2026 Project Expression of Interest (EOI) Application Form

Coversheet

HRC Ref ID#: Click here to enter text.

First named investigator: Click here to enter text.

This form is used for applying a Project Expression of Interest in the ‘**General**’ category, refer to the **2026 Project Expression of Interest (EOI) Application Guidelines** for detailed guidance on how to complete each module.

An EOI application for the 2026 Project consists of four modules.

This COVERSHEET is for identification purposes. It will be replaced by the online pages (Module 1) in the final submitted application compiled by HRC Gateway.

Module 1 ’General information’ must be completed on HRC Gateway.

Module 2 ‘Proposed Research’ must be completed in the form below.

Module 3 ‘New Zealand Standard CV’ is required for the first named investigator and another named investigator, the two CVs must be uploaded to HRC Gateway.

Modules 4 and 5 are **not** required at the EOI stage.

Module 6 ‘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.** HRC Gateway will generate the complete application with all Modules 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Please check your application carefully as incorrectly uploaded files will result in your application being rejected or withdrawn by the HRC.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**If you do not comply with the application formatting** as stated in the guidelines, your application may be withdrawn from this funding round.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.

## Application Checklist

Please carefully review your application and click the boxes to indicate that your application meets the HRC’s requirements.

[ ] [ ]  The application was created using the original **2026 Project Expression of Interest (EOI) Application Form**, which was downloaded from HRC Gateway.

[ ]  The application was written using Arial 10-point type font or larger, default margins, and single line spacing.

[ ]  The theme of this application is not included in section 1.3 ‘Out of scope for the 2026 Project Grants’ in the **2026 Project Expression of Interest (EOI) Application Guidelines**.

[ ]  The first named investigator has New Zealand as their principal domicile and principal place of employment.

[ ]  The first named investigator has only submitted one Project application in the 2026 Project Round as the first named investigator or co-first named investigator.

[ ]  The co-first named investigator (if applicable) has New Zealand as their principal domicile and principal place of employment.

[ ]  The co-first named investigator (if applicable) has only submitted one Project application in the 2026 Project Round as the first named investigator or co-first named investigator.

[ ]  All members named on the research team have been added to this application on HRC Gateway and are included in Module 1.

[ ]  Module 2 has been completed in the 2026 Project Expression of Interest (EOI) Application Form.

[ ]  In Module 2, Proposed Research fits within 3 pages, and References fits within 1 page.

[ ]  In Module 3, two CVs (for the first named investigator and another named investigator) have been uploaded to HRC Gateway using New Zealand standard CV template downloaded from HRC Gateway.

[ ]  Module 6 has been completed on HRC Gateway.

[ ]  The 2026 Project Expression of Interest (EOI) Application Form has been converted to a PDF format. All figures, tables and text have been converted intact.

[ ]  The 2026 Project Expression of Interest (EOI) Application Form in PDF format has been uploaded to HRC Gateway in the ‘Uploads’ section of the application.

[ ]  Your host organisation’s Research Office (if applicable) has checked your application.

[ ]  The HRC requires that all HRC-approved applications must seek ethics review from an HRC-approved ethics committee for their project. Further information regarding this will be included in the full stage application. Please note that if you are successful, evidence of this review will be required, and completion of the ethics review must be listed as a first-year milestone at full stage.

By ticking these boxes, you agree that you have followed HRC’s requirements. If you do not follow these requirements, your application may be withdrawn.

**If you cannot meet any of these requirements, please contact your host organisation’s Research Office for guidance or the HRC at** **info@hrc.govt.nz****.**

# Module 2: Proposed Research (three-page limit, excluding references)

Please refer to the **2026 Project Expression of Interest (EOI) Application Guidelines** for details on the information required under each heading in this section. Your audience includes discipline-specific peer reviewers and a more broadly experienced assessing committee. Therefore, not all members will have specialist knowledge of your research topic. It is in your best interest to structure your writing clearly and logically. (**Please delete this text before submitting**).

### Rationale for research

Click here to enter text. Provide the research rationale and a robust demonstration of the research gap, statement of purpose or aims for research, hypothesis, new knowledge, technical advance and innovation. All HRC-funded research must focus on health and improving health outcomes and be within the scope outlined in Section 1.3 in the **2026 Project Expression of Interest (EOI) Application Guidelines**.

### Research design and methods

Click here to enter text. Provide sufficient details for assessment of protocols, feasibility and validity of data.

### Research impact

Click here to enter text. There are two components to the assessment of ‘**pathway to impact**’:

1. **What types of benefits** are expected to arise from your research, and **who will benefit**? Please answer as appropriate to the research context. A **description** of how your research might be used and the anticipated benefits for New Zealand.
2. **What specific activities will you undertake**, during the life of the project, to maximise the use and benefits of your research? Summarise **the team’s track record of knowledge transfer** from similar research. The action plan to maximise the use and benefits of research.

### Māori health advancement

Click here to enter text. Consideration should be given to all potential ways in which the proposal will advance Māori health, and to outline what actions you will undertake to help achieve this potential. 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 project), and **what will you undertake** during this project, that will realise your research contribution to Māori health advancement?

All applicants for HRC funding will be required to address these two questions in their proposals. In responding to these questions, applicants should consider how their research is informed by the four domains of Māori health advancement (see the Māori Health Advancement Guidelines for more details).

### Expertise and track record of the research team

Click here to enter text. Provide evidence that the team has the experience, qualifications and infrastructure to deliver the research. Declare any career disruptions that may be relevant to your career history. Clearly define the role, expertise and track record of each member of the team giving particular weight to those with high FTE commitments to the project. The role and FTE band of each team member is required in Module 1.

### References (one-page limit)

Click here to enter text. **Endnote** lists should be copied into a plain text editor before adding here. Details must include a full list of all author(s), title of article, journal, year, volume and page numbers. Asterisks are to be placed beside applicant's publications. If references are multi-authored, there is discretion to limit the author list to a more convenient number to fit any space limitations.

A reference to Māori terms in the application with a brief translation could be included in this section but is not included in the page limit.