

Dunedin School of Medicine New Researcher Start up Awards

Awards are available to assist in providing research 'start up' funds for both new academic staff and new researcher-only staff appointments whose employment requirements include research outputs and participation in PBRF assessment. The award is to assist new appointees to develop their own research project as part of their academic and research career development.

Eligibility –Academic appointments

- Academic staff who have been appointed on a Confirmation Path within the past year
(Confirmation Path for the purpose of this award includes permanent appointments to lecturer, senior lecturer and associate professor **and** "must normally be employed for at least 0.4 FTE," *Confirmation Path Policy*, September 2010)

Eligibility –Researcher-only appointments

- Researcher-only staff members who are at least 0.5FTE (e.g. Research Fellows, Senior Research Fellows, Research Professors/Associate Professors) and
- are PBRF eligible and
- have Head of Department justification to show that the applicant is pursuing a career pathway in research. Justification should include:
 - evidence that previous funding and confirmed future funding at the University of Otago amounts to at least 4 consecutive years and
 - evidence of sufficient salaried time to carry out the research project.

Award benefits

- New Researcher Start-up Awards are made for one year, and are for up to \$15,000.

New Researcher Start up Awards and DSM Bequest fund

- Holders of New Researcher Start up Awards may also be given special consideration in the annual DSM Dean's Bequest round. High priority will be given for this to occur if adequate justification is made in the DSM Dean's Bequest round application.

Research Advisory Group

Dunedin School of Medicine and Southern District Health Board



- The information concerning DSM Dean's Bequest round will be circulated through departments.
- Please note applications to the Dean's Bequest Fund must be made separately from this application.
- The DSM Dean's Bequest round is usually advertised each year around March/April.

How to apply

To apply for the New Researcher Start up Award, please send the following to the Health Research Office (see contact details below):

- A brief application describing planned research and future strategy for further funding. This should be no more than **two** A4 pages including references and a brief budget indicating intended use of the funds
- A copy of your CV
- A supporting letter from your Head of Department and Head of Section where appropriate.
- ***Applications must be made through your Head of Department.***

Please note: all applications should be sent in electronic form and one original hard copy (A4, no staples)

Application assessment

Applications will be assessed by the Research Advisory Group for scientific quality, career development strategy, and overall research requirements within the DSM. Recommendations for award will be made to the Dean of the DSM.

Where there are more applications than funding allows, priority will be based on the quality of the application, and overall research requirements within the DSM. Heads of Department recruiting new staff may seek prior indication of award availability in planning employment strategy.

Applications can be made at any time to:

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