy and numeracy skills and intermediate level English language proficiency.

To be eligible for a Manaaki New Zealand Scholarship, all the following statements must be true:

- From the date my application is submitted, I will have lived in my country of citizenship for the last two years or more.
- Exception for diplomatic corps and their family: A member of the diplomatic corps or a dependant of a member of the diplomatic corps, living outside their own country, can apply for a Scholarship.
- I am not a citizen or permanent resident of any of the following countries: New Zealand, Australia, Bahrain, Canada, any European Union country, Iceland, Israel, Japan, Kuwait, Norway, Oman, Qatar, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, Switzerland, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom, or the United States of America.
- I will be at least 18 years old at the time I start the scholarship.
- I am not currently serving in the military.
- Within the last five years, I have not had a New Zealand Scholarship terminated.

Applicants must also acknowledge and agree that:

- They have received endorsement from their employer to attend this training programme.
- They expect to meet the academic entry requirements (including English language requirements) for their planned training programme.

Course Schedule

Venue	Geothermal Institute
Duration	Five-weeks, Auckland based programme
Class Times	Monday to Friday, 8:30am – 5:00pm
Sessions include	Thematic presentations and discussions, site visits, workshops, case-studies, guest speakers, project work, reflections on previous day, questions and application.

Renewable Energy Project Management	
Module 1	Introduction to the fundamentals of renewable energy
Module 2	Renewable energy resources and their development
Module 3	Feasibility analysis and business case development for renewable energy projects
Module 4	Planning and financing renewable energy projects
Module 5	Social and environmental impact assessment of renewable energy projects
Module 6	Project management fundamentals and applied project management
Module 7	Asset management
Module 8	Risk management

Key Learning Outcomes

By the end of the course, the following Learning Outcomes will be delivered:

- Improved capability to assess the feasibility of a proposed renewable energy project.
- Improved capability to plan and finance renewable energy projects.
- Improved understanding and practical application of project management tools in a renewable energy context.
- Enhanced understanding of social and environmental impacts of renewable energy projects, and how to manage these.
- Enhanced understanding of new developments in the renewable energy sector.
- Enhanced asset management and risk management capabilities.

Delivery & Programme Management

The course will be managed and supported by the Geothermal Institute, University of Auckland and will be led by the Programme Director, Dr John O'Sullivan.

Application

Applicants can apply via an online application form accessed through the [Manaaki TSTTS website](#).

Enquiries

All enquiries should be directed to the Wellington Uni-Professional Scholarships team in the first instance.

Please direct queries to: manaaki-tstts@wup.nz and include the course name and your country in the subject line.