# Research Funding News

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*These are international funders, for details regarding eligibility criteria and possible login requirements please contact the RDA team

**Note:** Some of these opportunities are listed through the GETS (Government Electronic Tender System) which requires a login to access. Contact Jo Stone to obtain access.
**Research News – Updates**

**European Co-operation in the field of Scientific and Technical Research (COST)**

COST is an intergovernmental framework for the coordination of nationally funded research at a European level, based on a flexible institutional structure. COST networks are called Actions. Cooperation takes the form of concerted activities, i.e., the coordination of nationally funded research activities.

Since 1971 COST has brought together research teams in different countries working on specific topics. COST finances networking of nationally funded activities in supporting meetings, conferences, short-term scientific exchanges, and outreach activities. COST does not fund research itself. Currently more than 200 Actions are supported.

COST has signed a reciprocal agreement with New Zealand for university researchers to participate in COST Actions. New Zealand researchers are funded to attend COST action meetings through the Royal Society of New Zealand, under the condition that the scientist has been formally invited as an “invited expert” for a specific meeting.

COST is organised in the following scientific and technical domains:
- Biomedicine and Molecular Biosciences (BMBS)
- Chemistry and Molecular Sciences and Technologies (CMST)
- Earth System Science and Environmental Management (ESSEM)
- Food and Agriculture (FA)
- Forests, their Products and Services (FPS)
- Individuals, Societies, Cultures and Health (ISCH)
- Information and Communication Technologies (ICT)
- Materials, Physical and Nanosciences (MPNS)
- Transport and Urban Development (TUD)
- Others

COST is currently inviting researchers throughout Europe to submit proposals for research networks and use this unique opportunity to exchange knowledge and to embark on new European perspectives. Proposals for new COST Actions should contribute to the scientific, economic, cultural, or societal development of Europe. Proposals playing a precursor role for other European programmes involving young groups' ideas are especially welcome.

The support will cover the costs of networking activities such as meetings (e.g. travel, subsistence, local organiser support), conferences, workshops, short-term scientific exchanges, training schools, publications and dissemination activities. COST does not fund the research itself.

For more information on COST, and how to join COST Actions, please contact Jo Stone extn 9533

**The Human Frontier Science Program**

This programme supports novel, innovative and interdisciplinary basic research focused on the complex mechanisms of living organisms; topics range from molecular and cellular approaches to systems and cognitive neuroscience. A clear emphasis is placed on novel collaborations that bring biologists together with scientists from fields such as physics, mathematics, chemistry, computer science and engineering to focus on problems at the frontier of the life sciences.

Research grants are provided for teams of scientists from different countries who wish to combine their expertise in innovative approaches to questions that could not be answered by individual laboratories. Emphasis is placed on novel collaborations that bring together scientists preferably from different disciplines (e.g. from chemistry, physics, computer science, engineering) to focus on problems in the life sciences. The research teams must be international.
Applicants must submit a letter of intent to apply for a research grant via the HFSP web site with a pre-registration deadline of **22 March** and letter of intent to be submitted by **31 March**. After review, selected teams will be invited to submit a full application.

Two types of Research Grant are available: **Young Investigators’ Grants** and **Program Grants**. More information can be found at [http://www.hfsp.org/](http://www.hfsp.org/)

Research Management Services is planning to host a workshop on applying to HFSP during February. To register interest, please contact **Emma Hughes**.

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**Research Opportunities – Details**

**EUCN Academic Research Funding and Mobility Opportunities – 16th February, 2011**

There are three separate initiatives open to academics researching the European Union who are from EUCN Partner Universities in New Zealand:

1. **EUCN Comparative Regional Integration Project (CRIP)**
   - This activity aims to maximise inter-partner cooperation and multidisciplinary research. The larger research project is open to participation by researchers from any EU Centres globally, but funding is limited to academics from EUCN Partner Universities.
   - There are two interrelated themes for this project which proposals should address:
     a. **Drivers of Regional Integration** – What forces or circumstances have driven integration.
     b. **Regions and the Global System** – How do regions and the ‘international’ order interact,
   - The available funding pool in each round is €4200 and each application may request up to a maximum of NZ$5000.
   - Funding is intended as ‘seed money’ to help initiate or extend projects rather than fully fund a complete research project.

2. **Staff Research Awards for Pilot Research Projects**
   - The aim of these grants is to provide seed funding to establish research projects on new EU-NZ research areas, allow academics to access key research resources and undertake fieldwork on EU related research topics.
   - The available funding pool in this round is €9775 and each application may request up to a maximum of NZ$5000.
   - Funding is intended as ‘seed money’ to help initiate or extend projects rather than fully fund a complete research project.

3. **Academic Staff Exchanges with the EU**
   - This activity is designed to enable a small number of staff from EUCN Partner Universities to undertake a short term exchange with a university in an EU Member State. These exchanges are intended to help develop research networks and collaborative projects, share best practice on research and teaching, develop co-teaching and supervision opportunities and undertake research fieldwork. Exchanges should be for the minimum of one week at one EU Member State university (you may visit more than one institution).
   - In this round there is a funding pool of €11,000. The maximum you can apply for is NZ$6,000.
   - **NOTE:** To be eligible for a staff exchange grant you must
     - have a specific institution and contact person for the exchange listed on your application
     - be able to demonstrate how this exchange will benefit your research of an EU relevant topic.
   - It is possible to apply for funding for an academic from Europe to come to New Zealand on exchange but priority will be given to providing New Zealand academics with mobility to Europe.

Applications for each programme must be submitted online.

**Sponsor: New Zealand European Union Centres Network**

RDA contact: **Jo Stone** extn 9533
The Translational Research Program – 21st February, 2011
This programme was established to encourage and provide support for new and novel clinical research. The goal of the program is to accelerate transfer of findings from the laboratory to clinical application. The program’s purpose is to fund research that shows high promise for translating basic biomedical knowledge to prevention or new treatments and, ultimately, to prolong and enhance life. A principal intent of the program is to permit the acquisition of sufficient data to apply to an appropriate agency or sponsor for sustained support.

The Translational Research Program (TRP) was developed to encourage and provide early-stage support for clinical research in leukaemia, lymphoma and myeloma, which is intended to develop innovative approaches to treatment, diagnosis or prevention.

Applications are sought proposing novel approaches to the prevention, diagnosis or treatment of leukaemia, lymphoma and myeloma. Proposals should be based on molecular, cellular or integrated systems findings and be conceptually innovative. The application should have a clear plan for the clinical exploitation of the studies proposed and the results expected. This feature of the proposal will be an important consideration of the review process. While work directed at a further elucidation and understanding of the fundamental cellular and molecular biology of neoplastic lymphohematopoietic cells is a research priority of LLS, the Translational Research Program is specifically intended for the support of work which is clearly clinical in orientation.

Sponsor: Leukaemia & Lymphoma Society
RDA contact: Emma Hughes extn 81344

Travel Grants – 25th February, 2011
The Trust Board may provide grants-in-aid to eligible applicants for assistance with the costs of travel relevant to their research in a health-related field. This may include (i) travel to scientific meetings; (ii) visits to research centres; (iii) short travel periods to work in research laboratories or undertake research training. The grants are not available for personal career advancement. Grants-in-aid for personal travel are usually in the range of $1,000 - $3,000 and have a current limit of $3,000 unless exceptional circumstances apply.

Sponsor: Maurice and Phyllis Paykel Trust
RDA contact: Emma Hughes extn 81344

The trust board may provide grants-in-aid for the support of scientific conferences in health-related fields organised by academic institutions or professional organisations within New Zealand. Priority will be given to conferences with an emphasis on research and research training. Conference support grants are not intended to support personal travel to attend overseas conferences.

Applications for conference support grants must be approved by the scientific organisation or institution hosting the conference and must be submitted by a senior official, e.g., the head of an academic department.

Sponsor: Maurice and Phyllis Paykel Trust
RDA contact: Emma Hughes extn 81344

Project and Equipment Grants – 25th February, 2011
The Trust Board may provide grants-in-aid to eligible applicants for the support of research projects in any field of relevance to human health, including the basic biomedical sciences. Support is usually sufficient to provide only for running costs of the research or some necessary equipment, but limited salary support may also be provided on special justification. In addition to small equipment items needed for single projects, the trust may assist with the purchase of larger equipment items for shared use within a research institution. The justification then depends on the needs of the research field and the institution as well as on the merits of individual research projects.

Sponsor: Maurice and Phyllis Paykel Trust
RDA contact: Emma Hughes extn 81344
Project Grants – 25th February, 2011
These grants provide short-term support for a single individual or small group working on a clearly defined research project. The National Heart Foundation is prepared to consider a wide variety of means by which research may be fostered. In accordance with the aims of the foundation, the subjects within the terms of reference will relate to research that increases knowledge about the causes, prevention and treatment of diseases of the heart and circulation.

Applications are particularly encouraged in areas of research that align with National Heart Foundation's strategic objectives. The Foundation has three key objectives:
1. Life-long improvement in heart health:
   a. Make healthy heart choices easier for all New Zealanders
   b. Majority of eligible* adult New Zealanders have had a CV risk assessment (Heart WOF) and are being effectively managed, with priority given to those who need it most
   *As defined by the NZ Guidelines
2. The Heart Foundation is highly visible and engaged with communities and the health sector as THE authority on heart health
3. Research funding increased and refocused to provide credible evidence that improves heart health in New Zealand.

The National Heart Foundation seeks a balanced investment between biomedical, public health and clinical research.

Sponsor: National Heart Foundation (New Zealand)
RDA contact: Emma Hughes extn 81344

National and International Travel Grants – 25th February, 2011
The LBF is committed to increasing understanding about leukaemia, lymphoma, myeloma and related blood disorders. LBF annually contributes funding to health professionals engaged in clinical and scientific research in the field of haematology. The LBF provides money for medical staff working in the area of haematology to attend national and international scientific meetings, so they can keep up to date with worldwide developments in this field.

Sponsor: Leukaemia and Blood Foundation (LBF)
RDA contact: Emma Hughes extn 81344

Fulbright-Harkness New Zealand Fellowship – 25th February, 2011
One Fellowship is offered annually, for a minimum of six weeks of study and research in the United States, to emerging New Zealand leaders in any field of study or vocation (excluding health care policy or practice*).

The purposes of the Fellowship are to:
- Reinforce New Zealand-United States links by enabling actual or potential leaders and opinion formers in New Zealand to benefit from new ideas, practices and new contacts in the US;
- Increase the Fellow's ability to bring about change and improvements in New Zealand;
- Help improve the cross-fertilisation of ideas and experience between New Zealand and the United States; and
- Build a leadership network on both sides of the Pacific, encourage ongoing exchange between New Zealand and the United States and establish enduring relationships offering reciprocal benefits to both countries.

The Fellowship provides NZ$15,000 to assist with travel (international and domestic), accommodation and per diem expenses associated with the visit to the US; basic health and accident insurance cover up to a maximum of US$100,000 and the opportunity to participate in various programmes and activities available to Fulbright scholars in the US. Fellows are expected to contribute to the costs of the fellowship and are encouraged to secure additional sources of funding wherever possible.

Sponsor: Fulbright New Zealand
RDA contact: Jo Stone extn 9533
Grants in Aid of Research and Travel – 14th March 2011
The Council of the Foundation is making available grants to support a wide range of research projects related to the objects of the Foundation — cardiovascular medicine research, diabetic diseases and kidney research. The guidance notes for applicants require careful reading to ensure the obligations involved are understood.

The Foundation makes available some limited funds for small travel grants. The grants are designed to assist rather than fund fully, travel which is for the purpose of presenting at appropriate scientific meetings, results of research funded by the Foundation. The funds available are not adequate to meet applications by all who receive research grants.

**Sponsor: Wellington Medical Research Foundation**
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Professional Development Awards – 16th March, 2011
To allow established cancer researchers and cancer care professionals to travel and participate in advanced training programmes or scientific meetings that will enhance their professional competence or extend their range of skills.

The Trust invites applications for grants to support New Zealand-based initiatives that will lead to improvements in the prevention, detection, diagnosis or treatment of cancer, or improvements in palliative care. These initiatives can be biomedical, clinical, epidemiological or psychosocial and may relate to:

- Education and training of students embarking on careers related to cancer care and/or cancer research
- Continuing professional development of individuals involved in cancer care and/or cancer research
- Hypothesis-based clinical or biomedical research in the field of cancer prevention, cancer treatment or the delivery of palliative care
- Other projects or activities related to cancer

Outcomes of the March Round will be announced in early May.

**Sponsor: Genesis Oncology Trust**
RDA contact: [Emma Hughes](mailto:Emma.Hughes@massey.ac.nz) extn 81344

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Chilean Short Stay Programme – 24th March, 2011
There is the opportunity for New Zealand scientists to undertake research in Chile via the "Short Stay Programme" or MEC programme run by the Chilean National Science Commission (CONICYT). This is a funding initiative to encourage scientific cooperation internationally by attracting talented scientists from abroad to undertake research at Chilean universities outside the Santiago metropolitan area, and may be suitable either for scientists seeking a mechanism to continue work with counterparts in Chile, or for those seeking to establish contacts with universities in regional centres in Chile.

Key details for the programme are:

- funding for a foreign scientist for research in Chile for a stay of 2-10 months
- the period of research in Chile must begin between **Sept 2011** and **April 2012**
- the application must be jointly completed by the host and guest institutions
- the short stay can be broken up into periods of a minimum of one month, but not be spread out over a period of more than 18 months

The programme aims to bring academic talent from abroad to enhance research capability in Chile. Hence, eligibility requirements are:

- have held a PhD for at least five (5) years (outside of Chile)
- Chilean citizens applying from abroad must have seven (7) years experience outside Chile
- retired researchers may also apply
- not have been a permanent resident of Chile during the past two (2) years
- must be proficient in English and/or Spanish

Funds:
- monthly stipend of CLP 2,500,000 (approx. NZ$6,600)
- one return airfare up to CLP 1,500,000 (approx. NZ$3,964)
- travel and expenses for seminars in Chile: up to CLP 500,000 (approx. NZ$1,320)

The participating Chilean universities are:
- Universidad de Tarapacá
- Universidad Arturo Pratt
- Universidad de Antofagasta
- Universidad de Atacama
- Universidad de La Serena
- Universidad de Valparaíso
- Universidad de Playa Ancha
- Universidad de Talca
- Universidad del Bio-bio
- Universidad de La Frontera
- Universidad de Los Lagos
- Universidad de Magallanes

Sponsor: Chilean National Science Commission
RDA contact: Kate Nolan extn 81326

Fulbright Specialist Awards – 29th March, 2011
These awards are for New Zealand academic institutions to host US academics, artists or professionals for two to six week programmes of lectures, seminars, workshops, conferences or symposiums. The host Institute/Department/School must apply to Fulbright New Zealand to make a request for a specialist. If the unit has a preferred specialist candidate, the candidate must be listed on the CIES Fulbright Specialist Roster before the institute applies to host them. Candidates can apply to join the Roster online at www.cies.org Please note that applications to the Roster may take up to 12 weeks to be confirmed.

The awards provide:
- return airfare to New Zealand
- $200 per day honorarium, payable to the specialist upon completion of the grant and submission of a final report and travel expense report

Sponsor: Fulbright New Zealand
RDA contact: Jo Stone extn 9533

Fulbright-Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga Travel Awards in Indigenous Development – 29th March, 2011
These awards are for New Zealand academics, artists or professionals to visit the US for 12 to 90 days in order to present their work to American audiences. Travel Award exchanges must include at least one major presentation, that fits within one of Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga’s research themes.

Fulbright New Zealand aims to assist as many applicants as possible with their short term exchanges, so full grants of $5,000 are seldom awarded. Grants in recent years have averaged approximately $3,000. Grantees are expected to contribute to their own travel and secure additional sources of funding wherever possible. Grantees are encouraged to maximise the impact of their award by supplementing their main proposed activity with others including additional public talks, collaboration with American colleagues, visits to sites of interest etc. These awards are not intended principally for research trips.

Sponsor: Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga
RDA contact: Jo Stone extn 9533

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### Workshops

**Research Information Management System (RIMS)**
The Research Information Systems team is continuing to offer RIMS training for staff. This training is designed to show researchers and administrators how to access and view information on their research projects, research contracts, publications, PHD student supervisions as well as how to create evidence portfolios for evaluation purposes:

To view current training timetable please see the noticeboard on RIMS website: [http://rims.massey.ac.nz](http://rims.massey.ac.nz)

To organise training sessions, please contact RIMS helpdesk, or at Albany Campus, contact Jo Stone.

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