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**TE HUNGA RANGAHAU MĀTAURANGA O AOTEAROA**

# ***NZARE Group Award 2016***

## ***Te Rū Rangahau - Māori Research Laboratory***

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Since its inception following the Christchurch earthquakes, Te Rū Rangahau has become an influential entity within the University of Canterbury's College of Education, Health and Human Development. Indeed Te Rū Rangahau has been a pivotal part of the development of Māori research at the University of Canterbury.

A key feature of Te Rū Rangahau's success is its foundation in Te Ao Māori. It is Māori led and exemplifies how Mātauranga Māori can be woven into traditional Western research approaches to realise more meaningful research outcomes. As Professor Wally Penetito noted " ... *its researchers, its activities, and its mauri abides by the essence of concepts and values from Te Ao Māori*" and in doing so "*makes a valuable contribution to local, national and international research*". Clearly, the research undertaken by Te Rū Rangahau is wide ranging, relevant to the needs and aspirations of Māori and Indigenous peoples more broadly. With a focus on collaboration, connections and networks have been established with researchers located throughout Aotearoa and internationally, resulting in engagement in a large number of projects, too numerous to mention individually.

A commitment by senior members of a research team to the sustained development of educational research expertise and capability is inherent in the spirit of the Group Award. It is clear that those leading Te Rū Rangahau support the development of Māori researchers. They have been successful in increasing the number of indigenous postgraduates at the University of Canterbury. They have also provided a supportive network in which developing academics can engage to develop their own research platforms. One of the group's most important priorities continues to be to look for emerging talent, and to nourish and grow such talent as to ensure sustainability in the Māori and Indigenous research field.

As its name suggests Te Rū Rangahau is a place of vibrant scholarship. Its work is making significant contributions to educational policy and practice in its widest sense. As such this work makes Te Rū Rangahau a worthy recipient of the 2016 NZARE Group Award.



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