

**Health Research Excellence Awards 2019**  
The Dunedin School of Medicine and Southern District Health Board

**Dunedin School of Medicine**  
**Research Development Investment**

The Dunedin School of Medicine seeks to invest in a specified research development strategy which demonstrates the ability to make a strategic advancement for research in the DSM. This funding is not intended for specific projects but for a research development strategy. The applicant should be the leader of the strategy.

The opportunity is open to researchers who have shown an ability to lead a strategic research initiative and who have not already received a Research Development Investment Award within the last 4 years.

Early-mid career researchers are encouraged to apply. Their ability to successfully lead an initiative like this will be judged on their research productivity relative to opportunity (in terms of funding and time), their ability to integrate into research networks within and outside Dunedin, their willingness to be innovative, and their demonstrated work ethic.

The successful applicant will receive funding of up to \$100,000 per year for up to two years pending an annual report demonstrating satisfactory progress towards the specified research goals outlined in the proposal. It is recommended applicants contact their Research Advisor for support in the targeting of their strategy.

**Applications should include:**

- an outline (2 pages max) of the strategy including:
  - a statement of the strategic impact of the research within the DSM, including how the strategy will be implemented to develop research capability
  - how the strategy intends to develop or strengthen collaborative links, locally, nationally and internationally
  - how the strategy aligns with national and international research funding priorities as defined by external funders
  - how future funding will be secured. Proposals should demonstrate a clear understanding of future funding opportunities that exist for their area of research and specify how this strategy will lead to success in applying for these funds.
  - a bibliography of no more than 3 references
  - A list of specific milestones that will be used in the assessment of progress over the lifetime of the grant.
- an overview of the research group demonstrating their previous success and experience in this area and their capability to achieve the goals outlined. This does not exclude applicants in the early phases of their career. (1 page max)
- research team CVs in [RST Format](#).
- a clear budget explaining how the funding awarded could be spent to advance the strategy accounting for the full two year funding sought. (1 page max)

*Please note: all applications should be sent in electronic form, along with one original hard copy (A4, no staples). Font size no smaller than 12.*

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### Applications will be assessed on the following criteria:

- the potential for this initiative to make strategic advancement of research activity in the DSM, specifically addressing the following:
  - The development and strengthening of collaborative links, not just locally, but also nationally and internationally. If there are other teams nationally operating in the same or similar space, understanding how this work will interface with their activity would be a strength.
  - Engagement with and alignment of the research with Governmental or DHB research priorities or other specified priorities where this is more appropriate.
  - The building of an area of research capability that shows promise in terms of its utility, fundability and alignment with national research priorities as outlined by funding bodies such as HRC, MBIE and the leadership teams of the National Science Challenges
  - A plan to secure further funding. A direct and specific plan that draws on close alignment with national funding priorities so that the strategy feeds into a sustainable programme of activity
  - The economic implications of the research including demonstration of an understanding of potential commercialisation or financial benefits of research outcomes. Where appropriate incorporation of an explicit analysis of these issues as an integral aspect of the research would be a strength.
  - An explanation of how the research programme will promote the research activity and, most especially, the leadership skills of early career researchers
- the potential for the research group to advance the strategic aims outlined in the proposal including
  - demonstration that the team is embedded in a active and functional network of researchers nationally and that the work forms a part of a coherent and wider programme of research.
  - lead researcher demonstrates research productivity relative to opportunity (in terms of funding and time), ability to integrate into research networks within and outside Dunedin, their willingness to take risks and demonstrated work ethic.

Proposals will be assessed by a committee which will make recommendations to the Dean. As a part of this assessment the committee may request an interview with the lead applicant if necessary.

### Applications should be submitted by 4pm on 18 March 2019 to

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