



Neuromuscular Research New Zealand

Research Priorities

Neuromuscular Research New Zealand* is the research arm of the Muscular Dystrophy Association of New Zealand Inc., (MDANZ) and accepts funding applications for research relevant to New Zealanders living with neuromuscular conditions once per year.

Trustees for Neuromuscular Research New Zealand assess each application according to the priorities identified by MDANZ and its members.

Applications that align with the following priorities will be given a higher rating when assessment criteria is applied.

1. Advances research into effective treatments

Research facilitates and/or contributes to clinical research aimed at developing effective treatments for neuromuscular conditions.

2. Improves health outcomes or quality of life

Research may encompass standards of care, innovative practice in supporting people with neuromuscular conditions, and/or evaluation of therapy approaches, service delivery modes and interventions.

3. Improves the diagnostic journey

Research aims to reduce diagnostic timeframe and improve experience of receiving a genetic diagnosis.

Priority will also be given to the following:

- Translational research that makes a tangible difference to the lives of New Zealanders with of neuromuscular conditions.
- Qualitative research that gives a voice to the experience of New Zealanders with lived experience of neuromuscular conditions and their families and whanau.
- Research conducted in New Zealand and associated with short to medium term time frames of no more than three years.

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- Preliminary studies that are required to develop further proposals for substantial financial support from research funding agencies such as the Neurological Foundation, Health Research Council etc.
- Research being undertaken by postgraduate students in which case up to two postgraduate student scholarships per year of \$5000 may be awarded.

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