A total of 36 grants were awarded at the Heart Foundation’s Scientific Advisory Group meeting in July. The awards include 1 Programme Grant, 7 Project Grants, 12 Fellowships and Scholarships, 4 Small Project Grants, 2 Grant-in-Aid Grants and 5 Travel Grants. Five Summer Studentships were also awarded to the Medical Schools at the University of Auckland and the University of Otago. Funding for this year included a first-time joint venture between the Heart Foundation and the Healthier Lives National Science Challenge. As part of this the Heart Foundation has awarded $1 million dollars to Dr Corina Grey, from the University of Auckland, to tackle equity in heart health outcomes for all New Zealanders.

**PROJECT GRANTS:**

Dr Philip Adamson  
Department of Medicine at the University of Otago - Christchurch  
Biomarkers for the risk assessment of bleeding and ischaemic events following acute coronary syndrome.  
$147,264

Dr Janice Chew-Harris  
Department of Medicine at the University of Otago - Christchurch  
A suPAR predictor of cardiovascular risk and outcomes  
$147,854

Dr Helen Eyles  
National Institute for Health Innovation, University of Auckland  
Sodium and potassium intakes in New Zealand school children: A survey to protect children’s future health  
$117,447

Dr Sally Mackay  
Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics at the University of Auckland  
The Food Policy Impact Evaluation 2020/21  
$149,734

Dr Daryl Schwenke  
Department of Physiology at the University of Otago - Dunedin  
Cardiac sympathetic activation following acute myocardial infarction role of cerebral blood flow dysregulation  
$149,829

Professor Ralph Stewart  
Department of Cardiology at Auckland DHB  
The Early valve replacement in severe ASYmptomatic Aortic Stenosis (EASY-AS) trial  
$164,560
Dr Annika Winbo
Department of Physiology at the University of Auckland
Neurocardiac arrhythmia mechanisms in LQTS
$144,725

FELLOWSHIPS & SCHOLARSHIPS:

Dr Philip Adamson
Senior Research Fellowship (3 years)
Department of Medicine at the University of Otago - Christchurch

Dr Mesfer Alfadhel
Heart Foundation Overseas Training & Research Fellowship (1 year)
Interventional Cardiology, Vancouver General Hospital Canada

Dr Aleksandar Cicovic
Heart Foundation Overseas Training & Research Fellowship (1 year)
Interventional Cardiology, The University Hospital of Bern Switzerland.

Dr Helen Eyles
Senior Research Fellowship (3 years)
National Institute for Health Innovation University of Auckland

Dr Jacelyn Mei San Loh (Hughes)
Senior Research Fellowship (3 years)
Molecular Medicine and Pathology at the University of Auckland

Dr Cameron McAlister
Heart Foundation Overseas Training & Research Fellowship (1 year)
Interventional Cardiology, Vancouver General Hospital Canada

Dr Andrew Reynolds
Research Fellowship (3 years)
Department of Medicine at the University of Otago - Dunedin

Mr Zhaohan Xiong
Postgraduate Scholarship (3 years)
Auckland Bioengineering Institute at the University of Auckland

Dr Steve Waqanivavalagi
Postgraduate Scholarship (3 years)
Department of Medicine at the University of Auckland
Cardiac Surgery

Heart Foundation Grants awarded July 2019
Dr Annika Winbo  
Post-doctoral research fellowship (2 years)  
Department of Physiology at the University of Auckland  
Electrophysiology

Dr Leanne Young  
Post-doctoral Research Fellowship (3 years)  
Department of Population Health-NIHI at the University of Auckland

Miss Debbie Zhao  
Postgraduate Scholarship (2 years)  
Auckland Bioengineering Institute at the University of Auckland

**SMALL PROJECT GRANTS:**

Dr June-Chiew Han  
Auckland Bioengineering Institute at the University of Auckland  
The forgotten ventricle.  
$12,000 over 18 months

Dr Pete Jones  
Department of Physiology at the University of Otago - Dunedin  
Why do diabetic patients have an altered heart rate?  
$14,700 over 1 year

Dr Moritz Lassé  
Department of Medicine at the University of Otago - Christchurch  
Using Human Hair to Determine Background Plasma Creatinine Concentrations.  
$14,050 over 1 year

Dr Steve Waqanivavalagi  
Department of Medicine at the University of Auckland  
Novel decellularisation techniques in heart valve tissue engineering.  
$15,000 over 3 years

**GRANT-IN-AID:**

Dr Fiona McBryde  
Department of Physiology at the University of Auckland  
Targeting the 'forgotten' venous circulation in hypertension.  
$15,000
Dr Katrina Poppe  
Department of Epidemiology & Biostatistics at the University of Auckland  
Inaugural Heart Health Emerging Researchers forum.  
$12,510

**TRAVEL GRANTS:**

Mr Hamish Aitken-Buck  
Department of Physiology at the University of Otago - Dunedin  
To attend the Cardiac Society of Australia and New Zealand Annual Scientific Meeting (CSANZ 2019).

Dr Ayah Elsayed  
Department of Anatomy and Radiology at the University of Auckland  
To attend the CSANZ Annual Scientific Meeting 2019.

Ms Cathy Gasparini  
Department of Cardiology at Auckland DHB  
To attend the European Society of Cardiology in Paris.

Miss Gisela Kristono  
Department of Surgery and Anaesthesia at the University of Otago - Wellington  
To attend the American Heart Association Scientific Sessions in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dr Tom Kai Ming Wang  
Department of Cardiology at Counties Manukau DHB  
To attend the European Society of Cardiology Congress and World Heart Congress 2019.