

NZ Occupational Therapists Research and Education Trust: Applications are called for grants in 2011
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Applications close on the 30th April 2011 and will be announced by 31st June 2011.

This year we are particularly interested in research that has a focus on culture and occupation in the New Zealand context, is undertaken collaboratively, and involves therapists in practice. The grant/s will be made for small pieces of research.

The aim for this round is to increase participation in occupational therapy research related to applying occupational therapy practice in a culturally appropriate way within the New Zealand context. This may relate to tangata whenua or to new arrivals to New Zealand.

The initial grants will be awarded to one or more applications that best meet most of the following criteria:

1. A collaborative project involving more than one occupational therapist, for example this might be:
 - collaboration between occupational therapists across services or regions
 - collaborations between occupational therapists and users of their services
 - collaboration between practitioners and academics.

2. A research project that directly links to practicing in a culturally appropriate way within New Zealand, for example this might be:
 - a project that evaluates existing practice
 - a research project that explores a possible service
 - a project that evaluates education for therapists about practicing in culturally appropriate ways
 - a project that researches the implementation of a new service.

3. Submitted by those demonstrating active participation in the NZAOT.

4. A proposal for a project that can be completed through to submission for publication by June 2013, i.e. 24 months from announcement.

5. An indication of the likelihood that the findings will be presented at NZAOT workshops or conferences.

6. If successful, applicants will agree to facilitate an activity, to increase the funds of the Trust, through their local area network within 18 months. (Ideas for fundraising can be found <http://www.nzaot.com/about/awards/occupational.therapist.research.and.education.trust.php>)

The grant/s will be up to \$3000.00 and may include any legitimate project related costs, such as:

Communication support – e.g. toll calls for collaboration

Consultation on methods – e.g. the best way to run a focus group

Data analysis – e.g. training in specialist software use

Editorial support – e.g. writing and preparing questionnaires

Hire of equipment – e.g. digital recorders

Hospitality - e.g. lunch for participants

Photocopying printing and stationary - e.g. letters to participants

Statistical support - e.g. data entry or significance testing

Transcribing - e.g. interviews recordings

Travel and accommodation - e.g. petrol vouchers

The grant may be used to buy time release from work for applicants, but only for those who do not have involvement in research as part of their paid employment job description. The project may be being undertaken as part of educational enrolment in pursuit of higher qualifications that are research related, e.g. Masters or PhD.

Applications should consist of:

1. A one-page covering letter which includes:

- the names and background of the researchers
- any previous experience in research, presenting and publishing
- a one paragraph summary of the project intent
- the total amount requested.

2. A (maximum) three page description of the project under the following headings:

- working title
- brief literature review
- reason/justification for research
- aims of this study
- study design
- likely participants

- ethical considerations and likely ethics approving body
- project time frames
- budget of the grant requested

3. Two referees who may be contacted about the project or the applicants.

Applications may consist of the covering letter and documents containing this information that have been prepared for other bodies.

Please note that references are not required other than in the brief literature review.

Trustees will evaluate and decide on the amounts and numbers of projects to support, and will not be involved in any of the projects submitted.

Applications should be forwarded to the NZAOT in an electronic version, preferably in one document sent by email. Use the following addresses:

Email to nzaot@nzaot.com with R+E Grant application in the subject line.