RESEARCH AND ENTERPRISE

Updates and Announcements from week commencing 2 October 2023

2024 MBIE Endeavour Fund: Smart Ideas and Research Programmes - Updated

Please signal your intention to submit an application to your Research Advisor / Business Development Manager (RA/BDM) as soon as possible. This is to ensure you are well supported, and R&E is able to manage resourcing for the round alongside other work.

R&E strongly encourage you to attend one of the MBIE’s virtual roadshows – register using the links below:

Monday, 2 October 2023 10.00am – 12.00pm
https://mbie.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_vSKMAxHJRLqydYaXuQ9LxQ#/registration

Tuesday, 10 October 2023, 1.00pm – 3.00pm
https://mbie.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_J1yWzfKrSGKBNwdSjhJtPg#/registration

Wednesday, 11 October 2023, 10.00am – 12.00pm
https://mbie.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_HXST_5QCQF2rqgjpTeEXfg#/registration

The webinar presentation will be recorded and published on the MBIE website page before the end of October 2023.

It is expected that researchers read the MBIE documentation for the round to fully understand MBIE requirements and how to prepare applications.

Please click here to view the following MBIE key documentation:

➢ Endeavour Fund 2024 Investment Round Gazette Notice
➢ Endeavour Fund Investment Plan 2022-2024
➢ Vision-Mātauranga booklet
➢ Smart Ideas Call for Proposals 2024
➢ Research Programme Call for Proposals 2024

This year MBIE has provided templates on their website. These are to help formulate proposals and assist with reviewing of information before copying into the portal. Talk to your RA/BDM for further information.

Due to delays in the MBIE portal roll out you won’t be able to access the system until after Go-Live in late October, but you will be able to work on the templates currently available on the MBIE website and enter them into Pītau after go-live. Should you have any questions, please do reach out to your Research Advisor or Business Development Manager for assistance.
Internal due dates for completed applications for submission

**Smart Ideas**
- Smart Idea registration
- Smart Idea concept proposal
- Smart Idea full application (invited late Mar/early Apr 2024)

**Research Programmes**
- Research programme registration
- Research programme full proposal

These are hard deadlines and will be enforced unless you have a prior arrangement with your RA/BDM due to extenuating circumstances.

Note: the MBIE Smart Ideas Concept Proposal Template has been updated to provide more clarity around the inclusion of risk in line with the assessment criteria. Please click here for an updated version.

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**MBIE change of portal from IMS to Pītau**
MBIE will soon be changing from their IMS system to a new system called Pītau. MBIE advise the roll-out is delayed till late October. You won’t be able to access the system until after Go-Live, but you will be able to work offline using the templates currently available on MBIE’s website and enter them into Pītau.

To access Pītau you must have a RealMe account, this account does not need to be verified. All users of Pītau will receive an email invitation to login, and MBIE will be staggering the invitations to each group of users. MBIE are also planning to have drop-in sessions especially as they start to introduce new tasks and functionality, including online orientation sessions prior to go-live. R&E will also have ‘Champions’ who will be available to provide assistance, in addition to any instructional information or documentation provided by MBIE. Should you have any questions, please do reach out to your Research Advisor or Business Development Manager for assistance.

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**Horizon Europe**
Recently the European Commission and New Zealand signed an association agreement on the participation of New Zealand to Horizon Europe, the EU’s research, and innovation programme. This means that researchers and organisations in NZ will be able to participate in Pillar II of the programme, which is primarily focused on shared global challenges in climate, energy, mobility, digital, industry and space, health, and more. NZ researchers and organisations will collaborate in the programme on equal terms with entities from the EU Member States and will have access to Horizon Europe funding and networks of researchers in Europe and beyond aimed to tackle global challenges.

Read more about New Zealand joining Horizon Europe Research and Innovation Programme in the press release here and MBIE information here.

See forthcoming and open grants for the following programme sections at the links below:
- Health
- Culture, creativity and inclusive society
- Civil Security for Society
- Digital, Industry and Space
Climate, Energy and Mobility  
Food, Bioeconomy Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment

Further information to follow. See here for an update on National Contact Points

If you are interested in any of the calls or already involved in a consortium, please talk with your Research Advisor as soon as possible.

Information days are being held for clusters 2, 4, 5 and 6 where you can learn about upcoming funding opportunities, eligibility criteria, application process and more.

Cluster 2 – Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Societies) – 18-19 October 2023. Register here  
Cluster 4 – Digital, Industry and Space) – 11-12 October 2023. Register here  
Cluster 5 – Climate, Energy and Mobility) – 17-18 October 2023. Register here

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Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment New Zealand Space Scholarship to NASA – closing 9 October 2023

The New Zealand Space Agency is now inviting high-performing graduate students at New Zealand tertiary institutions to apply for the New Zealand Space Scholarship to intern at the US National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) in 2024. Up to six internship placements are being offered at NASA’s Ames Research Center and the Jet Propulsion Laboratory. 

More information on this opportunity and application process is available here  
Please contact Business Development Manager Amarni Thomas amarni.thomas@otago.ac.nz for further information about applying for these scholarships.

Applications close: 9 Oct 2023  
Final decision made: Jan/Feb 2024  
Internship period: June to August 2024 

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Ngā Puanga Pūtaiao Fellowships for Māori and Pacific STEM researchers

The objective of the Fellowship is to invest in Māori and Pacific Peoples to establish careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) research and to grow the network of Māori and Pacific Peoples in the research, science and innovation (RSI) system. The Fellowship will facilitate Māori and Pacific Peoples who are future leaders in STEM research to enter into or progress through the RSI workforce, building a career foundation that enables them to flourish.

The Ngā Puanga Pūtaiao Fellowship Funding Round is now open. Please see the funding opportunities calendar for more information and contact your Research Advisor to apply.

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European Research Council webinar – 12 October 2023 6.00pm AEDT - NEW

EURAXESS Australia and New Zealand and the ERC are holding a webinar on ERC funding opportunities aimed at Postdoctoral and established researchers (PhD + 2 years experience). Register here

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Fulbright New Zealand

Fulbright NZ offers a variety of awards throughout the year, some of these awards are in conjunction with Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga. Awards will be advertised below in due course. Professor Phil Bremer is the Fulbright New
Zealand Campus Advisor for the University of Otago; should you wish to seek further information please find Phil’s contact details here.

- **Fulbright US Graduate Awards** – Applications Close: **10 October 2023**

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**Azrieli International Postdoctoral Fellowship – Closes 15 November 2023**

The Azrieli International Postdoctoral Fellowship has officially launched the Call for Applications for the 2024–25 academic year. The fellowship is open to applicants from all around the world.

The fellowship provides significant funding, academic programming, and support to 24 international postdoctoral researchers, enabling them to carry out research in exact sciences, life sciences, humanities, and social sciences at eligible Israeli academic institutions. The value is approximately ILS 188,000 per year, which includes funds reserved for research and travel.

The online application system is now open
Further information and guidelines can be found here

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**Matariki Research Seed Fund 2023/2024 – Applications now open**

The Matariki Network of Universities (MNU) has launched a call for research seed funding to develop a stronger relationship in globally relevant fields of research between its partners. Click here to view the partner agreement.

The call is now open. Please refer to the Funding Calendar below for further information If you have any questions, please contact your local Matariki Coordinator Chriiss Hamilton or the Research Office in the first instance.

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**Neurological Foundation of New Zealand recruiting Council Members – NEW**

The Neurological Foundation of New Zealand are looking to recruit new council members. Specifically, for one of the roles they are looking for the skills of a neuro scientist / clinician researcher to guide the rest of Council in decision making. Refer here for the job advertisement and position description.

Expressions of interest and queries should be sent as follows:
- Email to Rich Easton, CEO, Neurological Foundation of NZ rich.easton@neurological.org.nz
- Include a current CV, a cover letter and provide two named referees and their contact information

Applications close on **26th October 2023.**

**FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES from Week Commencing 2 October 2023**

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**ONLINE APPLICATIONS** Where applications are to be submitted through an online portal, please note that a signed CCW still needs to be submitted to your Research Advisor by the due date detailed below.

**DUE DATE (Internal Deadline):**
Deadline, for [Dunedin Researchers](#), for the final signed hard copies of the Application and Costings and Consents Worksheet (CCW) to be received by your Research Advisor. Register your interest in a fund with your Research Advisor, who can assist you in the development of these documents, in the weeks prior to the DUE DATE.

**University of Otago, Christchurch Researchers:** To confirm your ‘Due Date’ please contact
- Suzanne Benjes, Research Advisor, University of Otago, Christchurch – [suzanne.benjes@otago.ac.nz](mailto:suzanne.benjes@otago.ac.nz)
- Ian Cooke, Research Advisor, University of Otago, Christchurch - [ian.cooke@otago.ac.nz](mailto:ian.cooke@otago.ac.nz)
- Kosta Tabakakis, Research Advisor, University of Otago, Christchurch – Medicine Department [re.research.uoc@otago.ac.nz](mailto:re.research.uoc@otago.ac.nz) *(Please note Kosta is working remotely based in the UK time zone. Hence correspondence from Kosta will be outside the normal NZ working hours. Hours (NZ time): Tues 8.00pm – Wed 4.00am; Wed 12.00am – Thurs 4.00am; Fri 8.00pm – Sat 4.00am)*

**University of Otago, Wellington Researchers:** to confirm your ‘Due Date’ please contact
- Christine Groves, Research Advisor, University of Otago, Wellington - [christine.groves@otago.ac.nz](mailto:christine.groves@otago.ac.nz)
- Nina Barton, Research Advisor, University of Otago, Wellington – [nina.barton@otago.ac.nz](mailto:nina.barton@otago.ac.nz)

Please note, internal due date advertised below may differ for University of Otago, Wellington, and University of Otago Christchurch researchers. Please liaise with your respective Research Advisors for further clarification.

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*Portal opens 3 October 2023, 1pm* | 30-Oct-2023 |
| RE  | RE   | Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment | New Zealand – NASA Research Partnerships 2023 – Feasibility Study (Stage 1) | 6-Nov-2023 |
| RE  | RE   | Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment | Endeavour Fund – Research Programme Registrations  
*See update in announcements re Pītau* | 22-Nov-2023 |
| NEW | RE   | Matariki Network of Universities | Research Seed Funding | 30-Nov-2023 |
| AF  | RE   | Zonta – Club of Wellington | 2024 Science Award | 16-Jan-2024 |

**Recurring Funding Opportunities**

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| RE  | RE   | AGMARDT      | Various Research Grants, Scholarships & Fellowships | Anytime  
(please note closing dates align to monthly meetings) |
| AF  | AF   | Alexander von Humboldt Foundation | Humboldt Research Fellowship for: Postdoctoral & Experienced Researchers  
(For travel to Germany and research based there) | Anytime  
(please note some awards do have closing dates) |
| RE  | RE   | Breast Cancer Foundation NZ | RES Research Grant  
(This is for ad hoc time-dependent opportunities such as supporting clinical trials) | Anytime  
Contact your Research Advisor or funder |
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If you have any queries or would like further information regarding any of these Funding Opportunities, please contact your Research Advisor. Our contact details are available on the Research and Enterprise Website.
Research News and Upcoming Funding Opportunities
If you would like the Research Opportunities emailed out to you fortnightly, you can join the ResearchInfo List. To subscribe, please email research@otago.ac.nz, with subject line: ‘Subscribe to Research News’ and we will add your email address to the Research News mailing list.

GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING RESEARCH FUNDING AT OTAGO

When you need to contact us
Staff are reminded that every application for external research funding must come through Research and Enterprise, via your Research Advisor. If you are not sure, please call and we will be able to advise you. All grant applications and proposals should be submitted by academic staff. Please inform your Research Advisor if you intend to apply as Principal Investigator for any contestable funding, whether advertised here or not, at the beginning of the development of your application. The same situation exists if you have been approached by researchers at another institution/organisation to collaborate on a funding proposal where Otago is not the lead institution and/or is not submitting the proposal.

Costings and Consents Worksheet – Please use the latest version on website
A UoO Costings and Consents Worksheet (CCW) is required for all applications, signed by the applicant, their Head of Department/Resource Centre and their Dean/PVC, in accordance with University policy on externally funded research. You can download the latest version of our CCW here. For advice on the use of the CCW to develop costings for your project, please contact your Research Advisor.

Requirement for Field of Research (FOR) and Socio-Economic Objective (SEO) codes
It is now a requirement that Universities report to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment on FOR and SEO codes for all research and commercial projects. These codes must be entered in the relevant section of the costing and consent worksheet. A maximum of three codes can be selected for each category and percentages should be in blocks of 10. A full list of the codes is included in the electronic version of the ccw. Please talk to your Research Advisor or Business Development Manager if you have any queries regarding these.

The UoO Policy Document on Externally Funded Research, which outlines both the need for and the usage of the CCW, can be viewed here.

Panui Rangahau Māori – Māori Research Consultation

Update – Research consultation with Māori
This message clarifies that The Ngāi Tahu Research Consultation Committee is not being disestablished. The University is providing new roles alongside existing support through the Research and Enterprise Office which will support researchers in developing your research ideas.

As many may be aware the Ngāi Tahu Research Consultation Committee (NTRCC) is experiencing significant delay due to continuing support staff shortages. Unfortunately, this has yet to be resolved.

The recommended course of action for researchers is to continue to submit to NTRCC as usual. Working within your divisions and department, work with your Research Advisors (who are there to help) to develop your Vision Mātauranga Policy statements and progress developing your ideas toward ethics approval. Document your thoughts regarding VM, relevance to Māori, and pathways to impact on society, this is all valuable thinking even in early stages.

Your Research Advisors will be able to provide support in the first instance or may choose to escalate if necessary.
Please note Christchurch researchers MUST email maoriresearchconsult.uoc@otago.ac.nz with a completed Māori Research Consultation form (downloadable from https://www.otago.ac.nz/christchurch/otago742879.pdf) as the process is different for Christchurch staff and students.

**Ethics and Regulatory Consents**
The University requires that any research involving human participants and/or animals is conducted in accordance with the highest ethical standards. Where appropriate, compliance includes ethical approval from the relevant ethics committee. Please refer to our Ethics and Regulatory Consents webpage for further information.

**Checklist for submitting grant proposals**
Remember to include:
- **Copy of the application** *(signed by applicant, and HoD/Dean if requested by funder)*
- **University of Otago Costing & Consents Worksheet (CCW)** *(signed by applicant, HoD and Dean/PVC)*
- Evidence of Māori Research Consultation
- Ethical / Regulatory approvals *(if required and already approved)*

Research and Enterprise then obtains the authorised signature of the University for you *(if required)*, copies the application, and sends it to the funding body by the due date.

**Contact Details for the Research Advisor Team**
For further information, advice, and assistance regarding anything to do with contestable research funding, please contact the Research Advisor for your Division/Department:

**Contact Details for General Enquiries**
**Dunedin Research Office:** research@otago.ac.nz
Fiona Seaton (Research Committee) – ph (03) 479 5967
Sharon Helm – ph (03) 479 8448
Nikki Shaw – ph (03) 479 5294
Sarah-Jane Robertson – ph (03) 479 9093
Melanie Adams – ph (03) 479 8468
Jess King - ph (03) 479 8413
Tegan Ferrier – ph (03) 479 8438
Laura Childs – ph (03) 556 8489

**Christchurch Research Office:**
TBC

**Wellington Research Office:**
Beck O’Shaughnessy – ph (04) 918 6552

**Administrative Details**

**Extensions** - All requests for an extension should be done before the end date of the contract. Researchers will need to contact their Research Advisor or Business Development Manager in the first instance. This process replaces all previous notifications by Research and Enterprise. Research Finance Administrators, Research and Enterprise - Email: research.finance@otago.ac.nz

**Closures** - In order to help speed up the closure process of Research Projects, Research and Enterprise has provided a copy of the “Research Project Closure form” at [link](#). This form can also be found on F1 under the chart enquiry screen.
Finance Associates in each department need to download and complete this form for each account that is to be closed and save it down into the relevant CLOSURE FORMS folder accordance with the instructions issued by Research Finance. Research Finance will action any journals for surpluses or deficits and organise credit notes for the return of surplus funds where applicable. Research Finance will also close the accounts in REDs and Finance One.

**Closure Form for Internally Funded Research Grants:**
A form has been created and placed on the Research and Enterprise webpage - [link](#).
The sole purpose of this form is to instigate the closure and repayment of overspends within Internally Funded Research Grants (R accounts - University of Otago Research Committee funded grants).

**University of Otago Bridging Scheme Register and Continuation of Research Achievement Grant (CRAG) for External-Grant-Funded Research-Only Staff**
University of Otago Research Committee has introduced a **Bridging Scheme** to provide a mechanism to protect the continued contributions of Research-Only Principal Investigators. Further information regarding application for membership can be found [here](#).

The **Continuation of Research Achievement Grant (CRAG)** has also been introduced to support highly productive research leaders within the University in the event of significant grant failure. It is linked to the Bridging Scheme (see above) but also applies to academic staff with confirmed appointments. Application Forms and Guidelines can be found [here](#).

**Accounts Receivable Account Application Form (Research Funder):**
The current Accounts Receivable Account Application Form (Research Funder) can be downloaded [here](#).