

Ako Aotearoa Research and Innovation Agenda (AARIA)

Funding Change Projects in the Tertiary Education Sector

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Nā āheitanga ā-mātauranga,
ko angitū ā-ākonga
Building educational capability
for learner success

**What this
presentation will
cover**

- » What is AARIA?
- » Priorities
- » Selection Criteria

2023 AARIA Commissioning Funding Round

- » Invited 45 strategic partners to apply
- » 25 completed full proposals received
- » 6 new research projects funded (Total budget: \$243,256)



2024 AARIA Contestable Funding Round

- » Value: \$10,000 - \$50,000 over the term of the contract
- » Duration: 5 months – 12 months
- » Total funding pool: \$298,400
- » Type: Open and contestable to TEOs



AARIA's three key aims are:



» Support the tertiary education system and contribute to better tertiary teaching and subsequently better learning outcomes for ākongā



» Share research and innovation findings in ways that support teaching and learning, education and training, as well as supporting the interests of collaborating organisations or entities



» Provide opportunities for collaborative work and networking that benefits all involved and contributes to building research capability

Our context

We work across the entire tertiary sector



Broad Priorities 2024



Ōritetanga
(Equity)



**Te Tiriti o
Waitangi**
(Treaty of
Waitangi)



Auaha
(Innovation)



Hua Akoranga
(Learner
Outcomes)

Targeted Priorities 2024

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

Selection Criteria

Quality of knowledge developed

- » Generates new knowledge
- » Identifies specific gap(s)
- » Builds on previous research/knowledge
- » Includes action research
- » Evidence of student engagement/student partnerships
- » Outcome-focused
- » Sound methodology

Selection Criteria

Quality of team

- » Collaborative
- » Diverse perspectives
- » Investigator capability
- » Reliability
- » Previous performance
- » Capability to deliver quality outcomes

Pointers for developing an application

- » Encouraging teams to build in user perspective through collaboration, partnership, in research team
- » Co-funding
- » Budget – breakdown of FTE (full-time equivalent) proportions for key personnel
- » Emerging researchers to be guided by mentors
- » Clearly included team FTEs in budget (principal investigators, advisors, research assistants)
- » Overheads – 20% max
- » 2.5% to 5% from each contribution (organisation and Ako Aotearoa) for dissemination

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