

MASSEY UNIVERSITY FOOD INNOVATION YOUTH SUMMIT

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Shaping the Future of Food

20-22 JANUARY 2026 | FOR YEAR 12 & 13 STUDENTS

Palmerston North, **Food Innovation Capital of Aotearoa**, is opening its doors for the very first *Food Innovation Youth Summit*. It's a three-day, two-night extravaganza designed for Year 12 & 13 students.

WHY SHOULD YOU ATTEND?

Experience Real Food Tech Magic

Dive into hands-on workshops, tour high-tech labs, and visit actual food factories in the Manawatū region. Ever wondered what a Food Technologist does all day? Now's your chance to find out!

Meet Young Change Makers

Rub shoulders with rising stars in the food industry. Hear their stories, ask questions, and get inspired to blaze your own trail.

Live the Uni Life

Stay in Massey University student halls, hang out in the Recreation Centre, and join fun evening activities (bowling, movies, go-karting!) with your new mates from all over the country.

WHAT'S ON THE MENU?

- Future of Food workshop: what will we eat in 2050?
- Sensory Science: test your taste buds!
- Epic Food Quiz (prizes up for grabs!)
- Food Safety hacks and technology challenges
- Factory Tours and more
- Careers Q&A: Meet some of the rising stars shaping the future of food technology.

MAKE IT HAPPEN!

- **Limited spots:** Only 60 places. Application required – get your name in quick!
- **Cost: \$100** - The full value of the summit is \$1,500 per student, but thanks to generous sponsorships, participants contribute just \$100 to secure their place.
- **Travel support:** Bursaries of up to \$500 to help bring students from every corner of New Zealand.
- **Certificate + Innovation Prize:** Shine in the summits, and you could win big!

HOW TO APPLY?

APPLY BY 31 OCTOBER 2025

To support your application, you'll need to provide:

1. **Personal statement about your interest in food technology, your relevant subjects, projects or extra curricular activities.**
2. **A teacher reference**

Full participation is expected. Successful applicants must be available to attend all three days of the programme in Palmerston North. Most costs are covered thanks to generous sponsorships, so don't miss out on this opportunity to explore your future in food technology.

For more information, [click here](#)