

Whiria Te Ako journey to date

The Whiria Te Ako is to be the touchstone when looking to answer questions about the way we design programmes, facilitate learning, teaching, rangahau and research for our ākonga and kaiako at work, on-campus and via distance.



September 2021

- Ako Framework mahi commissioned by Dr Angela Beaton with Richard Nyhof leading the mahi.

October 2021

- Ako Framework Momentum Group established with 8 representatives from across the motu.
- 25 voices were selected from around the network, representing all interested groups, to bring ideas for consideration as part of the Ako Framework. The workshop was intended to be in person but needed to be reworked to be online due to COVID-19.

November 2021

- Completed six online sessions, equipping over 70 Taura-here with representation from ITP kaimahi, TITO kaimahi, Ministry of Education, Industry and other education interests.
- During the three-hour online sessions Taure-here (champion weavers) were provided with space to:
 - share prototype elements for an Ako Framework
 - present a design brief drawing on Te Pūkenga establishment documents (charter, letter of expectation, Te Pae Tawhiti, Te Rito)
 - connect their work with the Learner Persona work and demonstrate how their prototypes were “persona responsive”.

December 2021 - January 2022

- Taura-here produced prototype elements using feedback from the online sessions.

February 2022

- An impressive 67 prototype elements were presented by Taura-here following the initial presentation and development time.
- The Momentum Group began curating prototype elements to support the development of the Ako Framework.

March 2022

- The emerging Whiria Te Pūkenga (Mātauranga Māori framework) was identified as being critical to the Ako Framework. Future direction and timing was adjusted to reflect this project alignment.

April 2022

- The Momentum Group focused on development of ways of assessing and co-ordinating prototype elements.
- Learner Journey and Experience team was involved in mahi to assess each prototype element against our learner personas.
- Production of first iteration of draft Ako Framework.

May 2022

- Draft Ako Framework shared with various stakeholders for initial feedback. This included:
 - Learning and Teaching Advisory group.
 - Academic Managers.
 - Internal Te Pūkenga teams (such as Learner Journey).
 - Moana Pacific Fono.
 - Te Poari Akoranga.
 - Te Kāhui Mātauranga.
 - Rangahau Research Forum.
 - Tertiary Education Union.
 - Disability representatives.
 - Foundation and Bridging Education NZ.
 - Language, Literacy and Numeracy kaimahi.
 - Te Pūkenga Professoriate.
 - Ako Aotearoa.

June/July 2022

- Over 500 items of feedback used to inform second iteration of Ako Framework.

July - August 2022

- Ongoing work with the Whiria Te Pūkenga design team to present a unified second iteration prototype for feedback.

September 2022

- Project name confirmed as Whiria Te Ako and second iteration released and shared with network kaimahi for feedback.