**STAGE 1 COLLABORATION, ENGAGEMENT AND SCOPING GRANTS**

These grants are aimed at kick-starting programs of research that are innovative and transformative and address pressing issues for our communities that have hearing and balance disorders. Tackling these issues requires inter-/transdisciplinary approaches; engagement with appropriate stakeholders and addressing health disparities that are currently experienced by Māori and Pacific communities.

These Stage 1 grants are to support bringing together appropriate teams of researchers and external stakeholders to develop bold, innovative and transformative research ideas and research plans that align with the EMC’s mission and goals. The guidelines below provide more detail about what we would like to see in these proposals.

**Proposal Guidelines/what are we looking for in these proposals:**

The purpose of these grants is to fund activities that support national and interdisciplinary collaboration; engagement with non-academic partners and scoping of current literature and activities to support the development of a research plan and grant proposal(s).

A portion of the grant can be used for FTE for the lead investigator (if they are on a fixed term contract) or for a Research Assistant to support oversight of the planned activities, but we expect that a minimum of 50% of the funding will be used to facilitate meetings/hui/fono, workshops, travel etc.

The proposal must show the collaborative interdisciplinary/transdisciplinary nature of the research idea; its novelty and innovation, how the research idea aligns with our 5 goals and how the outcomes of the research have potential to deliver equitable hearing and balance health to communities in Aotearoa.

**Pathways to Impact:** The Health Research Council has developed an excellent visual to show the elements and steps that are necessary to take research to impact ([view here](https://www.hrc.govt.nz/sites/default/files/2020-03/HRC%20Pathway%20to%20Impact%20model.pdf)). Interactions with next users (e.g. other researchers, industry representatives, government agencies) and end-users (e.g. D/deaf and hard of hearing communities and patients with balance disorders) early in the project, through the project and after the research has been completed supports pathways to impact. These grants offer opportunities to engage with these different stakeholders at the start and when the research idea and research plan is being formulated. We encourage you to consider this as you bring the team together and as you consider the activities you will undertake with this funding.

**Māori Health Advancement:** Your application must show an understanding of any hearing and balance health disparities for Māori communities in Aotearoa as they relate to your research idea, including citing relevant published studies. These grants again offer opportunities to engage and consult with Māori communities, or bring in Māori researchers, at the start of a project to support Māori Health Advancement. The Responsiveness to Māori Section must identify the specifics related to engagement and consultation with Māori communities and names and iwi of Māori researchers involved in the project if these aspects are in place; or it must identify the activities you are planning to develop these relationships/collaborations with communities/co-investigators.

**Pacific Engagement and Capability Development:** A goal of the EMC is for “Equitable hearing and balance health for Pacific communities in Aotearoa and accessible hearing health across the Pacific region to support health and wellbeing”.  If your research is relevant to Pacific communities in Aotearoa and or to Pacific Island Countries/Territories, then please outline your engagement with Pacific communities and Pacific researchers/leadership on the project or how you plan to develop these relationships/collaborations with communities/co-investigators.

**Eligibility:**

The Principal Investigator must be a member of the Eisdell Moore Centre and they must be employed by a New Zealand Organisation/Institution.

Applications from early to middle career researchers must include a senior researcher in a mentorship role.

Funding can be used for salaries for fixed term staff or salary buy-out for clinicians who are employed by DHB’s or private practice, and can comprise up to 50% of the funding request.

Funding cannot be used for the following:

* Salaries (i.e. buy out) of academic staff or professional staff currently employed permanently in host universities
* Student stipends and course fees
* Equipment and computers
* Conference travel – this must be applied for separately, but we will fund travel for the research team that is a necessary part of the research.

The Directorate makes the final decision and has the right to add or modify criteria or conditions of the grants to ensure awards align with the Hearing Research Foundation funding expectations and conditions of its donation.

The Oversight Board of the EMC provides final approvals for distribution of funding.

**Application notes:**

* Do not change font size (Verdana, 10), line spacing or margins
* Main proposal page has a 2-page limit, excluding cover page and reference and budget pages.
* **Delete these 2 pages and all instructions prior to submission**

***Submit to the Eisdell Moore Centre (emcentre@auckland.ac.nz) by Friday 30 September 2022.***

## Cover Page

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| **Project Title** | Click or tap here to enter text. | | |
| **Principle Investigator**  PI must be a member of the EMC | **Full Name** | Click or tap here to enter text. | |
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| **Institution** | Click or tap here to enter text. | |
| **Address** | Click or tap here to enter text. | |
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| **Research Team**  Please provide total number alongside each field. These are for gathering metrics for the funding round.  Research team details to be provided on the following page. | # Investigators (including PI) | Click or tap here to enter text. | |
| # Institutions | Click or tap here to enter text. | |
| # Māori Researchers | Click or tap here to enter text. | |
| # Pacific Researchers | Click or tap here to enter text. | |
| #Industry Representatives | Click or tap here to enter text. | |
| # Community /Patient Representatives | Click or tap here to enter text. | |
| **Alignment with EMC Goals:**  Please check all that apply. | Healthy hearing for tamariki  Hearing and balance health across the life course  Equitable hearing and balance health for Māori communities  Equitable hearing and balance health for Pacific communities in Aotearoa and accessible hearing for Pacific Island Territories  New Knowledge and innovative and accessible interventions | | |
| **Proposed Dates**  Max 1 year duration | **Start Date:**Click or tap to enter a date. | | **End Date:**Click or tap to enter a date. |
| **Funding sought**  $5,000 – $10,000 | Click or tap here to enter text. | | |
| **Media Summary**  Max 100 words | Click or tap here to enter text. | | |
| **Abstract of Research**  Max 250 words | Click or tap here to enter text. | | |

## Research Team

Add team member details, delete or add tables as necessary.

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# **Proposal: Seed Funding (2 page limit)**

Provide sufficient detail for the assessing committee to understand the nature and purpose of the investigation, its excellence, its innovation and its multi-institutional and/or multidisciplinary nature. Present this information within 2 pages using the following headings.

1. **What is the rationale for this research/research idea?**

What is the issue that you want to address; how does this align with the EMC’s goals, how does the expertise of the listed co-investigators support the delivery of a research plan.

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1. **What activities will this grant fund?**

Provide an outline and a timeline of the activities you will undertake to support the development of a research plan.

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1. **Responsiveness to Māori**

We have an obligation to uphold Te Tiriti o Waitangi and support the achievement of Māori health equity. This section must be addressed for all research projects. Please provide details regarding any consultation with Māori, names and iwi of Māori researchers, and how this research is responsive to Māori, or how you plan to develop this as part of this project.

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1. **Pacific Engagement and Workforce Development**

If your research is relevant for Pacific communities, please provide details regarding engagement and consultation with Pacific communities and names and ethnicity of Pacific researchers.

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# **References**

# **Budget and Justification**

Complete the budget template provided and provide justification for the costs here.

# **Other funding applications submitted**

Please list other funding applications submitted that relate to this work and identify the overlap.