

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 Waqanivalagi
Postgraduate Scholarship (3 years)
Department of Medicine at the University of Auckland
Cardiac Surgery



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 Waqanivalagi
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.