2025 EXPLORER GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Coversheet

HRC Ref ID#: Click here to enter HRC Ref ID#

Research Title: Click here to enter research title.

A full application for a 2025 Explorer Grant consists of five modules. Refer to the **2025 Explorer Grant Application Guidelines** for detailed guidance on how to complete each module.

Module 1 ‘General information’ must be completed in HRC Gateway. You will need to register your application to receive an HRC Reference ID#. This registration step must be approved by your host organisation’s research office (if it has one) to complete and submit the full application.

This application form contains a Coversheet (for identification purposes and will be replaced with the HRC Ref #, title and lay summary from Module 1 in the final submitted application compiled by HRC Gateway), Module 2 ‘Research’, Module 3 ‘References’.

Module 4‘Contract information and Budget’ is only required from successful applicants who are offered a contract. Module 5 ‘Research classification’ must be completed on HRC Gateway.

Once you have completed this application form, upload it to HRC Gateway as a PDF File. **Module 2 must begin on a new page**. The complete application with all Modules will be generated by HRC Gateway for downloading and printing. Please check your application carefully as incorrectly uploaded files will result in your application being rejected or withdrawn by the HRC.

This form is compatible with recent versions of MS Office. Form fields have Arial 10-point font as the default; bold and underlined variations are acceptable. Referencing with Endnote may not function in this form. Copy Endnote lists from the draft as text only.

**If you do not comply with the application formatting** as stated in the guidelines, your application may be withdrawn from this funding round. This includes using the incorrect font size and style; altering margins and spacing around headings and subheadings; exceeding page limits; or submitting CVs not using the CV template form available on HRC Gateway.

# Module 2: Research

## Section 2A – Summary of proposed research (1-page limit)

### Transformative nature of research

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### Research impact

Click here to enter text (font must be **Arial 10-point**)

### Māori Health Advancement

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## Section 2B – Description of proposed research

## A detailed description of what information is required under each heading can be found in the 2025 Explorer Grant Application Guidelines. The section headings provided should be used. The assessing committee membership is broadly discipline-based, matched to the range of applications assigned to that committee, so not all members will have a working knowledge of every research topic. Please ensure your application is written for researchers with a general understanding of the research area.

### Transformative nature of research (3-page limit)

Click here to enter text (font must be **Arial 10-point**). Your proposal must be considered potentially transformative based on the description of transformative research provided in the 2025 Explorer Grant Application Guidelines.

### Viability of research (2-page limit)

Start this section on a new page. Click here to enter text (font must be **Arial 10-point**). Outline your methodology, set out what can be achieved during the term of the grant, and describe how your research environment is conducive to conducting this research.

**Māori health advancement (1-page limit)**

Start this section on a new page. Click here to enter text (font must be **Arial 10-point**). Consider all potential ways your proposal will advance Māori health, and outline what actions you will undertake to help achieve this potential. The assessment of Māori health advancement will explicitly consider two components:

1. **How will the outcomes** of your research contribute to Māori health advancement?
2. **What activities have you already undertaken** (that are relevant to this grant), and **what will you undertake** during this grant, that will realise your research contribution to Māori health advancement?

In responding to these questions, consider how your research is informed by the four domains of Māori health advancement (see the Māori Health Advancement Guidelines for more details).

The description of Māori health advancement should be considered relative to the scope and context of an Explorer Grant. In particular, given the anonymised nature of the Explorer Grants, **explicit details on who is on the research team and any key relationships cannot be provided**. Instead, provide general information on the skills and knowledge these individuals and relationships will bring.

### Research impact (300-word limit)

Click here to enter text (font must be **Arial 10-point**). The description of research impact should be considered relative to the scope and context of an Explorer Grant. Describe (1) how your research might be used and the anticipated benefits for New Zealand, and (2) the action plan to maximise the use and benefits of the research.

# Module 3: References

Start this section on a new page. Click here to enter text (font must be **Arial 10-point**). There is no page limit. Do NOT indicate any named investigators’ publications to preserve anonymity. Endnote lists must be copied into a plain text editor before pasting it in this section. Details must include a full list of all authors, the title of the article, journal, year, volume and pages numbers.

A reference to Māori terms used in this application with a brief translation should be included here.