RESEARCH AND ENTERPRISE

Updates and Announcements from week commencing 11 March 2024

Kia Niwha Leader Fellowship - NEW
Applications are now open for Kia Niwha Leader Fellowships. There is a virtual information session at 1pm today, 11th March.
Please notify your intent to apply by emailing teniwha@otago.ac.nz and contacting your Research Advisor as soon as possible. See the funding opportunities calendar for further information.

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Horizon Europe and Crowdhelix
If you want to learn more, please refer to the Special Research News and talk with your Research Advisor as soon as possible.

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Health Research Council Health Research Medals
Nominations are now open for the HRC’s three prestigious health research medals:

- **Te Tohu Rapaunga Medal** (including a cash prize of $5000) - awarded to an individual, research team, or community group whose work has demonstrated leadership, excellence, and contribution to advancing Māori health and/or knowledge.
- **Liley Medal** - awarded to an individual or research team whose recent research has produced a significant breakthrough within the health and medical fields. This medal is for a specific piece of outstanding work, with a lead contribution in health research that is internationally recognised.
- **Beaven Medal** - awarded to an individual or research team in recognition of excellence in translational health research that has had high impact on clinical practice and patient health

Nominations for all three medals close at 1pm on 1 May 2024

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Cancer Society grants and new portal
The Cancer Society of New Zealand Inc have announced their National Research Grant round for 2024. Applications will be completed on the Cancer Society of New Zealand’s new grant portal.
For your Research Advisor to see your grant you must add University of Otago Research Office as a collaborator. Refer here for Applicant Help Guides. If you wish to apply for any of the Cancer Society of New Zealand opportunities, please contact your Research Advisor.

A recording of Cancer Society’s Programme Grant webinar is available here along with some FAQs about the grant.

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Heart Foundation new portal and 2024 grants
Starting December 2023 all funding applications for Heart Foundation will be managed via their new online portal, Heart Foundation Research Grants on Enquire (Heartnz). The Heart Foundation have created an “applicant overview” document available here. Further information about funding rounds for 2024 can be found in the Funding Opportunities calendar. Please contact your Research Advisor if you wish to apply.
Royal Society Te Apārangi – 2024 Medals and Awards

The call of nominations to the 2024 Royal Society Te Apārangi Medals and Awards round is now open. For further information visit https://www.royalsociety.org.nz/what-we-do/medals-and-awards/

Awards are offered in the following categories:

- Communication, Leadership and Application
- Early Career Researcher Awards
- Health Sciences
- Humanities and Social Sciences
- Physical and Biological Sciences
- Technology and Applied sciences, and
- Other research funds and opportunities (comprising named funding grants/awards).

The most prestigious award offered each year is:

- **Rutherford Medal** – for exceptional research, scholarship or innovation by a person, or team, in any field of engineering, humanities, mathematics, sciences, social science, or technology.

**The closing date for nominations is 31 March 2024.**

Please email academy@royalsociety.org.nz if you wish to submit a nomination and you will be provided with a URL to access an individual web based application form. As in the past, the Society’s Academy is keen to receive nominations from under-represented groups, particularly with respect to gender, ethnicity and employment context.

Also open for application are the following Royal Society Te Apārangi research grants:

- **Charles Fleming Senior Scientist Award** – an annual research grant worth up to $10,000 to support the research of a senior scientist in New Zealand.
- **Charles Fleming Publishing Award** – an annual award worth up to $8,000 to support the preparation of scientific books and relevant publications.
- **Hutton Fund** – Funding of $1,000 for research in New Zealand zoology, botany and geology.
- **Skinner Fund** – Funding of $1,000 for research in the study of the history, art, culture, physical and social anthropology of Māori and Polynesian peoples.

Royal Society Te Apārangi – 2024 Call for Ngā Takahoa a Te Apārangi Companion Nominations

Companionship of the Royal Society of New Zealand was introduced in 1997 and is an honour conferred by the Council of the Society for outstanding leadership or eminent contributions to promoting and advancing science, technology or the humanities in New Zealand. The current Companions of the Society can be seen here.

To be considered for nomination, nominees will have demonstrated leadership, or a wider contribution, in relation to the research, scholarly and innovation communities that is both nationally significant and beyond what could reasonably have occurred simply through their employment role.

Details of the application process and nomination form can be found here, and the closing date for nominations is 30 April 2024.

Please note that the Academy is focused on increasing the diversity of nominations from under-represented groups, particularly with respect to gender, ethnicity, and employment context.
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.

Upcoming Fulbright Deadlines
1 April 2024  Fulbright Specialist Award

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2024 AINSE Research and Education Opportunities
AINSE Pathway Scholarship: Eligible students from AINSE Member Institutions who will be enrolled in an honours degree (final year), OR a Masters by coursework + thesis degree for some period between 1st January 2024 and 31st March 2024 can now apply for the new 2024 Pathway Scholarship. The Pathway Scholarship replaces the previous Honours Scholarship, and expands that offering to include ALL students enrolled in any Masters degree. Students must complete the online application form through the new AINSE Grants Portal. Applications close 15 March 2024.

AINSE Postgraduate Research Award (PGRA): Eligible students from AINSE Member institutions who are enrolled in a PhD and receiving an RTP scholarship or equivalent can now apply. Applications close 15 April 2024

AINSE Residential Student Scholarship (RSS): For PhD students who need to stay at ANSTO facilities for a period averaging no less than 6 moths per year. Eligible students from AINSE Member institutions who are enrolled in a PhD and receiving an RTP scholarship or equivalent can now apply. Applications close 15 April 2024

Scholarship AINSE ANSTO French Embassies (SAAFE) supports early career researchers at PhD and Postdoctoral level to foster research collaborations between France and Australia, in nuclear science and engineering in research areas of Health, the Environment and the Nuclear Technologies. Applications close 1 July 2024

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES from Week Commencing 11 March 2024

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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
EJ Sinclair, Research Advisor, University of Otago, Christchurch - ej.sinclair@otago.ac.nz
Suzanne Benjes, Research Advisor, University of Otago, Christchurch – suzanne.benjes@otago.ac.nz
Ian Cooke, Research Advisor, University of Otago, Christchurch - ian.cooke@otago.ac.nz
Kosta Tabakakis, Research Advisor, University of Otago, Christchurch – Medicine Department
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): approx. 8pm-4am

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
Nina Barton, Research Advisor, University of Otago, Wellington – 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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• Small Project Grant  
• Conference or Training Course  
• Catwalk Trust Project Grant  
• Catwalk Trust Translational Award | 21-Mar-2024  
Note internal date is earlier due to Public Holidays |
| RE  | RE   | Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment | e-ASIA Joint Research Programme 2024  
If you do not have access to Pītau you must request it at least a week before proposal submission  
Note e-ASIA proposal submission external closing date is 29th March 2024. | 21-Mar-2024  
Note internal date is earlier due to Public Holidays |
| RE  | RE   | Royal Society Te Apārangi | • Charles Fleming Senior Scientist Award  
• Charles Fleming Publishing Award  
• Hutton Fund  
• Skinner Fund | 21-Mar-2024  
Note internal date is earlier due to Public Holidays |
| AF  | Af   | Te Niwha – Infectious Disease Research Platform | Kia Niwha Leader Fellowship  
Notify of intent to apply by emailing teniwha@otago.ac.nz  
Virtual information session 1pm 11 March 2024 | 27-Mar-2024 |
| RE  | RE   | Cancer Society of New Zealand Inc | Programme Grant – Full Proposal  
Please contact your Research Advisor if you wish to apply. | 4-Apr-2024 |
| AF  | AF   | Cancer Society of New Zealand Inc | PhD Scholarship  
Please contact your Research Advisor if you wish to apply. | 4-Apr-2024 |
| AF  | AF   | National Heart Foundation of New Zealand | • A.H Couch Trust Heart Foundation Scholarship  
• Research Fellowship  
• Postgraduate Scholarship  
• Overseas Training and Research Fellowship  
• Pacific Research Fellowship  
• Māori Research Fellowship  
• Senior Fellowship  
• Nurse Practitioner Fellowship and Training in Cardiovascular Disease | 22-Apr-2024 |
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• Project Grant  
• Small Project Grant | 22-Apr-2024 |
| NEW | New Zealand Council for Educational Research (NZCER) | • Open Pathway Expressions of interest  
• Whatua Tū Aka Expressions of interest – note: for Whatua Tū Aka pathway applicants can choose whether to submit an EOI. Stage 2 Full Proposals must be submitted | 23-Apr-2024 |
| AF  | Neurological Foundation of New Zealand | • First Fellowship  
• Philip Wrightson Fellowship  
• VJ Chapman Fellowship  
• Senior Research Fellowship  
• Dawn Fellowship  
• Neurology Postgraduate Scholarship  
• O’Brien Clinical Fellowship  
• Senior Clinical Research Fellowship | 23-Apr-2024 |
| RE  | Australia and New Zealand Eye Foundation | Grant | 30-Apr-2024 |
| RE  | Capstone Editing | Capstone Editing Grant for Mid-Career Researchers | 23-May-2024 |
| RE  | Maurice and Phyllis Paykel | Project and Equipment | 24-May-2024 |
| TC  | Maurice and Phyllis Paykel | • Travel  
• Conference | 24-May-2024 |
| RE  | Capstone Editing | Capstone Editing Early Career Academic Research Grant for Women | 14-Jun-2024 |

Recurring Funding Opportunities

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|     | RE   | Breast Cancer Foundation NZ                      | RES Research Grant  
(This is for ad hoc time-dependent opportunities such as supporting clinical trials) | Anytime  |
|     | RE   | CMDT & MedTech Research Network                  | Research Acceleration Programme  
– Stage 1 (Collaboration and Ideation Fund)                                       | Anytime  |
| NEW | RE   | Embassy of France in New Zealand                 | French related Research Projects                                                   | Anytime  |
|     | Oth  | NZ Lottery Grants Board                          | Lottery Minister’s Discretionary Fund                                               | Anytime  |
|     | TC   | Neurological Foundation of New Zealand           | Travel Grants                                                                       | Anytime  |
|     | RE   | Otago Science into Action                        | Otago Participatory Science Platform  
– Seed Funding  
**NB: aim to apply before 8th March 2024, as funder cannot guarantee the availability of seed funding round after this date** | Anytime  |
|     | RE   | Rule Foundation                                  | Research Grants                                                                     | Anytime  |
|     | RE   | Southland Medical Foundation                     | Research Grants                                                                     | Anytime  |
|     | RE   | Science and Engineering Research Board India     | Visiting Advanced Joint Research Faculty Scheme (VAJRA)  
(Adjunct/visiting faculty positions in Indian Institutions) | Anytime  |
|     | RE   | The Association of Commonwealth Universities     | Various Opportunities                                                               | As indicated on ACU grant Calendar |

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
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 for Christchurch researchers the Māori Health Advancement Programme for researchers at UOC has two components:

- a professional development programme and
- a new research review process
For all information about how to complete the professional development programme and complete the research review process please head to this page:
https://www.otago.ac.nz/christchurch/services/researchoffice/maoriconsultation

For any queries or pātai please email the Kaitohutohu Rangahau Māori/Māori Research Advisor at:
maorihealthadvancement.uoc@otago.ac.nz

**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
Tegan Ferrier – ph (03) 479 8438
Laura Childs – ph (03) 556 8489

**Christchurch Research Office:**
Sarah-Jane Best - 03 364 1133

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

**Administrative Details**
**Extension and Closure of Research Accounts – Notice to all Departments**
**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](#).