

BCFNZ Fellowship Programme Grants 2022

New frontiers in breast cancer detection, treatment and support

Applications close: November 1, 2021

Breast Cancer Foundation NZ Fellowships provide the opportunity for a scientist or clinician to further develop their career, and at the same time to advance BCFNZ's mission: **Pushing for new frontiers in early detection, treatment and support** in support of our long term vision of "Zero deaths from breast cancer".

In 2022, we will offer TWO fellowships, valued at **UP TO \$120,000 each**, depending on the calibre of the applicant and the scope and costs of the proposed project.

- 1x clinical fellowship; 1x science fellowship
- Fellowships may be taken in NZ or overseas (funds may be used to augment an international fellowship)
- People returning from overseas are encouraged to apply (the proposed fellowship project could run alongside part-time clinical FTE)
- Duration of fellowship is 1-2 years, and can be full-time or part-time
- We are happy to discuss flexibility of timing and other conditions.

Your fellowship can be on any subject, but here are some areas that interest us:

- Advances in early detection and diagnosis of breast cancer
- Development, trial / pilot or evaluation of new treatments, technologies and pathways
- Reducing variation in care
- Reducing inequity
- Metastatic breast cancer prevention, treatment and support

The BCFNZ Ronald Kay Science Fellowship	The BCFNZ Belinda Scott Clinical Fellowship
<p>Overview: The Ronald Kay Science Fellowship is named for the late Dr Ronald Kay, who was a breast surgeon, patron and founding trustee of BCFNZ, long-time chair of BCFNZ's medical advisory committee, founder member of the Auckland Breast Cancer Study Group, Fellow of Royal College of Surgeons of England and the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons.</p>	<p>Overview: The Belinda Scott Clinical Fellowship is named for the late Dr Belinda Scott, retired breast surgeon, co-founder of BCFNZ, former BCFNZ medical advisory committee chair, and pioneer of sentinel node biopsy in NZ.</p>
<p>Areas of interest for funding: Applications should be in the area of translational or basic science research. Areas of interest include, but are not limited to, epidemiology</p>	<p>Areas of interest for funding: Studies may be: clinical research (including diagnostic or therapeutic interventions, trials and pilots); investigating and</p>

<p>and aetiology of breast cancer, genetic / genomic aspects of breast cancer, predictive and prognostic testing, development of new treatments, treatment resistance, prevention of metastasis, artificial intelligence and machine learning.</p>	<p>addressing inequities; improving diagnostic or treatment pathways; investigating current and best practice; evaluation of treatment guidelines or adherence thereto; taking clinical practice in NZ to a new level; or testing / establishing / evaluating quality of life interventions.</p>
<p>Evaluation criteria: See below. Applications with clearly defined outputs or with clinical potential in the short to medium term may be regarded more favourably than those with only long-term potential.</p>	<p>Evaluation criteria: See below.</p>
<p>Eligibility and funding: Applicants can be at any stage of their career. Funding will be for a maximum of \$120,000+GST, to be paid over a period of one to two years, allowing flexibility for applicants to conduct the proposed study either full or part-time. Applicants may use the funds for their own FTE, for project equipment and consumables, and to employ staff to assist with their work. Breast Cancer Foundation NZ does not fund overheads.</p> <p>The fellowship is open to NZ-based applicants, but may be undertaken in NZ or overseas.</p>	<p>Eligibility and funding: Applicants may be at the start of specialisation (e.g. in pathology, radiology, radiation oncology, medical oncology, surgery, public health or general practice) and seeking to advance their skills in breast cancer. Alternatively, applicants may be at any stage of their career seeking to train in and introduce or extend clinical practice, or to develop clinical leadership experience. Funding will be for a maximum of \$120,000+GST, to be paid over a period of one or two years, allowing flexibility for applicants to conduct the proposed study full or part time. Applicants may use the funds for their own FTE or to employ staff to assist with their work, and also for project expenses and consumables.</p> <p>The fellowship is open to NZ-based applicants, but may be undertaken in NZ or overseas.</p>

Application Review Process

Applications will be reviewed by the BCFNZ medical advisory committee. Where needed, an external reviewer knowledgeable in the proposed field of research will also provide a review. Shortlisted applicants may be required to supply further information by phone or email, and/or may be interviewed by the BCFNZ Medical Advisory Committee (or a subcommittee thereof) as deemed necessary. The Medical Advisory Committee will choose the successful applicant. Successful applicants will be referred to as “2022 BCFNZ Ronald Kay Fellow” or “2022 BCFNZ Belinda Scott Fellow”.

Assessment Criteria

Track record of the applicant - 0.5

Track record, research or clinical experience and skills commensurate with career stage; plus the career development anticipated from this project

Quality and Feasibility - 0.25

Quality and feasibility of the proposed project

Impact and Alignment - 0.25

Alignment to BCFNZ's mission: pushing for new frontiers in early detection, treatment and support.

How to apply

1. Go to Breast Cancer Foundation New Zealand's [online grants portal](#).
2. If you do not already have an account, register.
3. Log in and select *Fellowship Programme Grant* from the right column of your dashboard.
4. You can save and re-open the application as often as necessary until it's completed, then submit it. Applications close 1 November, 2021
5. Your application will first be sent to your institution for review. They will then send it to BCFNZ.

Reporting requirements

1. Six monthly interim reports, then a final summary of the project and its outcomes to be submitted to BCFNZ. You will be notified by email when reports are due, and can submit them through the [online grants portal](#).
2. You may also be required to report annually to BCFNZ's impact measurement portal.
3. Further reports to be submitted as data matures, along with copies of any publications resulting from this project.
4. A verbal presentation to BCFNZ's Board of Trustees/Members of the Medical Advisory Committee by request.
5. Acknowledgement of BCFNZ funding in publications/journals, etc.
6. BCFNZ's Board of Trustees, Members of the Medical Advisory Committee or other appropriate representative(s) may wish to undertake a site visit and meet with you.
7. Public Relations - Agree to publicity, media interviews, photographs and acknowledgement of BCFNZ research fund sponsorship.

Important Dates

1. September 9, 2021 - Applications for Fellowships Open
2. November 1, 2021 - Final day to submit your application
3. December 15, 2021 - Results announced