

Commonly asked questions about the HRC's Health Delivery Research grants

Q: What does the term 'health delivery' cover?

A: Health delivery can include the delivery of healthcare by way of prevention, detection, diagnosis, prognosis, treatment, care and support, at all levels. This includes primary through to tertiary and community-based care, and at a local, regional and/or national level in Aotearoa New Zealand (acknowledging that international connections can support this).

Q: What kind of health delivery research does the HRC fund?

A: We support health delivery research that directly informs changes to policy, practice or systems in Aotearoa New Zealand's health and disability sector.

Q: What criteria does my proposed research need to meet to be considered for funding?

A: Your proposed research must meet the eligibility criteria for each grant type and will be assessed against the assessment criteria for that grant type. Please refer to the application guidelines for each grant type on [HRC Gateway](#) for details of the assessment criteria.

Q: Are there any areas of health delivery research that you're particularly keen to fund?

A: Although we'll consider all research in scope of our 2022 Health Delivery Research Investment Round for funding, we do encourage applications for research that advance the health and wellbeing of Māori and Pacific peoples, led by Māori and Pacific researchers; health services research, led by or involving people working across the health and disability sector (including clinical and non-clinical roles); and cross-disciplinary research teams with a focus on developing early-stage researchers.

Q: I'm not sure what Health Delivery Research grant is right for me – where can I go for advice?

A: If you've read through the Health Delivery Research guidelines for the different types of health delivery grants on offer on HRC Gateway (i.e., [Activation Grant](#), [Career Development Award](#), [Project Grant](#)) and are still unsure which one to apply for, try contacting your Research Office for advice. If your organisation doesn't have a Research Office, you can discuss your options with [Luke Garland](#), Senior Research Investment Manager (Health Delivery) at the HRC.

Q. I'm interested in applying for a Health Delivery Research Career Development Award – how can I find out if I'm eligible to apply?

A: Successful applicants for this award must have 5 years' cumulative experience and will lead or contribute to a research project or research-related activity – either part-time or full-time – within a health delivery research team or a health sector or health delivery policy setting. This award is designed as an alternative pathway into health delivery research for

those with relevant skills. For more information about this award's eligibility criteria, see our [guidelines document on HRC Gateway](#).

Q: I'm an established/prospective researcher who would like to get involved in health delivery research, but I don't have the resourcing to get started. Could I apply for a Health Delivery Research Activation Grant?

A: Yes, you may be eligible for a [Health Delivery Research Activation Grant](#). This grant is designed to help get ready for research by establishing health delivery research needs. It's a great first step before applying for larger-scale research funding. Examples of research activation activities may include relationship development; priority setting; literature review; or skill or capacity building. Kaupapa Māori and Pacific health research approaches are encouraged across any research activation activities.

Q: Our research team is interested in applying for a Health Delivery Research Project Grant – how do I know that this opportunity is more suitable for my research than the general Projects round?

A: For the [Health Delivery Research Project Grant](#), it's important that the research has the potential to directly inform changes to health delivery policy, practice or systems, and demonstrates a clear connection to a healthcare need. End-user engagement is expected, comprising consumer, clinical, health provider, support worker, community or population collaboration and/or partnership from the outset of the research proposal and throughout the research process.

Q: Will the Health Sector Research Collaboration Grant be available to apply for this year?

A: Yes, we will continue to provide protected funding opportunities for the health sector through this grant, which will be launched later in 2022.