



# PŪTAHI MANAWA

HEALTHY HEARTS FOR  
AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND

## 2024 Pacific Fellowship Grant - Call for Proposals

### Background:

The mission of the Pūtahi Manawa | Healthy Hearts for Aotearoa New Zealand (HHANZ) Centre of Research Excellence (CoRE) is to improve equity in heart health for Māori, for Pacific Peoples and for women through research excellence and precision medicine. Pūtahi Manawa will bring together research scientists, clinicians, educationalists and communities by comprehensively and collaboratively addressing issues around equity in heart health outcomes to support and complement the public health approach. We wish to work in partnership with communities and researchers to create a vibrant world-class environment and network for heart research in Aotearoa New Zealand that is underpinned by evidenced based, multi-disciplinary collaborative research that delivers clinical benefits and heart health equity to patients.

### About the Fellowship Grant:

The purpose of these Fellowship Grants is to provide direct support for Pacific researchers undertaking research in Aotearoa New Zealand on heart health (minimum of 0.6FTE p.a.). Fellowships of less than 0.6FTE, possibly over a longer period, may be considered but must be completed before 31/12/2028. If you require less than 0.6FTE contact us via [hhanzcoregrants@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:hhanzcoregrants@auckland.ac.nz) to discuss before submitting your application.

### Grant duration and funding:

The fellowships aim to support up to a three-year period (or longer at less than 0.6FTE) and include salary for the fellow (up to 1.0 FTE per year) plus research working expenses of up to \$100,000 in total over a three-year period.

### Eligibility:

- To be considered for this fellowship, you must be of Indigenous Pacific descent.
- You do not have to be a New Zealand Citizen or Resident to be eligible, but you must have a right to work/hold a current visa to work in New Zealand. The fellow must be based in New Zealand but may undertake some of the research overseas.
- You must have completed a postgraduate degree at doctorate level **OR** have at least three years' experience at a level equivalent to research undertaken for a doctoral degree.
- All proposals should be aligned with our CoRE principles as outlined at the end of this document.
- Applicants must adhere to the guidelines and space limitations as detailed in the call for proposals and the application form, otherwise the application will be disqualified.

### Key Dates:

Applications open: 9 April 2024

Applications close: 4 June 2024

Short list results announced for interview: 24 July 2024

Interview: End of July

Final results: Mid-late August

### Budget:

Please use the attached budget template, instructions are provided.

- Salary costs: The fellowship will pay salary costs according to the experience and seniority of the Fellow at an equivalent level of up to seven years research experience on the academic scale in the first year of the fellowship, increasing thereafter, plus the organisation's standard overhead rate.
- Research expenses: The fellowship will pay up to a maximum of \$100,000 NZD project costs/consumables over three years. Please provide an itemised breakdown of research costs to fully justify the budgeted expenditure.

### Fellowship Criteria:

The table below provides definitions of Pūtahi Manawa | HHANZ CoRE funding criteria and example questions that you might try to answer to show how your proposal meets each criterion.

|  | <b>Definition</b>  |
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| <b>Scientific integrity</b>                  | <i>Best practice or rules of professional practice in research</i><br>How robust is the science?<br>How relevant is this topic to the aims of HHANZ core?<br>Evidence of peer review?  |
| <b>Equity</b>                                | <i>Fairness and justice, distinct from equality</i><br>How does the proposal address /enhance equity/ intervene in inequity?<br>How will this funding impact equity?<br>What research is being included that will support equity?  |
| <b>Te Tiriti o Waitangi</b>                  | <i>Acknowledgment and upholding of Te Tiriti o Waitangi</i><br>How does the proposal include a Te Tiriti o Waitangi focus?<br>How is Māori partnership/leadership/governance included?<br>How does the proposal acknowledge Māori cultural beliefs, values, practices?<br>Is data handling culturally-appropriate? (i.e.: is there a data governance strategy) |
| <b>Co-Design</b>                             | <i>If not a co-design project, how are co-design principles included in the research</i><br>What co-design methodology is incorporated - e.g. kaupapa Māori, Pacific methodologies / classic co-design.  |
| <b>Translation</b>                           | <i>Translation is the process of passing research findings along the research pathway to the next user and/or end user.</i><br>How will you translate your findings?<br>How will this project engage with the community and stakeholders?<br>How will dissemination of results to Māori and/or Pacific communities occur?                                      |
| <b>Multidisciplinary and Team Excellence</b> | <i>Tell us about your team.</i><br>Describe how your team is diverse.<br>Who are the key stakeholders?<br>What research disciplines are involved?<br>What is the track record, relative to opportunity, of the team?   |

### Scoring and Weightings:

- Section A: Fellow, equity statement, career plans/future directions, and mentoring team (40%).
- Section B: Proposed research to improve heart health and heart health equity (30%).
- Section C: Alignment to CoRE principles (30%).

### Conditions:

- Where the applicant is eligible for a fellowship via the completion of a doctoral level degree, the applicant must have submitted their thesis before the application closing date. The examination committee must have recommended the PhD be awarded before a fellowship can commence.
- The start date and end date of the fellowship must be stated
- Presentations or publications or media (eg, press releases), or patents resulting from the fellowship will acknowledge Pūtahi Manawa's support and be submitted as part of regular reporting.
- The applicants' host institution will administer the fellowship. If there are changes in details of the fellowship or research project, a variation request will need to be submitted to the Pūtahi Manawa | HHANZ CoRE administration team.
- Yearly reporting will be required. If it is deemed that inadequate progress has been made, a review may be triggered. A final report will be required within 3 months of the fellowship end date.
- It is expected a contribution will be made to outreach and education activities, which will also be included in the reporting.
- The fellowship is generally a minimum of 0.6FTE p.a. but a lower FTE may be allowed with prior approval before the application is submitted.

### Conditions:

Should an applicant be selected for interview, they are permitted to bring a support person to the interview, provided there is no conflict of interest.

Please note the support person CAN

- Provide emotional support
- Observe the interview
- Respect and maintain confidentiality at all times

The support person CANNOT:

- Answer, present or advocate on behalf of the applicant
- Obstruct nor distract the interview

### How to apply:

Please send the completed application form, your budget, and NZ CV to:

**hhanzcoregrants@auckland.ac.nz** unless your institution requires you to work with your local research office to submit on your behalf. For example, this applies to the University of Otago and the University of Auckland.

### CV format

Please use the CV template provided. The template provides options for two formats - MBIE's Narrative CV template or the New Zealand RS&T template. You may use whichever format you prefer. If you use the RS&T template, please complete all sections, including sections 2b, 2c and 2d.

### Contact information:

**hhanzcoregrants@auckland.ac.nz**