



BOARD VACANCY – MĀORI LAY MEMBER WITH EXPERTISE IN QUALITY ASSURANCE

The Board of the Academic Quality Agency for New Zealand Universities (AQA) is seeking a Māori lay member of the Board with expertise in quality assurance and/or university education for a three-year term beginning 1 February 2022. Lay members should not be employed by a university in Aotearoa New Zealand.

The purpose of the AQA is to contribute to the advancement of New Zealand university education by:

- engaging as a leader and advocate in the development of academic quality,
- applying quality assurance and quality enhancement processes that assist universities in improving student engagement, academic experience and learning outcomes, and
- supporting confidence in the academic quality of New Zealand universities.

The AQA is an unincorporated body. While it was established by the New Zealand Vice-Chancellors' Committee and NZVCC appoints members of the Board, AQA is operationally independent of NZVCC in the conduct of its quality assurance activities. The AQA Board includes Māori, academic, student and lay membership. Following from a recent external review of AQA, the AQA Board is committed to having a Deputy Chair who is Māori. Therefore, this vacancy may also be eligible for consideration of appointment to the Deputy Chair role. The AQA Board meets three times a year and is endeavouring to hold at least one meeting in person in Wellington. Other meetings are held via Zoom with other email communication between meetings.

Core functions of the Board include: appointing and reviewing the performance of the Executive Director; ensuring that the process of quality assurance is such as to produce reliable reports that reflect an independent judgement and that are perceived as authoritative, rigorous, fair and perceptive; exercising the power of governance over the AQA; and advising the New Zealand Vice-Chancellors' Committee of the terms of reference of the AQA and its operation.

Particular skills/competencies sought:

- The ability to guide to AQA to become a Te Tiriti o Waitangi responsive organisation and good Te Tiriti partner;
- Expertise in quality assurance (national and/or international);
- Knowledge of the university sector in Aotearoa New Zealand or other relevant educational institutions/sectors; and
- Prior board experience.

The role attracts a modest honorarium (currently \$2839.00 per annum). Travel costs are met by AQA.

Persons who wish to be considered for appointment to the Board are invited to email a curriculum vitae with names of up to three referees to the Chair of the AQA Board c/o director@aqa.ac.nz. Further information about AQA can be found on the website www.aqa.ac.nz or by emailing director@aqa.ac.nz.

Applications close 31 January 2021