



Nationwide Research Project

The current State of Gifted Education in New Zealand

giftEDnz is conducting a nationwide research project that will explore the current state of gifted education across New Zealand from a diverse range of perspectives. This research aims to capture the voices of educators across all sectors (from early childhood education through to tertiary), as well as parents, whānau, other stakeholders, and gifted young people themselves.

The last major nationwide exploration of the state of gifted education in New Zealand was the Riley et al. study of 2004. One of the aims of Riley et al.'s study was to identify "strengths and gaps" in provision for gifted learners in order to inform future directions in gifted and talented education, and this current research project will have a similar focus. Another emphasis will be an exploration of the increasingly diverse cultural and social groups that engage with New Zealand early childhood centres and schools.

The first phase of this nationwide research will be undertaken in the second half of 2016. We encourage teachers, other professionals, parents and students to get involved and have your say about what you believe is working well, what you feel could be improved, and where you would like to see provisions for gifted and talented learners heading in the future.

SUMMER RESEARCH SCHOLAR WANTED!!!!!!

giftEDnz is looking for a 'summer scholar' to work with us on the nationwide research project. The scholarship has been provided by the University of Waikato, and funds 10 weeks of fulltime work over the November 2016 to January 2017 period.

The successful applicant will have the opportunity to work alongside researchers to gather, collate and analyse data. There will be opportunities to build relationships with a range of people interested in gifted and talented education, along with the additional benefit of co-authoring a journal article related to the research.

Applicants must be enrolled at a NZ or Australian university and are expected to have completed three years of undergraduate study.

For more information about eligibility, or to apply, please go to the following link and look for project #22 (p. 44):

<http://www.waikato.ac.nz/scholarships/application-forms/university-of-waikato-summer-research-scholarships>

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