

INFORMATION SHEET

Lottery Health Research Committee

Purpose

The Lottery Health Research Committee funds research projects, scholarships, fellowships and research equipment that will improve the health of New Zealanders. It distributes grants to fund projects that:

- show how the research will translate into better health outcomes for New Zealand; populations, including Māori and Pasifika;
- show why the health issue is significant for New Zealand;
- addresses a unique gap in health research knowledge in New Zealand;
- includes researchers who will contribute to the New Zealand health sector over time;
- include researchers who will continue to contribute to the New Zealand health sector;
- include researchers who are early in their career or entering and/or returning to the New Zealand work force;
- host organisations show how they will provide quality support, management and supervision;
- are a collaboration (this is particularly important in the case of significant pieces of research equipment which are expected to be shared between a number of research centres/institutions); and
- have received support from other funders.

Information about the Committee is available at www.communitymatters.govt.nz/lottery-health-research/.

Skills

A mix of first-hand experience in a community group or groups, management skills and/or extensive business knowledge and grant distribution experience is desirable. It is also desirable to have some of the following skills and attributes:

- experience in the health or biomedical research communities;
- in-depth knowledge and understanding of the issues involved in the medical and health research fields within New Zealand;
- experience in qualitative research methods and experience of clinical practice is also an advantage;
- Pasifika research and community skills;
- higher degree (such as PhD level) and post-doctoral research supervision; and
- translational research expertise.

Commitment

Members are appointed for up to three years and may be reappointed. The Committee usually holds a two-day meeting in November each year to consider applications and allocate funds for PhD Scholarships, Post-Doctoral Fellowships, research projects, and shared equipment. Prior to the meeting, members usually spend up to 40 hours in preparation work. Meetings are held in Wellington. Members are reimbursed for travelling expenses and travel to these meetings, which is arranged through the Department of Internal Affairs.

Remuneration

The Presiding Member receives \$360 and Committee members \$270 per full day as a meeting fee. If a meeting runs for three hours or less, members are paid at half this rate. All members receive a reading fee, which is four days' meeting fee for each full-day meeting attended.

