

RESEARCH AND ENTERPRISE

Health Research Council (HRC) 2027 Projects and Programmes

Guidelines for the Health Research Council (HRC) Projects and Programmes are now available. The following opportunities are available in this round: [General Project Grants](#); [Rangahau Hauora Māori Project Grants](#); [Pacific Project Grants](#) and [Programme](#) Guidelines, forms and details of eligibility for each category can be obtained through the [HRC Gateway - Funding - Funding calendar](#). A [recording](#) of the recent HRC webinar and [slides and FAQ](#) from the webinar are now available

Rounds are open on the HRC Funding Portal (Gateway). Please note that there have been important changes implemented by HRC for the Project and Programme rounds. You are strongly advised to review the application guidelines and note the outlined changes to ensure your application aligns with the requirements for this funding round. Please feel free to discuss your idea with your Research Advisor if you are in doubt.

Due to limited Research Office capacity—resulting from staff leave and unplanned winter illnesses—during the EOI and full proposal periods for HRC 2027, all prospective applicants are strongly encouraged to engage early with their Research Advisor. Please also monitor Research News/Research Office announcements and carefully review the application guidelines before contacting the Research Office.

It is essential that applicants take responsibility for:

- **Creating their HRC 2027 EOI application in HRC Gateway, and**
- **Registering their intent to apply in RAS**

The Research Office will make every effort to remind applicants to complete these steps ahead of the deadline. Early engagement will allow us to provide the appropriate support. Late notification of intent to submit may limit the level of support available as deadlines approach.

Deadlines

Updated: Internal registration in RAS: 5pm 22 July 2026 (Opportunity in RAS will be closed after this date & any registrations that are entered into Gateway after this date will be removed from Gateway)

AppIn Creation Date for Projects in Gateway: 22 July 2026

Draft proposal to Research Advisor: 23 July 2026

Internal EOI closing date (full proposal to Research Advisor): 29 July 2026

External EOI closing date: 6 August 2026, 1pm

Further information and key internal dates are available in RAS

- [Project](#)
- [Programme](#)

For guidance on RAS access and use, please refer to the resources available on the [RAS SharePoint site](#).

Research Office Webinar

To assist researchers with developing their 2027 HRC Project and Programme Expressions of Interest, the Research Office will be holding a webinar on **Wednesday, July 15** from **12pm – 1pm via Zoom** where we will discuss:

1. Any key changes to the round
2. The application process in Gateway and RAS
3. Observations based on an analysis of last year's EOIs
4. Q&A

Zoom details are as follows:

Join from PC, Mac, iOS or Android:

<https://otago.zoom.us/j/91739252888?pwd=TLn4r2LbuRFtM80pQNm5jC1UCXGC43.1>

Meeting ID: 917 3925 2888

Password: 490213