



PACIFIC RESEARCH PRINCIPLES

RESPECT FOR RELATIONSHIPS: Ensuring that cultural protocols and processes are followed throughout the research process. Respect for research participants is exercised and grounded in humility, the roles of gatekeepers and elders are appropriately acknowledged and confidentiality is respected.

RESPECT FOR KNOWLEDGE OWNERSHIP: Ensuring that Pacific knowledge, aspirations and wellbeing are integral to research design, research processes, outcomes and outputs. Both research partners and research participants are prioritised as knowledge owners and a participatory approach is adopted in seeking informed consent.

RECIPROCITY: Ensuring that reciprocity is an integral part of the research process and participants and communities benefit from the research. Reciprocity can encompass gifts, time and service and extends to accessible dissemination of research findings.

HOLISM: Ensuring the interconnected nature of the physical, social, environmental, cultural and spiritual aspects of research with Pasifika and Pacific communities is understood and acknowledged.

USING RESEARCH TO DO GOOD: Ensuring that the wellbeing of Pasifika and Pacific communities and their environment is of central importance in how research is conducted at the same time as ensuring that the research is rigorous and scholarly. The goal of research beneficence applies to both the integrity of the research process and the potential research outcomes and impact.

