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To: Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga Partners & Researchers

Statement of Intent to Seed New Research Excellence 2016-2018

Tihei Mauri Ora

*Whāia ngā pae o te māramatanga
Ko te pae tawhiti, whāia kia tata
Ko te pae tata, whakamaua kia tinā
E puta ai ki te whaiao, ki te ao mārama!*

*Search in the innermost recesses of the intellect
To seek new knowledge as yet unexplored
As the past is purchased by the present
And the future is the goal of tomorrow*

Tēnā koutou katoa

Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga (NPM) is signalling its intention to develop, seed and scope new excellent research within its research themes through its researchers and collaborating partners to contribute to its outcomes and vision. This will be achieved through a small contestable fund to seed and scope excellent research with transformative potential.

We are seeking proposals that support research collaborations between our extensive inter-institutional network of Māori researchers to achieve our collective aspirations. In doing so, we expect projects to be innovative, inspiring, and lead to impact.

Overall Goals

Transformation Through Indigenous Research Excellence

Our vision is Māori leading New Zealand into the future.

Our research realises Māori aspirations for positive engagement in national life, enhances our excellence in Indigenous scholarship and provides solutions to major challenges facing humanity in local and global settings.

Excellent Research Producing Strategic Outcomes

Our mission is to deliver excellent research that produces strategic outcomes in our interwoven [research themes](#) of Whai Rawa (Māori Economies), Te Tai Ao (Natural Environment), and Mauri Ora (Human Flourishing), along with our programme of Te Reo me Ngā Tikanga Māori (Māori Language and Protocols), to contribute to Māori development.

An Inter-Institutional Network of Research Excellence

Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga as a Centre of Research Excellence – is an inter-institutional network of collaborating researchers working on an agreed research plan. As such, we are tasked with building nodes and networks of research excellence. This new Seed and Scoping Research Investment enables opportunities to engage and develop opportunities for greater collaboration during the course of our research.

Focus of Investment

NPM will invest in seeding or scoping research projects that clearly demonstrate significant potential to contribute to our stated outcomes (see appendix), and align directly to our research themes. Importantly there must be a credible pathway to a subsequent larger project where greater impact would result. The projects must have the potential for a clear transformative pathway, contribute to positive change in our communities and thus the nation, and show significant initial research potential adding value to NPM's programme. Successful seeding and scoping projects will have articulated how they have strategically positioned the research and any outputs for the basis of a larger study – or next project in the pathway to transformation.

The projects must be innovative, have transformative intent, demonstrate the potential for new inter-institutional research to be realised that is ideally strategically situated for subsequent aligned national or international funding.

Projects are expected to be no more than one year in duration, with budgets of no more than \$60,000 (exclusive of GST). The total funding available is \$500,000 (exclusive of GST), with two categories:

Kia Tō Kia Tipu; Seeding Excellence – up to \$25,000 for no more than one year duration. To seed development, inform research through literature, engagement and collaboration.

Kia Ārohi Kia Mārama; Scoping Excellence – up to \$60,000 for no more than one year duration. To scope a research project, pilot, investigate approaches, methods, needs and requirements.

Eligibility

The lead applicants must be Māori researchers employed at a NPM partner institution thus fostering our researchers, network and partners. The lead applicants must not be Principal Investigators on current NPM foundational research projects.

Collaboration with other institutions and organisations outside this network are permitted if the capacity and expertise is shown to be required to deliver the proposed additional research.

All researchers supported by this NPM policy will be known as NPM researchers and thus contribute to the NPM research programme and direction. All Principal Investigators are expected to be named and engage in the NPM programme and activities.

Application Process

An invitation to submit a seed or scoping research proposal will be sent to NPM researchers and partners by 31 July advising further details of the purpose, requirements and fund, criteria, application and assessment processes.

Indicative Timeline for Seeding and Scoping Excellence

Date	Action/Event
June 2016	Issue Statement of Intent to seed and scope new research excellence
July 2016	Request for Proposal opens – Invitation to Network
30 September 2016	Closing date for Proposal submission
By 7 October 2016	Research Committee receive proposals for review
By 31 October 2016	Research Committee assessment meeting
4 November 2016	Unsuccessful applicants advised of application outcome
7 November 2016	Recommendation of new projects to NPM Board
14 November	Approval from NPM Board
16 November	Successful proposals advised of outcome
November – December 2016	NPM work with applicants to ensure research meets all criteria (if required) and prepare contract
By March 2017	Commence project
By March 2018	Conclude project

Appendix – **Ko Ngā Puakanga Ekenga: Outcome Statements**

1. **He Pokapū e mōhio nuitia ana i konei me rāwahi, ā, e aronuitia ana hoki mō tōna tohungatanga me ōna āhuatanga auaha i roto i ngā kaupapa rangahau whānui e hāngai pū ana ki te Māori, e puta ai hoki ia ki te ao mārama.**

A Centre that is nationally and internationally recognised and sought after for its expertise and innovation in transformative Māori focussed multidisciplinary research.

2. **Ko te whakapikinga i ngā whakaeatanga o ngā wawata me ngā āheitanga o te iwi Māori e whanake ai te ōhanga ā Māori, ā iwi rānei, tatū noa ki te taiao me te tangata.**

Greater realisation of Māori aspirations and capabilities for flourishing Māori and tribal economies, environments and people.

3. **Ko te whakahiranga ake i te haumanutanga, te whakawaiatanga me te āta whakamahitanga o te reo Māori me ngā tikanga Māori i ngā wāhi rangahau, i ngā hapori me te porihanga whānui.**

Enhanced te reo Māori and tikanga Māori revitalisation, normalisation and practice within our research settings, communities and society.

4. **Ko te whakarahinga i te kounga me te maha o tēnei mea te rangahau Māori, mai ra anō i ngā wānangatanga a te reanga Māori mau tohu paetahi, tae noa ki gā ara whāinga tūranga mahi mō te iwi Māori.**

Expanded quality and quantity of Māori research, including Māori postgraduate scholarship and improved career pathways for Māori.

5. **Ko te whakapūmautanga i ngā rautaki me ngā rangapūtanga i waenga i ngā pokapū Māori, ngā kāwanatanga, ngā pakihi, ngā mātanga, me ngā hinonga hei tautoko, hei whakahihiko hoki i te hiranga o ngā whakaputanga me ngā ekenga o tēnei mea te rangahau a te Māori me etahi atu Iwi taketake o te ao.**

Strengthened national and international strategies and partnerships between Māori entities, governments, businesses, professionals and institutions to support and inspire Māori and Indigenous research outputs, outcomes and excellence.