



Information on Applying for Professional Development Award

Objectives

Professional Development Awards allow established cancer researchers and cancer-care professionals (including nurses, radiotherapists, technologists etc.) to travel and participate in scientific meetings or advanced training programmes that will enhance their professional competence or extend their range of skills.

Requirements

The purpose of our Professional Development Awards is to allow personnel with a direct involvement in cancer care or cancer research to participate in activities (e.g. advanced study or training courses, conferences, clinic or laboratory visits) that will enhance their ability to contribute in the fields of cancer care or cancer research. If attending a conference, a copy of the abstract of any paper or poster being presented should be uploaded as part of the application. If the application is associated with a training course, or laboratory or clinic visit, then course acceptance documents or a letter of invitation should be supplied.

Application

As stated under **Objectives** the Trust aims to assist a wide range of professionals working in the fields of cancer research, treatment and support. Applications for funds will always exceed the amount available so funding rounds are managed on a competitive basis. Therefore, it is important that applications are well presented with clear objectives and relevant supporting information. It is important to describe how this award will contribute to your career development, and the benefits that your patients and/or colleagues will derive from it. It is likely that some applicants who are eligible for Trust support will be new to the art of grant preparation. Those without previous experience of applying for competitive funding are advised to seek the help and input of colleagues who are practised and successful grant writers.

The closing dates for applications are at the start of April and September each year, and will be announced through our online portal and our newsletter. Only applications submitted through the portal will be accepted. Potential applicants are encouraged to create an account in our funding portal: <https://grants.cancerresearchtrustnz.org.nz/> This can be done at any time during the year in readiness for the funding round opening. For questions about the process or assistance with technical issues please contact Michelle Sullivan via email michelle.sullivan@crtnz.org.nz. Applicants will be advised of the outcome in May or early December.

Reporting

Recipients of Cancer Research Trust NZ Professional Development Awards are required to submit a report on their travel within 2 months of returning to New Zealand.