



Te Hiranga Rū QuakeCoRE 2020 Strategic Funding

Proposal Development Grants: Round 2

Scope:

Grants are available for early-career researchers toward research-related costs for the development of contestable external research proposals targeting specific contestable funding programmes. The aim of the grant is to provide seed funding to enable miscellaneous data collection, analysis, proposal team building for the purpose of preparing strong proposals in competitive Aotearoa New Zealand public funding rounds. Proposal development grants can be requested for up to \$10,000.

Requirements:

The following material is required for submission, via the template available [here](#):

1. Proposal Project Leader
2. Date of PhD awarded [Project Leader must have had their PhD awarded within the last 6 years. Specifically, after 1 October 2014. Extensions to this timeframe will be considered for career interruptions due to parental leave, or similar, as consistent with the Marsden Fast-Start definitions]
3. Engagement with Te Hiranga Rū QuakeCoRE to date, such as attendance at Annual Meeting, participation in Monthly Flagship Calls or Associate Investigator
4. Title of the proposal to be developed [nominal title]
5. Mentor to the Project Leader
 - a. The mentor should be an existing PI/AI of QuakeCoRE and be able to provide advice to the Project Leader with respect to the various aspects of the proposal development (research question, methods, team members, etc.)
6. Select the contestable funding agency to be applied for. Available options in this funding round are:
 - a. 2022 Marsden Fast-Start Round. Anticipated proposal submission mid-Feb 2022.
 - i. Please advise which “Marsden Fund Panel” you anticipate your proposal will reside within [see: <https://www.royalsociety.org.nz/what-we-do/funds-and-opportunities/marsden/about/marsden-fund-panels/>]
 - b. 2022 MBIE Smart Ideas Investment Round. Anticipated proposal submissions late 2021.
 - i. Please advise which “Fund Objective” you anticipate your proposal will reside within. [see page 7 of: <https://www.mbie.govt.nz/assets/6a4e807a69/2019-endeavour-fund-investment-plan.pdf>]
 - c. 2022 EQC Biennial Grants. Anticipated proposal submissions May 2021
 - i. Please advise which “Research Priority” you anticipate your proposal will be aligned with [see page 14 of:



https://www.eqc.govt.nz/sites/public_files/documents/grants/EQC%20Resilience%20Strategy%202019.pdf]

7. Summary of the current conceptualisation of the research proposal (100-200 words)
8. Funding requested [allowable range \$5000-\$10,000]
9. Specifics of the intended use of the funding. Examples uses, for which details should be provided, may include, but are not limited to, one of more of the following:
 - a. Collection of incremental data to enable pilot data analysis for proposal research question and/or hypothesis determination.
 - b. Data analysis, or numerical analysis to provide baseline results for proposal research question and/or hypothesis determination.
 - c. Initiating collaborations with researchers from other organisations whose skillsets have been identified as synergistic for the proposal
 - d. Support for a Research Assistant, where project funding is used to support project staff, the staff member must be named in the application documents.
10. Please attach a 'standard' (5 page) MBIE CV for the Project Leader

Timelines:

1. Submission: Proposals will be accepted from 28 September – 16 October 2020.
2. Evaluation: Proposals will be evaluated and applicants notified by 30 October 2020
3. Commencement: 1 November 2020
4. Contract End: 31 March 2021¹

Evaluation criteria:

1. The Project Leader has been actively involved in QuakeCoRE to date (e.g. Flagship meetings, QuakeCoRE Annual Meeting) [30%]
2. The proposal title and summary indicates a basic conceptualisation of the project, and is consistent with the anticipated funding agency and panel/objective considered [30%]
3. The use of the requested funding is well articulated, specifically indicating: (i) how the funding will be used, and (ii) how that use will directly assist in the development of a competitive proposal. [40%]

Contracting:

Funding will be contracted to the Project Leader and reimbursement will be made based on actual expenses up to the maximum amount specified in the contract. All costs should be submitted on a single invoice and be submitted to Te Hiranga Rū QuakeCoRE for payment on the 15 April 2021 for the entire project (1 November 2020 – 31 March 2021).

Reporting requirements:

The following reporting requirements are intended to capture key project progress in an efficient manner.

¹Due to the TEC funding ending in 2021, no extension past 31 March will be possible under any circumstances



1. Mid-Project Report (15 January 2021)
 - a. Answer the questions: Is the proposal development proceeding as intended? If no, please advise of changes to the proposal.
 - b. Please summarise (100-200 words) the activities undertaken to date
 - c. Please confirm the name of the contact in your organisation's Research Office that you have discussed the proposal with.
 - d. Do you anticipate spending the full amount of the requested budget?
 - e. A copy of the submitted report will be sent to the Project Leader and Mentor
2. Project Leader: Completion report (31 March 2021)
 - a. Do you still intend to submit a proposal as planned? If no, please advise of changes in your intentions
 - b. Please summarise (200-300 words) the total activities undertaken during the proposal development grant
 - c. Do you have any feedback on the QuakeCoRE proposal development funding process that could make it more useful in the future?
 - d. A copy of the submitted report will be sent to the Project Leader and Mentor
3. Project Mentor: Completion Report (31 March 2021)
 - a. What support did you provide to the Project Leader as part of this project?
 - b. Do you have any feedback on the QuakeCoRE proposal development funding process that could make it more useful in the future?