



## Short Term Contestable Seed-Funding Initiative

The NZ Food Safety Science & Research Centre Governance Board has agreed to trial a short-term contestable seed-funding initiative. \$100,000 has been made available for up to 10 food safety-related initiatives (ie individual applications should not exceed \$10K). Initiatives may include things like industry internships or summer studentships as well.

As you will see from the application form, preference will be given to initiatives that:

- Align with the NZFSSRC Strategy (NZFSSRC Value Proposition attached FYI)
- Show strong evidence of collaboration
- Demonstrate benefit for NZ public health and/or international trade
- Demonstrate Industry engagement
- Show a clear pathway to future research opportunities

The timeline for this first round of applications is as follows:

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| Wednesday 05 September       | Call for applications into the Seed Funding Process            |
| <b>Thursday 27 September</b> | <b>4.00pm Applications close</b>                               |
| Friday 28 September          | Applications circulated to NZFSSRC SLT for considering/ranking |
| Wednesday 03 October         | NZFSSRC SLT Meeting; recommendations to NZFSSRCGB developed    |
| Wednesday 10 October         | Shortlisted applications circulated to NZFSSRCGB               |
| Wednesday 17 October         | NZFSSRCGB funding recommendations                              |
| Friday 19 October            | Applicants advised of outcomes                                 |

If you are interested in this opportunity, contact Phil Bremer or Rachel Elliot for further information. **Please seek advice for your application in advance of the deadline and submit through Research & Enterprise.**

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