

# Ko te Rangahau me te Auaha

## Ako Aotearoa Research and Innovation Agenda/Programme (AARIA)



### Background

In 2022 Ako Aotearoa's approach to funding projects about tertiary teaching and learning changed.

Our new programme is designed to:

- support the tertiary education system and contribute to better tertiary teaching and subsequently better learning outcomes for ākonga
- share research and innovation findings in ways that support teaching and learning/education and training, as well as supporting the interests of any collaborating organisations or entities
- provide opportunities for collaborative work and networking that benefits all involved and contributes to building research capability.

### AARIA 2024 – proposed priorities guide

**Broader priorities** – are high-level funding priorities that bring together the strategic aims of Ako Aotearoa.

**Targeted priorities** identify specific areas of research, learning, and teaching provision where we want to see growth or change.

Successful research proposals will demonstrate alignment with one or more of our targeted priorities. Other proposals outside targeted priority areas may be considered if they meet the broader priorities and provide sufficient evidence of stakeholder demand.

We encourage combining several targeted priorities into one research project.

### AARIA projects funded to date

Our initial funding round under the new AARIA programme resulted in a select number of commissioned projects focused on key priority areas: Māori, Pacific, disabled and neurodiverse ākonga.

These projects include:

1. Developing Te Tiriti e-Learning Modules – Christine Herzog, Te Tai-Awa o te Ora
2. Tu Te Ngana Hau resource development – Matiu Julian, Primary ITO | Te Pukenga
3. Phenomenal Educators Framework – Aiono Manu Faaea, MIT | Te Pukenga
4. Le Niu – Strengthening and support Pacific Education Pathways and Communities – Clark Tuagalu
5. Ako Mai Me (Teach Me and help me learn) – The Dyslexic Learner Journey and Experience – Linda Rowan and Lesley Peterson
6. Digital Literacy Frameworks scoping Project – Anne Alkema
7. Tapatoru (Ako Professional Practice Awards) Digital PLD Tool – Gill Thomas, Education Technology
8. Engaging Apprentices in the Construction Industry in the Online Environment – Leah Lacey and Janet McHardy, BCITO | Te Pukenga
9. A Tuākana-Teina Model of Trade Training – Joshua Kalan, Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiarangi

**Note:** Projects #3, #5, #6, #7, and #8 in the above list have been completed and are currently being published and disseminated. Projects #1 and #4 are progressing as planned and approaching their respective end stages.

## 2024 funding allocation

**Value:** \$10,000 – \$50,000 over the term of the contract

**Duration:** 5 months – 12 months

**Total funding pool:** \$250,000

### Eligibility

To be eligible for funding, projects must be:

1. Undertaken by an Aotearoa New Zealand-based organisation or New Zealand citizen/resident.
2. Designed for research or related activities, the majority of which are to be undertaken in Aotearoa New Zealand.

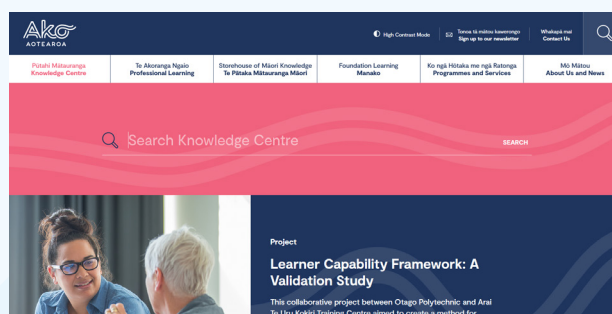
### Broader priorities

1. **Ōritetanga (Equity):** Achieving system-wide equity for all ākonga, including Māori, Pacific, neurodiverse, disabled, youth, and learners from low-income backgrounds.
2. **Te Tiriti o Waitangi (Treaty of Waitangi):** Honouring Te Tiriti o Waitangi through tertiary education, including Te Reo provision, Kaupapa Māori education, Mātauranga Māori provision.
3. **Auaha (Innovation):** Responding to changes in education, especially developments in technology (eg: Artificial Intelligence), innovative and flexible programmes which can support the immediate needs of ākonga, the tertiary education system such as Te Pūkenga and the Reform of Vocational Education (RoVE), and work-based learning.
4. **Hua Akoranga (Learner Outcomes):** Education and training that delivers for all learners, including: supporting work readiness, online and distance learning options, and providing learning opportunities for people who wish to change careers.

## Targeted priorities

Categories	Targeted priorities
Education	Neurodiversity Leadership and Management Training Te Tiriti o Waitangi (Treaty of Waitangi) Mātauranga Māori (Māori knowledge) Pacific Cultures Reflective Practice
Technology	Artificial Intelligence Education Technology

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