

RESEARCH FUNDING

Shaping the future of gut health in New Zealand

\$50,000
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For researchers working to change how we understand and treat the gut.



Every breakthrough in gut health starts with a question — and someone bold enough to chase it.

We fund the New Zealand researchers asking those questions. Our grants get good science moving, so the ideas that could change how we prevent, understand and treat gut conditions get their start right here.

WHAT WE FUND

One year of research

A whole project, part of a larger piece of work, or a research student finding their feet. Institutional overheads are not covered.

Our focus for 2026–2028

Diet and the gut

How what we eat shapes our health

The gut microbiome

The vast, complex world living inside us

Gut and mental health

The connection between the two

Who can apply

- Your research is carried out in New Zealand
- You are affiliated with a recognised research institution, such as a university
- Funding can be paid to your research office rather than to you directly
- Priority goes to applicants who have not received Gut Foundation funding in the past three years

How it works

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The overview

A short online form: who you are, a summary of your project, and a conflict of interest declaration.

2

The full proposal

Shortlisted applicants submit a full proposal of up to 11 pages. We send you everything you need.

Key dates

1 Oct 2026

Stage One applications close

15 Oct 2026

Successful applicants for next round notified

15 Nov 2026

Stage Two applications close

14 Dec 2026

Successful applicant/s notified

Start your Stage One application

Scan the code, or apply online at thegut.org.nz/research-funding

