



GROWING WORK READY GRADUATES

*Building a pathway from
tertiary education to work,
through cooperative education*

What we mean by Co-operative education



...all programmes that seek to bridge the gap between tertiary education and employment:

- paid or unpaid and including both capstone & graduate projects**

What are we seeking to establish



DELIVERABLES

A working model to support a range of co-operative education programmes, nationwide

Establishment of an “internship culture” within New Zealand business

Increased propensity for employers to participate in co-operative education programmes

Enhanced success rates of co-operative education as a foundation learning experience for tertiary graduates

Approach



ACTIVITY

Gain interim project establishment funding

Establishment of nationwide tertiary partnerships

Identification of gaps in the process of transitioning graduates from academia to business

Analysis of models both paid & unpaid, capstone & graduate projects

Research Partners



- Accelerating Auckland
- Unitec Institute of Technology

Research support partners:

MIT, Eastern Institute of Technology, Nelson
Marlborough Polytechnic, Otago Polytechnic

Work to date



ITEM	EXPLANATION
Literature review	To gain knowledge of co-operative education programmes in New Zealand & internationally
SWOT analysis	To establish an understanding of the impact on graduates & employers
Establishment of nation wide tertiary partnerships	Workshop at NACCQ Conference; July 10 th Napier

Next Steps



ACTIVITY

Gain Ethics Committee approval to commence the research

Establish linkage to Baseline Co-operative Education Research

Gain funding support from Ako Aotearoa