

## Doctoral Scholarships - advice to applicants

### Purpose

These scholarships are intended to provide personal support for students undertaking a PhD in basic or clinical neuroscience

### Scope

- PhD enrolment must be at a New Zealand university

### Who can apply?

- Students with a GPA of 7 or above
- New Zealand citizens or permanent residents
- Students completing an Honours or Masters degree, with the intention of enrolling in a PhD
- Students who have already enrolled in a PhD

### What is funded?

- A tax-free stipend of \$30,000 per year for 3 years of full-time enrolment
- University fees
- \$5,000 towards the working expenses associated with the doctoral research
- Scholarship recipients are eligible to apply for travel grants of up to \$4,500 towards travelling to conferences and training courses directly related to their PhD

### What will not be funded?

- Students who have already been awarded a doctoral scholarship
- Recipients cannot receive any other doctoral scholarship

### Closing dates

*If the closing date falls on a weekend or holiday, it will be extended to the next working day*

- 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:
  - Your university academic transcript
  - NZ Standard CVs for the student (if relevant) and their proposed primary supervisor, using the template available on the application form
- Selected applicants 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 scholarship 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".

The Neurological Foundation will accept applications for research aligned with this purpose, 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 doctoral scholarship application will be accepted.

### **Research contracts**

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

- Students must complete enrolment prior to the scholarship being made available
- A Neurological Foundation doctoral scholarship cannot be held simultaneously with any other doctoral scholarship
- The host institution will administer the scholarship
- The scholarship will have a specific start date and end date
- The student will submit an annual report to the Foundation
- A final report will be required within 1 month of thesis submission
- Any presentations or publications resulting from the student's doctoral work 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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