



takahē

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Position Description: Fiction Reader

The Fiction Reader will join the Fiction Reading Team to support the Fiction Editor in selecting short stories for 3 issues of *takahē* per year. Our Fiction Readers also play a vital role in ensuring that every writer living in Aotearoa who sends work to *takahē* can opt to receive free feedback.

Each Fiction Reader is responsible for:

- regularly checking email, Slack, and Submittable to stay up-to-date and complete tasks
- reading approximately 5-15 submissions ahead of each issue of *takahē* and writing brief critique notes for each one
- being an active reader of each issue of *takahē* and understanding the type of work we publish
- asking questions when unsure and escalating any issues.

The role requires someone who:

- is committed to the [kaupapa of the Trust](#) and Te Tiriti o Waitangi
- is excited to work with our diverse team and contribute to Aotearoa's literary arts sector
- has a strong interest in reading and writing, especially short fiction
- has experience offering sensitive and thoughtful critique on short fiction, including work by new and established writers
- will maintain strict discretion regarding the identities of fiction submitters
- feels comfortable reading stories without any content warnings
- has good basic computer skills and will ask for help when needed.

The anticipated hours required for the role are 15-30 per annum. The Fiction Reading role is voluntary and unpaid. **Note that all *takahē* roles carry the expectation of a one-year minimum commitment.**

To apply, email chair@takahe.org.nz by 31st May 2026. Include a cover letter in the body of the email which outlines your interest in the role, along with any qualifications and experience. Attach a CV if you have one.