



MAORI AND RESEARCH

A Unitec Strategy

2014 – 2017

Ko Te Kore	The void, energy, nothingness, potential
Te Kore-te-whiwhia	The void in which nothing is possessed
Te Kore-te-rawea	The void in which nothing is felt
Te Kore-i-ai	The void with nothing in union
Te Kore-te-wiwia	The space without boundaries
Na Te Kore Te Po	From the void the night
Te Po-nui	The great night
Te Po-roa)	The long night
Te Po-uriuri	The deep night
Te Po-kerekere)	The intense night
Te Po-tiwhatiwha)	The dark night
Te Po-te-kitea)	The night in which nothing is seen
Te Po-tangotango	The intensely dark night
Te Po-whawha	The night of feeling)
Te Po-namunamu-ki-taiao)	The night of seeking the passage to the world
Te Po-tahuri-atu	The night of restless turning
Te Po-tahuri-mai-ki-taiao	The night of turning towards the revealed world
Ki te Whai-ao	To the glimmer of dawn
Ki te Ao-marama	To the bright light of day
Tihei mauri-ora	There is life!

The whakatauki sets the philosophy of this research strategy – it is about responding to:

- gaps in current research undertaken by Unitec in the Maori space and therefore
- defining a research place for Unitec in that space by
- being engaged in research that adds value to Maori and the economy as a whole.

Unitec currently does not have a response to research in the Maori space. The assumption has been research is research no matter where and with whom. However experience has told us unless we take a focused and responsive approach to research in the Maori space, it either does not happen or happens in a way that does not add value to the many layers of Maori communities (Smith, 1999).

A consultation with Māori staff and representatives of the Unitec Rūnanga was undertaken in late 2013 early 2014 to set a Māori research agenda for Unitec. This was matched against an analysis of current research trends in the Māori space through a reading of publications and conference themes and presentations.

The trends in the Māori research space are focused on the following:

- Māori economic development in its broadest sense
- An iwi response to that economic agenda
- The growth of health and social services and specifics within those two areas
- Education in general
- Environmental studies
- Marine biology

What is clear in that analysis is a lack of research about Māori and vocations. Unitec is well placed to fill that space.

Goal

Research by, for and with Māori

Objectives

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Outputs		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One major research project funded by external sources. • Publish a minimum of one article a year with a focus on either or both trades and vocation where Māori are central to the research. • Identify funding sources that will support the focus of the research strategy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliver two writing retreats per year for Māori staff who are engaged in research activities. • Provide a forum for Māori focused research undertaken by staff to be presented at least once a year. • Actively recruit at least one Māori focused publication a year for Unitec e-Press. • Support Māori to attend/present at minimum one international and two national conferences/symposia a year. • Provide funding to support Māori staff research capability. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliver two Kaupapa Māori research short courses each year. • Establish a position for a Māori Research focused person in the Research and Enterprise Office.

This Strategy is a programme of the Research and Enterprise Office.