

Health Research Council (HRC) Summer Studentships (Ethics)

Regulations

Focus

Health

Level of Study

Postgraduate

Background

HRC is the major government-funded agency responsible for purchasing and coordinating health research and fostering the health research workforce in Aotearoa New Zealand. The HRC mission is to improve human health by promoting and funding health research. HRC purchase a range of health research, including biomedical, clinical, public health, health services, Māori and Pacific research. It also funds a range of health research career development awards.

Value and Tenure

The value of the scholarship will be \$6,000.

The scholarship is tenable for one year.

Typical Number on Offer

Typically, one scholarship will be awarded per year.

Eligibility

The project should be a discrete piece of research that is achievable within the period of the studentship.

The submitted topic be related to ethical issues associated with health in one of the following areas:

- Training requirements for ethics committee members
- Common factors in public and participant complaints about research

- Research ethics or resource allocation in a pandemic
- The Te Ara Tika principles and their application in research
- Ethics and infectious diseases
- Māori health
- Big data
- Data sharing
- Genetic research
- Health disparities
- Ethics issues arising from health strategy and/or health research strategy
- Non-consensual research
- Immortalised, patient-derived tissues for health research and clinical investigation
- Predictive risk modelling and healthcare
- The challenge of ensuring equity in health and research in Aotearoa New Zealand.

As approved by the Health Research Council in June 2019 and Dr Smith's whānau in July 2019, the top- ranked studentship is offered as the "Dr Barry Smith Ethics Summer Studentship" in memory of the outstanding contribution to Māori and the New Zealand research environment by the late Dr Barry Smith. The name of the recipient and a copy of the research report will be provided to Dr Smith's whānau in due course. Members of the HRC EC would like to meet with the recipient of this award at the studentship's commencement to congratulate them and share information about Dr Smith's legacy in research in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Selection Criteria

The selection will be based on:

- Potential of the student
- Quality of the intended supervision
- Health research career aspirations

Selection Committee

The scholarship is awarded by the Health Research Council.

Conditions of the Scholarship

Within four weeks of completion of the studentship a report is required from the recipient, in collaboration with their supervisor, outlining the work performed by them while funded by the HRS Summer Studentship and any outcomes resulting from their research (for example, publications or seminars).

Half the remuneration will be allocated at the outset of the studentship, with the remaining amount paid once the report is received .

Further information is available from the HRC's website: <http://www.hrc.govt.nz/>