

Te Ara Whakamua

Navigating Our Doctoral Futures

AUT

Programme Outline

#	Date	Topic	Facilitators
1	Wed 13 August	Te Hononga – He whāriki mō te Haerenga <i>Building Research Community & Cultural Foundations</i>	Tangaroa Paul, Daysha Tonumaipē'a, and Professor Mark Orams
Establishes the foundation for the programme through whakawhanaungatanga and cultural connections. Participants explore the research landscape in Aotearoa while positioning themselves within a Te Tiriti context.			
2	Wed 20 August	Te Whakamana <i>Resilience & Wellbeing for Professional Success</i>	Alexis Pritchard and Dr Hilda Port
Develops personalised resilience practices and wellbeing strategies for professional success. Integrates evidence-based approaches with cultural perspective on maintaining wellness throughout doctoral and career journeys.			
3	Wed 27 August	Te Tūhono Mātauranga ki te ao mahi <i>Transitioning from Academia to Industry Careers</i>	Employability and Careers team
Teaches participants to translate academic skills into industry-relevant competencies. Includes CV reviews, interview coaching, and professional branding strategies for successful career transitions.			
4	Wed 3 September	He Reo Pono, He Reo Tika, He Reo Aroha <i>Communicating Research Across Cultures & Contexts</i>	Dr Anaise Irvine and Daysha Tonumaipē'a
Focuses on communicating research effectively across different cultural contexts and audiences. Participants develop compelling research narratives and learn protocols for respectful engagement.			
----- Mid semester break -----			
5	Wed 24 September	Ngā Tapuwae Rangahau <i>Academic Career Pathways & Early Career Insights</i>	Panel featuring the Early Career Academics Network
Features early career researchers sharing their journeys from PhD academic positions. Provides practical strategies for building competitive academic profiles and navigating postdoc applications.			
6	Wed 1 October	He Kete Raraunga, He Kete Tikanga <i>AI, Technology & Ethical Data Practices</i>	Associate Professor Mahsa Mohaghegh and Dr. Tania Haerekitera Wolfgramm
Explores how AI and emerging technologies are reshaping workplace demands across disciplines. Introduces indigenous data sovereignty principles and ethical technology development practices.			
7	Weds 8 October	Ngā Hua o te Mātauranga <i>Research Commercialisation & Entrepreneurship</i>	Chris Hil and Abi Thampi from AUT Ventures with Professor Ella Henry
Examines pathways from research to entrepreneurship with success stories and diverse enterprise models. Participants identify commercial potential in their research through interactive exercises and networking.			
8	Wed 15 October	Te Amorangi ki Mua, Te Hāpai ō ki Muri <i>Cross-Cultural Leadership & Professional Growth</i>	Professor Lesley Ferkins, Gareth Jones, and the RED team
Develop cross-cultural leadership capabilities for diverse professional environments. Concludes with reflection on programme learnings and next steps for professional growth.			