



Health Research South - Biostatistics Support

A biostatistician is available to provide advice and support for research projects led by Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora Southern staff.

With approval of the Health Research South Manager, projects can receive 4-8 hours support. Training sessions may also be available.

To apply please email hrs@otago.ac.nz, with

1. Outline of Biostatistics support required
2. Project title and aims
3. Investigators, including employment/student enrolment details
4. Do you have access to Biostatistics Centre or other biostatistical support?
5. What funding (if any) is available to support this project?

This service is funded by Health Research South to meet a need within Health NZ Southern.

Projects based within academic institutions or led by an academic or joint clinical-academic should access biostatistics support provided by their institution. University of Otago staff and students should contact the Biostatistics Centre <https://www.otago.ac.nz/healthsciences/biostatistics>

Approved hours should usually be used within three months of approval. Health Research South cannot guarantee fully funded access to this service long-term. Therefore alternative funding and agreement with Dr Haszard may be required for engagement on longer projects.

Support is dependent on both funding and availability of Dr Haszard.

Researchers/Staff accessing this service without the prior approval of Health Research South will not be covered.

Bio – Dr Jill Haszard

Jill is a qualified and experienced biostatistician, having worked in various departments at the University of Otago for the last decade. Over this time, she has been involved in a wide variety of studies, resulting in over 140 publications, 33 research grants, and has supervised over 60 Masters and 20 PhD students. Jill likes to make research accessible, meaningful, and impactful.

Example of services provided:

- Design of research projects (including sample size estimates and statistical analysis plans)
- Contribution to grant applications
- Advice on data collection, data processing, and data cleaning
- Statistical analysis, including tables of results and/or figures
- Write-up and/or interpretation of results
- Assistance with responding to reviews
- Support to postgraduate students