

International Leader Fellowship

Specific Programme requirements:

Background

International Leader Fellowships supports incoming targeted international fellowships for exceptional individuals that cannot be supported through other means. The International Leader Fellowships is a new initiative under Catalyst: Leaders. The Programme enables a Fellow to catalyse science and innovation capability and capacity development in New Zealand for a minimum of four weeks per year for up to three years.

Objective

The International Leader Fellowships are intended to support the attraction by New Zealand Research Organisations (the Hosts) of international fellows who can have a catalytic impact on New Zealand science capabilities and promote the importance of international cooperation in science.

International Partner

- Proposals can be submitted by New Zealand research organisations for Fellows from any country.
- International Leaders coming to New Zealand must not already hold employment in New Zealand

Activity Description

The successful Leader will:

- be recognised for excellence in their area or areas of expertise;
- have the ability to support an increase in New Zealand's capability in their area of expertise;
- be internationally recognised.

The Applicant must be a New Zealand-based Research Organisation, which will act as the New Zealand Host (the Host). The Host will have the ability to leverage strategic benefit of the Leader to catalyse capability and capacity development in New Zealand. The Host is expected to connect the Fellow beyond its own institution.

- Each year up to **three** International Leader Fellows may be awarded.
- The Fellow must spend a minimum of **4 weeks per year** in New Zealand with the Host institution for a period of **up to three years**.

Funding

The International Leader Fellowships will provide the following funding (GST exclusive) per annum of the Award:

- A contribution towards supporting the cost of the Fellow's time of up to **\$20,000** paid to the Host. Where the Fellow's time is being covered by the Fellow's employer, this funding can be used for other expenses relating to the Fellowship;
- **NZ\$20,000** maximum research and travel allowance* paid to the Host; and;
- **NZ\$10,000** maximum host institution administration allowance paid to the Host.

*The cost of buying carbon offsets is a legitimate expense where those carbon offsets are directly related to the project travel activities.

Fields of Research

The International Leader Fellowships are open to all fields of research, science and technology (including social sciences and the humanities), and related areas of expertise.

Specific Requirements

- The New Zealand Host is expected to connect the Leader beyond its own institution.

Notification

The Society will notify Applicants of the outcome by email through their Host Institutional Research Coordinator no later than **7 weeks** after the close of applications.

Successful Grants

Contract Timeframes

Contracts Initiated	Required Starting Date	Contracted Activity must be complete	Activity Report(s) required
No later than 8 weeks after close of Call	No later than 12 months after the Application Closing Date	12, 24 and 36 months after contract commence, for 1, 2 and 3 year projects respectively.	Annually

Payments

The Fellowship will be paid over four payments. The first payment will be made upon signing of the contract, with additional annual payments being made following the acceptance of a satisfactory annual report detailing progress on milestone activities achieved within each year.

Any deviation from this principle must be justified and accepted by the Society's Director – Research Funding, in advance.

Payment will be by direct credit, upon receipt and assessment of the Annual activity report.