

## **New Zealand Orthopaedics Association Research Foundation**

### **1. Overview**

NZOA's Research Foundation supports funding for initiatives that focus on increasing the art and science of orthopaedics.

### **2. Aims of the NZOA Research Foundation**

**2.1** To support and promote Orthopaedic and related research within NZ in particular to:

- support and enhance Orthopaedic trainee research projects
- initiate and support Nationwide multicenter studies
- encourage centers of excellence in basic science research
- facilitate the initiation of Randomized Clinical Trials
- enhance the scientific validity of outcome studies

**2.2** To assist with funding of approved research projects.

**2.3** To actively promote the Research Foundation to the wider community of NZ by:

- public advertisement
- public meetings
- publications

**2.4** To provide an independent vehicle for industry financial support

**2.5** To actively raise funds for research by:

- supporting the Wishbone Trust
- approaching Government agencies
- widely advertising the purpose of the Foundation to patients and the community
- individual donations from members of the Association

**2.6** To support Orthopaedic Fellowships within NZ by:

- accrediting Fellowships (to an acceptable NZ standard in accordance with RACS)
- providing an independent vehicle for industry funding

### **3. Structure of the Foundation**

The Foundation is under the direct Governance of the NZOA Council.

The Foundation will be administered by the appointed members of the Research and Outcomes committee who will be directly responsible to the NZOA Council.

The Chairman of the Research and Outcomes committee will be the Chairman of the Foundation. There will be representation from the Wishbone Trust on the Research Foundation.

All funds deposited into the Foundation will be placed into the NZOA Research Foundation Fund and will be 'ring-fenced' for the use of the Foundation alone. The NZOA Treasurer will be responsible for releasing the funds at the request of the Foundation

All accounts will be open to public audit at the end of each financial year.

#### **4. Finances**

The Foundation will seek financial support from:

- Industry
- Members of the Association
- The public
- Wishbone Trust
- NZOA Trust
- Government agencies

#### **5. Recognition**

Each year the Foundation will produce a document outlining the research projects sponsored and the outcome of that research.

All sponsors will be widely acknowledged in:

- the NZOA newsletter
- on the NZOA website
- at the NZOA annual meeting and CME meetings
- at the NZOA Office (poster)
- a designated "sponsor" session at the annual scientific meeting

#### **6. Fellowships**

The Foundation will assess and accredit all Fellowships in New Zealand according to accepted guidelines. All accredited fellowships will be NZOA approved.

The Foundation will consider fellowship funding dependent on available funds and wishes of sponsors.

#### **7. Funding Guidelines 2012-2013**

The Foundation will consider applications for grants on scientific validity and impact for the development of Orthopaedic care within NZ.

All applications will be competitive, graded using a standard method.

There will be 2 tiers of grants:

- a. Seeding grants
- b. Project grants

Seeding grants will be specifically designed to allow Orthopaedic trainees to initiate research projects and studies and will have a maximum of \$5000.

Project grants will be for full research proposals and will have a maximum of \$100,000.