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Hi all,

Research Data/Infrastructure Funding (RDIF) Scheme 2026

The RDIF scheme, administered by the Faculty Research Committee, is designed to support researchers who need research data/infrastructure not available through the Business School or UoA. We particularly encourage applications that demonstrate clear communal value, such as collaborative use across disciplines or by a larger number of researchers. The total funding pool available for 2026 is NZD 50,000.

In this round, the scheme will support only the purchase of electronic research datasets; it will not cover primary data collection, such as fieldwork, electronic survey panel data, interviews, or survey administration. Please note:

- Only applications from researchers with an up-to-date Discovery Profile will be considered.
- Applicants with a Personal Research Account and/or Research Development Account are strongly encouraged to use those funds before applying.

The RDIF application form is attached. Applications should be emailed to Juan Camilo Rodriguez (j.rodriguez@auckland.ac.nz) by 20 April, 5pm.

Customised data from Statistics New Zealand

UoA researchers and doctoral students can request pre-paid customised tables from Stats NZ. UoA currently has surplus processing hours that must be used by 30 June. Customised data requests are ideal when:

- The data one needs is not publicly available, or
- One wants to combine variables from different Stats NZ data sources into one table.

The [Statistics NZ data services guide](#) offers advice on how to request custom statistics.

From the ECRC

The Early Career Researchers' Committee (ECRC) hosted a Continuation and Promotion information session last month. Please contact Lisa Hillas at lisa.hillas@auckland.ac.nz if you would like access to the slides from this session; they contain important information and links.

The ECRC held its 1st ECR catch-up on 18 March and will host similar informal events throughout the year.

We also plan to hold our Annual Symposium and yet another writing retreat in the second half of the year. This year, the Symposium will focus on connecting ECR and non-ECR colleagues across departments.

The Committee continues to advertise research assistant positions and maintains a list of students interested in them. The information is available via the [ECRC website](#). To have an advertisement posted, please contact Yuki Guo at yuki.guo@auckland.ac.nz.

The UoA Emerging Research Network (ERN) Seed Fund is open for applications. This fund supports early and mid-career researchers in developing interdisciplinary research projects. Each award provides up to NZD 5,000 to help initiate interdisciplinary collaborative work and strengthen proposals for future external funding. The application deadline is 23 March, 10am. Please contact ern@auckland.ac.nz with any questions or to access the application form.

Human ethics

UoA is implementing improvements to the human ethics ecosystem. The following improvements have now

been completed:

- New [Ethics Guidelines](#) for researchers;
- New [Essential Learning](#) for researchers (to access, click "+ Join this course" from the homepage);
- New [Human Ethics Application Form](#) to replace current forms;
- Refreshed [ResearchHub pages](#) for human ethics;
- Published [processing timeframes](#) for all ethics committees;
- New [Standard Operating Procedures](#) for committee members.

The Ethics Guidelines and the new Human Ethics Application Form will go live on 13 April. [ResearchHub](#) offers an overview of the transition arrangements between now and 30 June 2026.

Questions can be directed to ethicsimprovementplan@auckland.ac.nz.

RSNZ Marsden round 2026

In the most recent Marsden round, researchers from the Business School submitted 8 applications: 4 standard proposals (A&F, ISOM, MIB, and PROP) and 4 fast-start proposals (2 from ISOM and 2 from MIB). I wish our applicants all the best with their proposal submissions.

Tāwhia te Mana Research Fellowships 2026: Q&A Insights session and narrative CV writing workshop

These Fellowships support researchers at different career stages to produce excellent and impactful research and to develop into leaders in their fields, their respective host organisations, and across Aotearoa New Zealand.

The UoA Research Funding team will host an in-person Q&A panel insights session on 14 April, featuring past Tāwhia Te Mana Research Fellowships recipients. This session offers the opportunity to hear firsthand experiences, ask questions, and receive advice.

A practical narrative CV-writing workshop will take place on 30 April to support researchers applying for such Fellowships by helping them showcase their diverse contributions and achievements in a descriptive format. Participants will explore the purpose and structure of a narrative CV and receive practical guidance on articulating research achievements, leadership, service, and other contributions. The workshop is interactive and hands-on, providing time to develop draft content for your Narrative CV. Registration details for both sessions are listed below.

Upcoming research events and deadlines

31 March: Deadline for nominations for Royal Society Te Apārangi Research Honours 2026. The list of medals and awards is available [here](#). Please email academy@royalsociety.org.nz if you wish to submit a nomination, and you will be provided with a URL to access an individual web-based application form.

1 April: Deadline for University Prizes and Awards: [ECREA](#) and [REM](#)

1 April: Deadline for [Spencer Foundation – Small Research Grants on Education Program](#), up to NZD 82,000 for up to 5 years.

14 April: Deadline for [RSNZ Catalyst Fund](#) for advancing global science partnerships for NZ – various opportunities.

14 April, 10am-11am: Tāwhia te Mana Research Fellowships 2026 Q&A Insights session. Register [here](#).

29 April: Deadline for University Prizes and Awards: [RIA](#)

30 April, 10am-11.30am: Tāwhia Te Mana Narrative CV Writing Workshop. Register [here](#).

30 April: Deadline for [Royal Society Te Apārangi – 2026 Call for Ngā Takahoa a Te Apārangi Companion nominations](#).

Take care,
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This Update is intended to keep University of Auckland Business School staff informed about research developments, news, events, and funding opportunities. The Update has been issued since 2018. You can view editions from 2022 onwards on the [Research section of the Business School internet pages](#).