

Guidelines for Tertiary Education Commission Equity Funding (TECEF) for Māori and Pacific students at the University of Auckland

Principles of TECEF Funding

"Equity Funding is a government contribution to help Tertiary Education Institutions (TEIs) to improve equity of access and achievement for Māori students, Pacific students, and students with disabilities. Available evidence shows that these three groups experience clear disadvantages within tertiary education.

*The purpose of Equity Funding is to provide **additional support** for TEIs to improve participation, retention, completion, and progression for the targeted groups. Government expectations about the kind of support TEIs will offer these three groups are set out in the Māori Education Strategy, the Pasifika Education Plan and Kia Orite: Achieving Equity.*

Equity Funding is not intended to be the sole or primary source of funding used by TEIs in supporting Māori students, Pacific students, and students with disabilities. It is a 'top-up' to Student Achievement Component funding, in recognition of the higher costs that can be associated with supporting these students."

<http://www.tec.govt.nz/templates/standard.aspx?id=2529>

Practical Guidelines for Application of TECEF Funding

1. TECEF should be applied to programmes and activities which enhance access, academic achievement, retention and success of Māori and Pacific students via Tuākana tutoring and mentoring programmes or academic support programmes;
2. TECEF should be applied to the **direct** costs of delivering Tuākana/academic support programmes to **Maori and Pacific students**;
3. TECEF is not intended to be the sole or primary source of funding by faculties and service divisions to support Māori and Pacific students;
4. TECEF is **additional/top up** funding. It is not intended to replace core budgets of faculties and service divisions and should not be applied to fund core expenditure items;
5. TECEF can be applied to salaries and staff related costs for staff appointed specifically for TECEF funded programmes.
6. TECEF cannot be applied to salaries or staff related costs for permanent faculty/service division/research centre staff who support the TECEF funded programme.

TEC Equity Funding (TECEF) **cannot be applied** to:

7. capital works or items (e.g. renovations, furniture, staff laptops, cameras, printers, etc.);
8. compliance with statutory requirements, such as the Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992;
9. reduction of tuition fees for all students (but funding can be used to provide financial support for existing students).

TECEF allocation should be transparent and ensure efficiency and value for money.

TECEF reporting should be timely, robust and outcomes focussed.

The Equity office is responsible for the overall management and monitoring of outcomes of TECEF funded programmes at the University. Please contact the Equity office if you need clarification on these guidelines.

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