

Senior Research Fellowships - advice to applicants

Purpose

These fellowships are intended to provide personal support for outstanding post-doctoral fellows as they establish themselves as independent researchers

Scope

- Post-doctoral research fellows undertaking full-time research at institutions in New Zealand

Who can apply?

- New Zealand citizens or permanent residents
- People who have submitted or been awarded a PhD within the 8 years prior to the application closing date

What is funded?

- Two years of full-time salary support
- Single airfare to return to New Zealand for this fellowship, if applicant is currently based overseas
- Recipients are eligible to apply for travel grants of up to \$4,500 towards travelling to conferences and training courses directly related to the fellowship

What will not be funded?

- Fellows whose salary for the proposed project is already funded
- Equipment
- Working expenses
- Student stipends

Closing dates

- 1 October

Process

- Create an application on our online portal at <https://grants.neurological.org.nz/>. You will need to create a new account if you are a first-time user
- Your application will go to your configured research office for review, before being sent on (at the institution's decision) to the Neurological Foundation
- The budget requested should be in NZD. The Neurological Foundation will not award more than is requested in the budget
- Supporting documentation:
 - NZ Standard CV for the applicant, using the template available on the application form
 - A letter of support from the proposed primary mentor and their CV
- You will be invited to attend an interview with the Foundation's Personal Awards Committee, where you will describe your project and future plans
- Applicants will be advised of the outcome early in December
- Successful applicants will be informed of the conditions of the grant and asked for their formal acceptance of the fellowship contract

General Advice

Mission

The Neurological Foundation's mission is "To alleviate suffering from diseases and disorders of the brain and nervous system through research and education".

The Neurological Foundation will accept applications for fellowships aligned with this mission, including biomedical, bioengineering, clinical, and epidemiological research. The Foundation will accept applications designed to further the knowledge and treatment of primary neuropsychiatric or neuropsychological disorders, as long as the research takes a mechanistic approach to discovering or treating a component of the disorder. Applications that deal only with the clinical management of mental health disorders will not be considered.

Resubmission

The Foundation's Personal Awards Committee provides constructive feedback to applicants after each grant round. If unsuccessful, applicants can resubmit their application in a subsequent grant round. However, the Personal Awards Committee believes that a third submission of an unsuccessful application is not appropriate. Therefore, only one resubmission of a Senior Research Fellowship application will be accepted.

Research contracts

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

- The Senior Research Fellowship cannot be held simultaneously with any other fellowship award
- The host institution will administer the fellowship
- The fellowship will have a specific start date and end date
- The institution's research programme may be rapidly evolving and the details of the research project may change after the application is made. The Fellow may be involved in several research projects that develop during the course of the fellowship. If the contractual details of the fellowship change a variation request will need to be submitted to the Foundation's Research Manager
- A final report will be required within 3 months of the fellowship end date
- Any presentations or publications resulting from the fellowship will acknowledge the Foundation's support

Questions?

If you have any queries please contact the Foundation's Research Manager for advice.
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