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## MEDIA RELEASE

# Call for applications to Fulbright-Creative New Zealand Pacific Writers' Residency in Hawai'i



Fulbright New Zealand and Creative New Zealand are renewing their call for applications to an international residency for New Zealand writers wishing to work on a project exploring Pacific identity, culture or history. Based at the Centre for Pacific Islands Studies at the University of Hawai'i, the residency will run for three months from mid-August 2006.

Applications to the 2006 Fulbright-Creative New Zealand Pacific Writers' Residency at the University of Hawai'i close at 5pm on Monday, 3 April 2006. Open to writers across all genres, including playwrights, fiction and non-fiction writers, poets and screen writers, the residency includes return airfares, accommodation costs and an artist stipend of NZ\$6000 per month. Previous recipients are filmmaker Sima Urale and performance poet Tusiata Avia.

Hawai'i is a hub for Pacific writing and has become a well-established centre for publishing the work of Pacific peoples. It is also an important link to the mainland US and has a flourishing indigenous culture.

The recipient of the 2006 Fulbright-Creative New Zealand Pacific Writers' Residency at the University of Hawai'i will have had work published or accepted for publication. In the case of scriptwriters or playwrights, he or she will have had work performed or accepted for performance.

The recipient will be expected to work on an approved project during this time and contribute to other opportunities provided by the residency. There will also be an opportunity for professional development, including invitations to give lectures and interviews, make contact with suitable agents and publishers, and enhance the development of New Zealand Pacific literature.

By the end of the residency, the recipient will be expected to have completed a significant amount of writing. The recipient will also be required to write a report, demonstrating the residency's tangible benefits to New Zealand Pacific literature.

For more details and application forms, please contact Anton Carter, Arts Adviser for Pacific Islands Arts at Creative New Zealand – email: [antonc@creativenz.govt.nz](mailto:antonc@creativenz.govt.nz) / phone: (04) 498 0729

The application form can also be downloaded from the Fulbright New Zealand website:  
[www.fulbright.org.nz/awards/docs/cnzhawaii-appl2006.doc](http://www.fulbright.org.nz/awards/docs/cnzhawaii-appl2006.doc)

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