OGHI SEED GRANT PROGRAMME: 2022 FUNDING ROUND

The Otago Global Health Institute (OGHI) works collaboratively with researchers in all four divisions at the University of Otago, and with under-resourced populations across the globe to conduct research that addresses their most pressing health problems. In line with this focus, we invite funding applications to support eligible research initiatives.

OGHI has funding to support up to two small research projects or partnerships with awards of up to $25,000 each, over a one-year period. In addition, OGHI will aim to fund one collaborator from each project team to join the OGHI conference in-person in 2022, if conditions / travel restrictions allow.

Researchers whose projects propose combining these and other funding sources, and those which are focused on the Pacific region, are strongly encouraged to apply. We also encourage applications from Māori postgraduate researchers investigating topics of relevance to Māori health and wellbeing.

Requirements:

- Applications must use the application form found at the following link:
  https://www.otago.ac.nz/global-health/index.html

- Research teams must be led by researchers based either at the University of Otago, or at an institution in an under-resourced country. If the former, partnership with researcher/s in an under-resourced country, or in an under-resourced population within New Zealand, must be integral to the project. Preference will be given to institutions in the Pacific that have close links and agreements with Otago.

- In order to foster interdisciplinary research, applications that include a collaborator from another division at the University of Otago are preferred.

- Researchers are encouraged to propose a project that could accommodate a PhD student from an under-resourced country on a University scholarship, noting that strategic scholarships are available (including specific strategic scholarships for Pacific people).

- Applications that are linked to training and development for the under-resourced country (for example, as part of a PhD pathway) are advantageous. A PhD student does not need to have already been identified, nor does a scholarship need to have been secured yet.

- The proposal must show evidence that it will lead to publications and is relevant to the health of the population where the research will be undertaken.

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- Applications must show evidence that they will enhance the chances of ongoing collaboration between the University of Otago and a partner in an under-resourced country, such as showing what research might follow.

- Successful applicants will be required to provide a final written report at the completion of the project. The report should document efforts and findings of the project to OGHI. Project timelines should be projected at 12 months or less.

- There is a strong preference for projects in the Pacific, followed by Asia, followed by other geographical regions. If relevant, projecs that incorporate working with under-resourced populations within New Zealand will also be considered.

- Consideration will need to be given to restrictions in travel etc. due to the COVID-19 pandemic situation, but we are focused on the quality and strategic nature of the project proposal in the first instance, taking a long term view.

- Deadline for applications: midday (NZ time) on 19 October 2021. Outcome of applications will be advised by 31 October 2021. Standard payment process begins with a dispersal of 90% of the approved funding request upon successful execution of the grant agreement; and the final 10% of the grant disbursed upon project completion and successful submission of the Project Final Report. Should you require a different payment schedule, please let us know when you apply.

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