



International Volunteer Information

A Rocha Aotearoa NZ is able to provide a limited number of volunteer opportunities for international applicants. To date, most of our international volunteers have come through a funded project, an opportunity through their work, or as a component of their studies. However, we welcome anyone with the skills and desire to contribute to our work. Below are some guidelines and information for those seeking to volunteer with us.

AGE:

The minimum age for overseas applicants is 20.

VISA:

A Rocha Aotearoa New Zealand do not have the resources to help with visa applications so you will need to be able to obtain the necessary visa without assistance. New Zealand immigration policy allows overseas visitors to NZ on a **visitor visa** to do volunteer work while in New Zealand, provided the person receives no gain or reward. Therefore, our volunteering opportunities require that volunteers are **self-supporting** (that is, with funding to provide for their own accommodation and personal costs). They also need to have a set of skills that can be useful in our projects.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Community conservation project –

- [Karioi Maunga ki te Moana project](#)

A Rocha hub –

- Makarora hub

Depending on the time of year and length of stay, these three sites may have accommodation available on-site and food-catering options.

COST:

An estimated cost to support yourself while volunteering: \$150–200 accommodation per week; \$50–100 food per week; \$50–100 transport and other costs. Approximate budget: NZD\$250–400 per week.

SKILLS REQUIRED:

We love to have people with skills in conservation, environmental education, communication, gardening, DIY/maintenance, administration, house-keeping. As part of your application, please send us your CV/resume/portfolio outlining your skills which could be useful in our projects and hubs.

CHARACTER REQUIRED:

The Karioi project and our A Rocha hubs are composed of small teams doing multiple jobs, so we're looking for enthusiastic and flexible people who are teachable, keen to participate in a range of tasks and who are capable of both working individually and with others in a team environment. We value diversity but prospective volunteers must be sympathetic to the [core commitments](#) that shape A Rocha's life and work.

LENGTH OF TIME:

A minimum of 2 weeks and up to 6 months.

INSURANCE:

Volunteers are encouraged to have their own personal travel insurance as A Rocha Aotearoa New Zealand does not accept responsibility for any accident, loss or damage to personal items of volunteers.

In summary, are you able to:

- Apply for your own visa to visit New Zealand?
- Self-fund yourself to cover accommodation and food for your entire stay in New Zealand?
- Have skills that will assist the work of A Rocha Aotearoa New Zealand?
- Are you enthusiastic, flexible, hard-working, motivated, teachable, and a team-player?
- Sympathetic to A Rocha's core commitments?

We look forward to hearing from you if you think you meet all the above criteria.

If you have any further questions, please contact us at: new.zealand@arocha.org