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
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• 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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