

The New Zealand Diabetes Foundation (NZDF) is pleased to announce the NZDF Research Fellowship. This is a fellowship primarily aimed at advanced trainee physicians to further their diabetes training toward specialist physician status.

While the focus of research should be centred on diabetes relevant to New Zealand and applicants who have passed the FRACP clinical exam will be favoured, the award does not exclude advanced trainees in other areas of medicine, e.g. general practice, vascular or ophthalmic surgery, public health medicine or mental health.

Recipients would be expected to devote the major part of their time to a supervised research project relevant to diabetes. Any clinical work unrelated to the project should be a small component, to allow maximum focus on the research topic and this will need to be stated in the application form.

The fellowship will be administered through the NZDF and will be tenable at any institution in New Zealand where appropriate supervision and experience is available.

The fellowship will be for one or at most two years depending on the strength and nature of the research project. Remuneration will be up to \$80,000 per year.

Successful applicants will be expected to send a brief progress report to the NZDF every three months, a more detailed report and supervisors report annually, and will be expected to report their findings at the annual NZSSD Scientific Meeting and in an appropriate peer reviewed medical or scientific journal.

For 2009, applicants will close on September 4<sup>th</sup> and from 2010 onwards June 30<sup>th</sup> each year. Applications will be reviewed by an appointment committee with medical representatives from NZDF, plus another senior member from NZSSD and a co-opted member as required.

Application forms are available from [www.nzssd.org.nz](http://www.nzssd.org.nz) website.

Please send six copies of completed application with references to:

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