

Research Grant Application 2026

Rod Donald Banks Peninsula Trust

Applicants should complete all sections. Word limits are provided to support concise, comparable applications. Attach supporting documents where requested.

Submission: Please email your completed application and any supporting documentation to Shelley Washington, Trust Manager, at manager@roddonaldtrust.co.nz. Applications must be received by 30 October 2026.

Applicant and Project Details

1. Project title | Word limit: 15 words

Provide the title of the proposed research project.

2. Research team | Word limit: 100 words

List the names, roles and relevant qualifications of all researchers involved, including any supervisors.

3. Affiliated organisation(s) | Word limit: 50 words

Provide the name(s) of any organisation(s), institution(s), agency(ies) or iwi/hapu entities with which the researchers are associated.

4. Primary researcher contact details

Detail	Applicant response
Full name	
Position/title	
Organisation	
Email address	
Phone number	
Postal address	

Research Proposal

5. Research overview | Word limit: 500 words

Describe the broad research aim, primary research question(s), research methodology and methods, proposed timeline and key milestones.

6. Research ethics

Does this project require research ethics approval?

Yes	No
☐	☐

If yes, please provide details | Word limit: 100 words

Specify the ethics approval required, the approving body, expected timeframe for approval, and confirm that approval will be in place before research activities commence.

Strategic Alignment and Priorities

7. Alignment with the RDBPT Strategic Plan | Word limit: 200 words

Explain how the research will help the Rod Donald Banks Peninsula Trust deliver its strategic plan.

8. Contribution to 2026 biodiversity priorities | Word limit: 300 words

Priority for the 2026 grant will be given to projects that contribute to our biodiversity pou, particularly if they relate to the protection and restoration of the wetland margins of Te Roto o Wairewa and Te Waihora alongside the Little River Rail Trail. You can also propose a project to relates to protecting and restoring biodiversity on Banks Peninsula more generally. Explain how this project contributes to this priority and/or strategic pou.

9. Supporting mana whenua aspirations | Word limit: 200 words

Supporting the aspirations of mana whenua is important to the RDBPT. Describe how this research will support this.

Funding and Budget

10. Other funding sources |

Provide details of any other funding that has been accessed or applied for, including who you have applied to, the value, application status, and how the funding fits with this application.

11. Project budget

Provide a detailed budget. Add rows or attach a separate budget spreadsheet if needed. Please identify which costs will be supported by this grant and which will be supported by other funds.

Budget item	Total cost	Requested from RDBPT	Other funds / in-kind	Notes
Personnel / researcher time	\$	\$	\$	
Travel / fieldwork	\$	\$	\$	
Equipment / materials	\$	\$	\$	
Data collection / analysis	\$	\$	\$	
Reporting / dissemination	\$	\$	\$	
Other	\$	\$	\$	
TOTAL	\$	\$	\$	

Required Outputs and Deliverables

12. Confirmation of minimum outputs

Please confirm that you can contribute to the following minimum outputs:

Required output	Yes	No	Comments
Short written report emailed to the Trust Manager twice a year	☐	☐	

Required output	Yes	No	Comments
Presentation to the Board at the conclusion of the project, including recommendations	☐	☐	
Short update suitable for publication in the Trust newsletter	☐	☐	

13. Six-monthly written reports | Word limit: 50 words

Briefly outline how progress reporting will be provided during the project.

14. Final presentation to the Board | Word limit: 50 words

Briefly describe the intended content and format of the final presentation, including recommendations.

15. Newsletter update | Word limit: 50 words

Briefly describe the kind of information that could be provided for publication in the Trust newsletter.

16. Additional outputs and timelines | Word limit: 200 words

Describe any additional outputs expected from the project, such as publications, datasets, recommendations, resources, community engagement, student outcomes or presentations. Include indicative timelines.

Applicant Declaration

I confirm that the information provided in this application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any grant awarded will be subject to the conditions specified by the Rod Donald Banks Peninsula Trust.

Applicant name	Signature	Date