

## An inter-University Māori Academy for Academic and Professional Advancement



## Rationale for Academy

- Increased exposure to global competition means there is a need for well-qualified Maori professional workforce and high calibre Maori academic leadership
- Need for high levels of professionalism and continued professional development



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 Link between academic leadership and wider dimensions of socio-economic and cultural development is essential



## Aims of the Academy

- Advance Māori academic scholarship
- Strengthen links between Māori academics and Māori professionals
- Accelerate Māori leadership



### **Devolved Model**

- Academy built around eight Chapters at each university
- Chapters offer campus-based programmes, and interact with regional organisations, inviting members to join
- Central co-ordination



## Governance / Funding

- Supported by NZ Vice-Chancellors' Committee (NZVCC) in association with all eight NZ Universities
- NZVCC's Māori Committee, Te Kahui Amokura, acts as governance entity and exercises a monitoring and strategic role
- Three year Tertiary Education
  Commission-funded programme



### Te Kahui Amokura

- Professor Pare Keiha, AUT
- Mr Jim Peters, AU
- Professor Linda Tuhiwai Smith, UW
- Professor Mason Durie, MU (Chair)
- Professor Piri Sciascia, VU
- Sir Tipene O'Regan, CU
- Assoc Professor Hirini Matunga, LU
- Mr Darryn Russell, OU



## Academic Scholarship

- Increasing numbers of well-qualified Māori academics across a range of subject areas,
- Seeking to explore the potential for integrating Māori (and indigenous concepts), philosophies and perspectives alongside other bodies of knowledge



## Academic Scholarship

- Weekly Seminars covering a range of contemporary issues and academic topics
- Formation of inter-University Forum to consider quality measures, publication and journal rankings, peer review, and theoretical positions
- Two Named Lectures each year by senior Māori scholars



## Academic Leadership

- Providing career academics with the skills
  & knowledge to undertake leadership roles
  within own departments and universities
- Building pathways that endorse ongoing university competence to teach, supervise, and manage
- Critical for sustained participation by Māori in university education



## Academic Leadership

- Leaders' groups for Māori academics
  - those emerging as potential leaders to gain necessary knowledge & skills
  - those with current management & leadership responsibilities to further advance their skills
- Annual national symposium on Māori academic and professional leadership



# Linking Academics and Professionals

- Opportunities for knowledge and information exchange, and exploration of the interface between tertiary education and professional workplaces
- Māori professional leaders invited to join the Academy and participate in Chapter programmes at regional (university) levels



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### Programmes will typically:

- Align theory and practice
- Integrate approaches to development
- Strategies for workforce development
- Post-grad study for practitioners
- Future professional progression
- Capability-building applied across sectors



### **Professional Bodies**

- Te Hunga Roia Māori o Aotearoa
- Te Otu Rata o Aotearoa
- Te Kaunihera o Ngā Neehi
- Ngā Kaitatau Māori o Aotearoa
- Te Moana Nui a Kiwa Whakapukahatanga Ihi
- Ngā Aho Whakaari
- Business networks, Crown entities, others



### Collaboration

- Unique project all eight NZ universities working together
- Universities and TEC
- Subject areas and disciplines
- Māori academic leaders and Māori leaders from professional bodies
- Engaging public and private sectors



## **Expected Outcomes**

- Academy will be well placed to act as a national focus for linking Māori academic objectives with national goals for Māori development
- Will lead to distinctive scholarly outputs, increased Māori academic capability and strengthened academic career pathways



## **Expected Outcomes**

- Provide opportunities for Māori professional leaders to engage with academics so that:
  - University contributions to the Māori workforce can be better targeted and
  - Māori professional capability can be extended



### Summary

- Inter-University Māori Academy for Māori Academic & Professional Advancement
- Advance Māori academic scholarship, strengthen the links between Māori academics and professionals, and accelerate Māori academic leadership
- Supported by NZVCC & TEC in association with all 8 NZ Universities



### **Our Universities**



















### Whakatauki

Ma Te Huruhuru, Ka Rere Te Manu

Adorn the bird with feathers, so that it can fly



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