

**UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO**  
**OTAGO MEDICAL SCHOOL**

**Freemasons Fellowships in Paediatrics and Child Health**

The Freemasons Fellowships are funded by the Grand Lodge of Antient, Free and Accepted Masons of New Zealand. The fellowship programme was founded in April 1988 following the signing of an agreement between Freemasons New Zealand and the University of Otago and with the general objective to improve the quality of child health in New Zealand.

1. The Fellowships are open to individuals who intend long term to pursue work in Paediatrics or Child Health within New Zealand. The fellowships may be either of the following:
  - (i) Training Fellowships in which the Fellow would devote his/her entire time to an approved training programme which should include research.
  - (ii) Research Fellowships (medical or non-medical) which are designed for the Fellow to engage in full-time research in clinical or basic medical sciences related to Paediatrics and Child Health.
  - (iii) Scholarships intended to provide support to a Scholar whose programme of work or research would lead to a higher degree and whose work is within the field of Paediatrics and Child Health.
  - (iv) Such other categories of Fellowship that may be agreed to from time to time between the Lodge and University.
  
2. Fellowships or Scholarships are to be awarded annually and be for a duration of one year.
  
3. Fellowships/Scholarships are tenable in one of the Departments of Paediatrics in the University of Otago, Otago Medical School except when the Selection Committee approves an attachment to another Department of the said University or exceptionally, in an overseas institution.
  
4. The Fellow/Scholar shall not hold any other position of emolument except by permission of Freemasons New Zealand on the recommendation of the Selection Committee. The Head of Department may recommend limited teaching and clinical work consistent with the needs and nature of the training/research project.
  
5. The details on emolument and other conditions are recommended to the Board of Freemasons New Zealand by the Selection Committee. The emolument will be paid monthly by the University of Otago Scholarships office. The emolument for medical graduates will be approximately commensurate with the after tax salary of medical Lecturer /Senior Teaching Fellows / Research Fellows. The emolument for other graduates will be approximately commensurate with the after tax salary of non-medical Assistant Research Fellow. Exact fellowship amount provided may

vary each year based on background of the two fellows selected. Additionally a contribution towards fees may be included.

6. An annual amount (currently \$2,000) may be provided to cover working expenses. A separate application may be considered for other items, e.g. travel, conference attendance and some items of equipment.
7. The Fellow/Scholar and Supervisor shall provide an annual report on progress for the Chairman of the Selection Committee and the Board.
8. Publications from the Fellow/Scholar shall acknowledge that the work was performed during the tenure of a Fellowship/Scholarship from Freemasons New Zealand.
9. The University of Otago and its Institutions shall accept the Fellow/Scholar into the University Department and accept the usual responsibilities as a host Institution.
10. Suspension: The Board may in its discretion for what is considered grave cause, cancel or suspend the tenure of the Fellowship for such time as is felt fit.