The University of Newcastle and the University of Waikato

Partnership Seed Fund – Overview

The University of Waikato and The University of Newcastle invite all staff members to take advantage of our partnership seed fund. The fund is intended to support collaborative research, teaching, and/or professional services projects between our two institutions. Applicants will need to clearly demonstrate measurable outcomes of their projects and how their collaboration will develop going forward.

Eligibility: A lead investigator is required from both UoN and UoW. Lead investigators must be staff on continuing appointments or fixed term staff whose contract extends beyond the term of the funding. Funding can be used to support the involvement/travel of PhD students. We particularly encourage proposals that are led by, or include, early career staff and/or Indigenous staff.

Value: The total funding pool available for the 2024 call is $50,000 AUD from UoN and $50,000 NZD from UoW. The maximum total value of each project is $15,000 AUD.

Selection: Funding decisions will be made by a joint committee with members from both UoN and UoW. Applications will be assessed on the following criteria: excellence, novelty/innovation, project impact, partnership impact and reputation benefits.

Applications open	Applications due	Peer review and funding panel	Applicants notified	Project time	Reports due
5 Feb 2024	11 March 2024	March-April	6 May 2024	May-December	17 Feb 2025

Eligible	Ineligible
- Research materials / consumables - Analytical costs - Fieldwork/data collection - Reasonable travel costs (including visas), accommodation[1] and subsistence (for guidance see your institution's policies[2]) - Software access (for collaborative projects/benefit) - Short-term research or specialist support deemed vital to the project - Costs associated with organising hybrid events/conferences/workshops - Costs associated with appropriate cultural support (for example, koha, kaumatua etc.) - Translation costs - Travel to meet up at a research facility or other global partner's campus	- Salary costs[3] - Overheads - Capital expenditure - Open access fees/other publication fees - Travel to conferences/ conference fees

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[1] Accommodation costs are to be included in the budget of the home institution. For example, a Waikato staff member travelling to Newcastle needs to include accommodation costs in the Waikato budget.
[2] The seed fund will cover flights in economy class
[3] The fund is not intended to cover staff costs or time, or to fund fixed term contract extensions
Whereas staff salary costs are not eligible to be funded – costs for very short-term research or specialist support, vital to the success of the project will be considered i.e costs to employ students and / or research assistants in support of the PI / project