

Summer Studentships - advice to applicants

Purpose

These studentships are intended to provide personal support for students so they can gain research skills and experience. Priority will be given to those with little or no research experience.

Scope

- Students will complete a studentship of at least 10 weeks' duration over the summer period at a tertiary institution in New Zealand
- Students must liaise with their tertiary institution before applying

Who can apply?

- New Zealand citizens or permanent residents only
- Students currently enrolled in an undergraduate or Honours degree at a New Zealand institution and intending to enrol the following year
- Those who have identified a suitable project and a supervisor willing to oversee the project

What is funded?

- A tax-free stipend of \$8,500

What will not be funded?

- Students who have already completed a Neurological Foundation summer studentship
- Students who have started a Masters or Doctorate or completed a thesis or dissertation in a similar field to the studentship

Closing date

- 2 September 2024

Process

- Download an application form at <https://neurological.org.nz/research/funding-opportunities>
- Complete the application form, including signatures from your proposed supervisor and your host institution. The Neurological Foundation will only accept applications sent by the host institution's research office
- Supporting documentation:
 - Academic transcript
 - NZ Standard CV (optional)
 - NZ Standard CV for the proposed supervisor, using the template available at <https://neurological.org.nz/apply-for-funding/>
- Applicants will be advised of the outcome on 30 September 2024
- Successful applicants will be informed of the conditions of the grant and asked for their formal acceptance of the studentship contract

General Advice

Purpose

The Neurological Foundation's purpose is to "be a catalyst to improve the future quality of life for New Zealanders impacted by neurological conditions".

This includes diseases and disorders of the central and peripheral nervous systems. The Foundation will accept applications for research that contributes to our understanding of, prevention, diagnosis, prognosis, treatment, or management of neurological conditions. The research proposal should have a clear outcome, which will add to knowledge about neurological disorders. The Foundation will accept applications designed to enhance knowledge about the pathogenesis of neuropsychiatric and neuropsychological disorders, but applications that deal only with the management of mental health disorders will not be considered.

Research contracts

Successful applicants will be offered contracts that outline the conditions of the studentship, including the following:

- The Neurological Foundation Summer Studentship cannot be held simultaneously with any other summer studentship
- The host institution will administer the studentship
- The studentship will have a specific start date and end date
- A final report will be required within 1 month of the studentship end date
- The studentship is paid in two instalments, with the final \$1,000 instalment approved for payment once the student's final report with the supervisor's comments are received
- Any presentations or publications resulting from the studentship will acknowledge the Foundation's support

Questions?

If you have any queries please contact the Foundation for advice at research@neurological.org.nz