

Occupational Health & Safety Joint Research Portfolio

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HRC Policy Directions 2001-2003



**1. Vote R,S&T
(\$40m)**

**HRC annual
funding round**

**Investigator
initiated**



2. Vote Health

**Joint funding
initiatives**

**Highly targeted
- research
tenders**

**Joint Research
Portfolios**

**3. Joint Funding
(HRC \$5.6m)**

**Joint funding
initiatives**

**Targeted
- Requests for
proposals**



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Occupational Health & Safety JRP

- JRP is only dedicated research funding pool in this area
- Funding partners
 - Health Research Council of New Zealand
 - Accident Compensation Corporation
 - Department of Labour (OSH)



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Benefits of Occupational Health & Safety JRP

- Research priorities identified by partners
- Investment in targeted, outcome-focused research
- Leverage model maximises research funding
- Cross-sectoral support ensures uptake of research findings
- Contributes to capacity building



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Context of Occupational Health & Safety JRP

- HRC Research Portfolios
 - Injury & Rehabilitation
 - Determinants of Health
- New Zealand Injury Prevention Strategy
- New Zealand Health Strategy & New Zealand Disability Strategy



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RFP Funding Process

- Fully contestable
- Two stage application process
- Assessment of full proposals
 - International peer review
 - In-line with NIH (USA), MRC (UK) and NHMRC (Australia)*
 - Steering Committee review
- Standardised assessment criteria



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Slips, Trips & Falls Research

- Request for Proposals: Slips, trips & falls
 - 2nd most common cause of ACC injury claims
 - Particular problem in dairy farming & residential construction
- Currently finalising research providers for slips, trips & falls research



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Future Research Priorities

- Occupational disease is next research priority
 - Steering Committee had planned RFP
 - RFP delayed to take on board stakeholder messages from symposium
 - Occupational disease RFP to be released later this year



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Occupational Health & Safety JRP Contact Information

- HRC provides administration
 - RFPs advertised on HRC website

- HRC contacts

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