

Rod Donald Banks Peninsula Research Grant 2026

The Rod Donald Banks Peninsula Trust's vision is to create a thriving and enduring ecosystem of trails and regenerating landscapes on Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū - Banks Peninsula.

The Trust is making available a grant to support research on Banks Peninsula. The recipient of the research grant will be confirmed in late 2026 **for research to be undertaken in 2027**.

Funding available is \$23,000 (GST Incl). The grant may be awarded to one or more projects.

Last year the grant was focused on public access. This year the focus is on research that will contribute to our biodiversity pou. We are particularly interested in research that relates to the protection and restoration of the wetland margins of Te Roto o Wairewa and Te Waihora alongside the Little River Rail Trail. We welcome your research proposals that relate to this topic or other topics that relate to protecting and restoring biodiversity on Banks Peninsula.

Researchers may apply in subsequent years for additional funds. We would like to have your final results by February 2028. Projects can be 6 months – 12 months long.

Answers to queries we received last year: it is acceptable to hire research assistants or provide a scholarship; you *can* include costs like travel and materials; the grant does *not* cover overheads.

Applications open: 20 July 2026

Applications close: 30 October 2026

The application form is attached, along with our strategic plan.

Note about intellectual property arising from this grant:

Intellectual property arising from research funded by the Rod Donald Banks Peninsula Trust may be used by both the Trust and the researcher, with mutual acknowledgment - the Trust will acknowledge the researcher's contribution when using the intellectual property, and the researcher will acknowledge the Trust's funding support.

For enquiries or to submit your application please contact our Trust Manager/Manahautū:

Shelley Washington at manager@roddonaldtrust.co.nz or phone 027 294 5219

To read more about our organisation visit: roddonaldtrust.co.nz