

Senior Clinical Research Fellowships - advice to applicants

Purpose

These fellowships are intended to provide personal support for practising clinicians to carry out clinical research

Scope

- Clinicians undertaking research at healthcare organisations in New Zealand

Who can apply?

- Medically qualified clinicians practising in a neurological discipline, who have already established themselves as an independent researcher

What is funded?

- 1FTE in total, which can be spread over 1-5 years (at least 0.2FTE per year).
- Recipients are eligible to apply for travel to conferences and training courses directly related to the project. These are applied for separately as travel grants, up to a maximum of \$4,500 in total.

What will not be funded?

- Institutional overheads
- Equipment
- Working expenses
- Student stipends or fees
- Relocation costs

Closing dates

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

- 1 May

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 host organization which includes information on the resources available and how the research expenses will be funded
- 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 July
- Successful applicants will be informed of the conditions of the grant and asked for their formal acceptance of the fellowship 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.

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 Clinical Research Fellowship application will be accepted. Successful applicants are only able to receive the fellowship once and are not eligible to reapply for the Senior Clinical Research Fellowship.

Research contracts

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

- The Senior Clinical 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 through the application in the grants portal
- Annual progress reports are required on the anniversary of the start date. A final report will be required within 3 months of the fellowship end date. Reports should be submitted to the Foundation through the application in the grants portal
- Any presentations or publications resulting from the fellowship will acknowledge the Foundation's support

Questions?

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