HEALTH SCIENCES CAREER DEVELOPMENT

DIVISION OF HEALTH SCIENCES

The MacGibbon PhD Travel Fellowship in

Human Health and/or Related Animal Vectors

CLOSING DATE: Monday 16th September 2024 (3 available)

**Purpose**

To provide funding to support PhD students in any area related to human health and/or related animal vectors to spend time working in a research group in the United States as part of their research towards the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) or DClinDent at the University of Otago.

It is envisaged that the travel will assist in the learning of new techniques and methodologies, with access to datasets and technology not available in New Zealand and to the building of collaborations that will be valuable to the student and to the University of Otago.

Travel to an international conference must **not** be the main goal of the visit and the funding cannot be used to pay for conference fees/accommodation.

**Eligibility**

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| **You are eligible if you…** | **You are not eligible if you…** |
| * are a New Zealand citizen or hold New Zealand permanent residency * are enrolled in a PhD or DClinDent at Otago, studying human health and/or related vectors | * are not a New Zealand citizen or do not hold New Zealand permanent residency * your area of study does not fit the criteria |

**Timing**

Applicants must reside in the US for *a minimum of two and a maximum of six months*.

The award may be commenced anytime from the last quarter of 2024 to September 2025 and the student must return to New Zealand by 31 December 2025.

**Amount available**

The sum available is up to NZ $18,000-$20,000 per student\*.

*Allowable Expenditure:*

Travel, including international airfares, domestic connecting flights, trains, etc.

Accommodation and living costs

Fees incurred at the host institution e.g. local registration/access/insurance costs

Health, accident and travel insurance

\*Depending on length of stay and location

Some useful cost-of-living estimates are available from our International Exchange Partners <https://www.otago.ac.nz/international/future-students/student-exchange-and-study-abroad/student-exchange/partners/otago001484.html#usa>

**Pandemics and Insurance**

University rules that are current at the time of booking and departure will apply. These cover using [University travel insurance](https://www.otago.ac.nz/financialservices/faqs/otago027721.html) and having a contingency plan in place should you contract COVID or other illness and need treatment whilst overseas or accrue costs associated with needing to isolate for a period of time or the need to evacuate quickly.

**Overseas Study- University Regulations**

Permission must be obtained from Graduate Research Office for the time spent overseas.

Please consult the Guidelines for Postgraduate Students Travelling Overseas for Research, and complete a Postgraduate Travel Overseas Research and Safety Plan.

Information:

[https://www.otago.ac.nz/graduate-research/current-students/otago662253.html - overseasstudy](https://www.otago.ac.nz/graduate-research/current-students/otago662253.html#overseasstudy)

Forms:

<https://www.otago.ac.nz/graduate-research/policies/index.html#policies>

**Reporting**

On returning from the US you will be expected to have completed, or substantially completed, a body of research the results or outcomes of which are then disseminated within Otago University by means of a report, seminar or equivalent means.

A short written report is a requirement and a template will be provided. You may be required to attend an Alumni function at the request of the Development Office.

**APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

**1. Administrative Information**

Applicants Name:

Department:

Primary Supervisor:

PhD subject Area:

Institution to be visited:

Name of Host contact:

Address and contact details of Host contact:

Date of Departure:

Date of Return:

Duration of absence in days:

Has permission from the Graduate Research School been obtained? (Please email: [phd@otago.ac.nz](mailto:phd@otago.ac.nz)

and read policies above)

**2. Details of Visit**

In no more than half a page please state the purpose of the visit outlining the need the visit will fulfil, and the facilities/technologies/expertise that will be accessed. What will the PhD project gain from the visit? What skills will be acquired? How will collaborations be strengthened by the visit?

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**3. Budget**

Please complete the information below with approximate costs and justification.

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|  | Cost per day | Total |
| Airfares |  |  |
| Other travel (specify) |  |  |
| Accommodation (per day, total) |  |  |
| Living expenses (per day, total) |  |  |
| Health and Travel Insurance (mandatory) |  |  |
| Other (specify) |  |  |
| Total |  |  |

**4. PhD Supervisor’s statement of support/need**

Your PhD supervisor will need to provide up to a half page statement of support and description of the need and advantages of the travel.

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**5. A copy of your CV**

**6 Please attach evidence / copy of Department/School approval of travel and contingency plans**

Staff and graduate research students should also be aware of the possibility that permission to travel by the University may be rescinded at short notice if pandemic conditions apply, and that insurance may be withdrawn if the destination country is placed on the Government’s no-travel advisory.

**7. Signatures**

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|  | Name | Signature |
| **Student** |  |  |
| **Supervisor** |  |  |
| **Head of Department** |  |  |

Please email the **completed form and CV** to: [healthsciences.research@otago.ac.nz](mailto:healthsciences.research@otago.ac.nz)

We are accepting applications at anytime.

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