THE HEALTHCARE OTAGO CHARITABLE TRUST

Call for applications for research project funding 2022

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The Healthcare Otago Charitable Trust has funds available to invest in research and welcomes applications for research grants. All applications must be able to clearly demonstrate linkages to specific health outcomes and benefits for the communities of Otago in the short to medium term and as a matter of principle, the trustees will not fund national or international initiatives.

It is expected that requests will be for research grants up to $30,000, however larger amounts may be considered when there is sufficient justification or merit. Similarly, it is expected that the projects be a maximum of one year in duration however 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. Proposals to initiate new research of strategic importance to the health of communities in Otago.
2. Requests supporting projects which may lead to further development. For example, applications for new projects which require some preliminary data to provide “proof of concept” prior to applying to a larger external funding body.
3. Projects led by well supported staff with limited research experience beginning their research career.

Completed Applications must be submitted electronically in PDF format to hrs@otago.ac.nz by: **Wednesday 21st September 2022 at 5pm.**

## Assessment Process

Applications are considered by a panel appointed by the Health Research South Board 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 2023.
* A Costing and Consents Worksheet is required for all successful University of Otago projects. While it is not required at the application stage, researchers should consider drafting one to ensure the budget is adequate. University of Otago applicants are welcome to contact their Research Advisor prior to the submission date for advice or review. Southern DHB 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 DSM-administered funding.

**Application Form follows. Please delete the information above.**

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**Application for research project funding 2022**

*Applications must be submitted in PDF format and emailed to:* **hrs@otago.ac.nz**

**Any application that does not comply with the stated page limit and NZ RS&T CV template will be withdrawn from the funding round.**

**Closing date: 5pm Wednesday 21st September 2022**

**SECTION 1: Executive Summary**

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| **Project title** |  |
| **Applicant (Principal Investigator) details** | [Title] [Name][Current position and FTE employed for duration of project][Department, Institution][Email address] [Phone number] |
| **Project Timeframe** | [number of months] (from [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) |
| [type here] |

**SECTION 2: Description of project**

Maximum 3 x A4 pages, including references

In this section you should consider the assessment criteria 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 will benefit the communities of Otago;
	+ how the project meets the priorities of external funders, including Impact & Māori Advancement.

(Delete notes above)

1. **Background & significance**

[type here]

1. **Methods, experimental design, facilities available**

[type here]

1. **Timelines (including start and end dates)**

[type here]

1. **Strategic alignment**

[type here]

1. **Expected health outcomes and benefits to the communities of Otago**

[type here]

1. **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.

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| **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 |
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| **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 Patearoa  | 200 | 0 | $200 |
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| **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 |
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| **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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1. **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 to support **this** research project (including from DSM or other local funders e.g., HCO Trust, OMRF, UORG, Anderson Trust, Dean’s Bequest, James Hume Bequest). Please include the project title, funding body, dates & $ amount, and date 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.

[type here]

1. **CVs**

Please provide a standard NZ RS&T CV (link below) for the PI and one other key member of the team. [http://www.otago.ac.nz/research/forms/5\_NZ%20RS&T%20CV%20Template/](http://www.otago.ac.nz/research/forms/5_NZ%20RS%26T%20CV%20Template/)

Send with the application as separate PDFs.