**STAGE 2 SEED FUNDING PROPOSAL**

These grants provide seed funding for programs of research that are innovative and transformative and address pressing issues for our communities that have hearing and balance disorders. They are aimed at gathering sufficient data, proof-of-concept or assessing design feasibility for a particular research idea for further applications for support. Tackling these issues requires inter-/transdisciplinary approaches; engagement with appropriate stakeholders and addressing health disparities that are currently experiences by Māori and Pacific communities.

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

These grants are aimed at the development/extension of research or a research collaboration that is already established and can be used to take a seeded researching idea to a point that an external funding application can be developed with greater potential for success. They may be to, for example, test the feasibility of a research plan, establish methods, or gather pilot data.

**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. The EMC is here to support this and to connect you with relevant agencies or groups. Get in touch if you need a bit of help with this section.

**Māori Health Advancement:** Your application must show an understanding of hearing and balance health disparities for Māori communities in Aotearoa as they relate to your research idea, including citing relevant published studies. This should be conveyed in the body of your proposal. The Responsiveness to Māori Section must identify the specifics related to engagement and consultation with Māori communities; names and iwi of Māori researchers, and how this research is responsive to Māori.

**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 Territories, then please outline your engagement with Pacific communities and Pacific researchers/leadership on the project.

**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 that are employed by DHB’s or private practice.

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.

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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 4-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. | |
| **Email** | Click or tap here to enter text. | |
| **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**  Max $60,000 | 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 (4 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 4 pages using the following headings.

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

Provide the research background. Include detail about previous EMC funding you have received and the outcomes of this research to date if applicable.

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1. **What are the aims of this project?**

What are the specific aims and objectives of this project and how do they align with the 5 goals of the EMC?

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1. **How will you conduct this research?**

Provide sufficient details for assessment of protocols, feasibility and validity of data.

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1. **Research timeline and next steps and leverage**

Provide a timeline/Gantt chart of your proposed activities and milestones that includes your plan for utilising research outcomes to secure further funding. You must identify the grants you anticipate applying for, including their own application deadlines.

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1. **Pathway to Impact**

View the Pathway to Impact model that has been developed by the Health Research Council. Identify the people and organisations you are currently engaged with - or that you plan to engage with, the potential outputs and outcomes of this project and the activities you have planned through the course of this project to support pathways to impact.

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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.

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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 that are working on this project.

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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.

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