



GRACI Foundation Research Grants Policy.

Grants will be awarded to support New Zealand (NZ) research in gynaecological cancer in accordance with the documented goals of the GRACI foundation.

To improve outcomes for New Zealand women with gynaecological cancer

To support infrastructure for clinical research into the treatment or prevention of gynaecological cancer in New Zealand women.

To support the research of New Zealand researchers in the field of gynaecological cancer.

To promote the conduct of new research in the field of gynaecological cancer.

Grants Application process.

- The Board will determine the monies and number of grants available at the annual AGM.
- The available grants and application process will be on the GRACI website along with submission opening and closing dates.
- Guidelines for applications will also be published. This will consist of a covering letter, list of collaborators, lay summary of research (200 words), 1-2 page outline of research proposal with background, aims, methods. A budget justification, copy of research protocol, ethics approval if obtained and CV of principal investigator will also be requested.
- A 6 week period will be given for submissions and direct email advertising for grant applications will occur through the NZGCG membership and universities.
- Applications will be sent to the GRACI board via email graci@graci.co.nz.
- Applications will open 1st March and close 12th April.
- Grants will be announced 7th June.

Assessment and awarding of research grants applications.

- Due to the small community of gynaecological cancer researchers in New Zealand the Board recognises the potential for conflict of interest of both board members and external reviewers. The board will therefore have a group of reviewers from both within the gynaecological cancer research and the broader cancer research setting to allow allocation of independent review.
- Grant applications will be presented to the research delegated board members for initial review of quality of application and then allocation of expert reviewers.



- Applications will be sent to 3 reviewers along with scoring criteria.
- Reviewers will have 4 weeks to review applications
- Reviewers comments and scores will be presented to the board and grants awarded.
- Successful and non successful applicants will be informed in writing of the outcome of the awards within 8 weeks of closure of the applications.
- Successful applications will be published on the GRACI website.
- The grants will be uplifted within 12 months of award except in exceptional circumstances approved by the board.
- Grants will be paid in to accounts of recognized research organizations, trusts or health providers, not to individuals.
- The Principal Investigator will be required to submit a progress report for their research at 12 months from award.