

THE HEALTHCARE OTAGO CHARITABLE TRUST

Call for Applications for Research Project Funding 2026

The HealthCare Otago Charitable Trust has funds available to invest in research and welcomes applications for research grants from researchers based in Otago. All applications must be able to clearly demonstrate linkages to specific health outcomes and benefits to the community in the short to medium term. Please note that funds are most available for fields of cancer, diabetes and cardiology.

It is expected that requests will be for research grants up to \$30,000 (excl. GST), however larger amounts may be considered when there is sufficient justification and merit. Similarly, it is expected that the projects be a maximum of one year in duration although longer projects may be considered. Applicants are advised that funding from The Healthcare Otago Charitable Trust is for direct costs of research only and does not include overheads or indirect salaries.

Preference will generally be given to:

1. Requests supporting projects addressing health or wellbeing problems of high personal impact and cost to the community including Otago.
2. Applications displaying high quality science, and
3. Requests that demonstrate a pathway to further development.
4. Projects involving well-supported researchers early in their career.

Completed Applications must be submitted electronically in PDF format to hrs@otago.ac.nz by: **Monday 7th September at 5pm.**

Assessment Process

Applications are considered by a panel appointed by Health Research South and recommendations for funding are made to The Healthcare Otago Charitable Trust. The assessment panel will include non-specialists and you are advised to write to this audience.

Notes for Applicants

- Except in justified situations, successful projects will commence before June 2027.
- University of Otago applicants are advised to utilise the Research Administration System, to create a "Quotation Record" to ensure their budget is adequate. University of Otago applicants are welcome to contact their Research Advisor prior to the submission date for advice or review. Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora – Southern applicants can contact Health Research South for advice.
- All successful applicants must supply a brief description of their project, in lay language, and a personal or team photograph for The Healthcare Otago Charitable Trust website.
- If funding for equipment is requested, the feasibility of borrowing or using such equipment should be explored. Quotes should be attached for equipment priced higher than \$5,000.
- Any equipment purchased shall revert to the relevant Department and is not the property of the researcher.
- **Applications will not be assessed from applicants who have outstanding or unsatisfactory final reports for previous FoM-D administered funding.**

Application Form follows. Please delete the information above.

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Any application that does not comply with the stated page limit and NZ Standard CV template will be withdrawn from the funding round.

Closing date: 5pm Monday 7th September 2026

SECTION 1: Executive Summary	
Project title	
Applicant (Principal Investigator) details	[Title] [Name] [Current position] [Department, Institution] [Email address] [Phone number]
Project Timeframe	[start month to end month]
Total funds requested ex. GST	
Lay Summary of Research, including the expected benefits and how likely it is that the benefits can be realised (300 words in language comprehensible to the non-specialist)	
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SECTION 2: Description of project

Maximum 3 x A4 pages, including references

In this section you should consider the assessment criteria as detailed in the Call and address

- the gap in the evidence and why is it strategically important to address it (brief);
- the overall design of the study and methods to be used;
- facilities available and where the project is to take place;
- how the project will build to a more substantial research endeavour; how the project meets the priorities of external funders, including Impact & Māori Advancement.

(Delete notes above)

1. Background & significance

[type here]

2. Methods, experimental design, facilities available

[type here]

3. Timelines (including start and end dates)

[type here]

4. Expected health outcomes and benefits to the community

[type here]

5. Expected benefits for building health research capacity and capability

[type here]

6. Future development and alignment to the priorities of other funding bodies

[type here]

7. References

[type here]

SECTION 3: Budget

Project Budget - Details of Financial Support Requested (ex. GST; delete examples provided; add or delete rows as needed)

Budget should be divided by year where appropriate.

Item Requested	Detailed Justification	Year 1	Year 2	Total Cost
Salaries (for support staff, including associated costs)				
Research Assistant	RAN03 - 3 hrs p/w for 2 months, including ACC & superannuation	4000	2200	\$6,200
Working Expenses				
Photocopying	Info and Consent forms 100 participants	200	0	\$200
Laboratory Consumables	Reagents and test tubes based on past experience of similar projects	1000	1000	\$2,000
Transcription	20 Interview @ 1.5 hrs = 30hrs x \$40 p/hr	1200	0	\$1,200
Travel	Two trips to Palmerston	200	0	\$200
Equipment (Quotes should be attached for equipment >\$5000)				
Dictaphone	We will need to record interviews for transcription. (DS240 Digital Voice Recorder or similar).	500	0	\$500
Total Requested (ex. GST)		7100	3200	\$10,300

Details of other applications under consideration of funders led by any named investigator on this application. Describe any overlap. Include financial support from Departments.

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SECTION 4: Investigator team and track record

- 1. Roles** and time commitment for the project, and relevant experience of the PI, all AIs and other named or unnamed personnel (up to one page).

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- 2. Previous grants.** Please list all previous grants awarded to the PI over the last 3 years, and grants provided to any member of the team related to this research project (including from FoM-D or other local funders e.g., HCOCT, OMRP, UORG, Anderson Trust, Dean's Bequest, James Hume Bequest).

Please include the project title, funding body, dates, \$ amount, and confirmation that the final report was / will be submitted to the funder. Briefly describe the relevant outputs for any projects (papers published or accepted; policy documents; external grant applications). Provide a short update on progress of current projects.

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- 3. CVs**

Please provide a standard NZ CV (link below) for the PI and one other key member of the team.
<https://www.hrc.govt.nz/resources/hrc-standard-cv-template>

SECTION 5: Head of Department Endorsement

- Statement of support from the Clinical Director of the relevant Health NZ Southern service or FoM-D Head of Department.
- Statement of support and an indication of specific strategic value to the service/department.
- Declaration that the CD/HoD undertakes that, to the best of their knowledge, their Department is able to secure sufficient funding for the applicant for the length of this study

CD/HoD name		
CD/HoD signature		Date: