

Initiating Collaborative Partnerships (ICP Funding)

1. Overview of Funding

The MedTech CoRE ICP Funding supports the formation of new collaborative partnerships between the CoRE partners.

Inter-institutional collaborative behaviour is a strong push in the CoRE and the Management team recognises that new relationships are difficult to pursue when potential partners are in different centers throughout the nation. This fund is for researchers, in particular the CoRE's Associate Investigators, who have not formally worked together to develop ideas with an expectation that the newly formed team will progress a Seed Project concept or seek other forms of funding including HRC, MBIE and Royal Society funds.

Projects of up to \$10,000 (GST not included) are being sought to cover costs for forming a new partnership including travel for researchers from different institutions to meet and visit each other's facilities and project teams. Funding does not cover research work or student support. Applications may be submitted at any time for review by the CoRE Management Team.

Upon completion, a one-page report is required outlining status of relationship, what has been achieved and next steps from the newly formed team.

This fund is established acknowledging feedback from the CoRE community.

2. Project Eligibility Criteria

Projects have to meet the following criteria to be eligible for funding:

- Must be between at least two partners of the CMDT/CoRE¹ located in different cities.
 - Acceptable partnership examples (UoA and VUW, AUT and Callaghan Innovation (Wellington and Christchurch), UoO (Dunedin) and UC)
 - Not acceptable partnership examples (UoO(Canterbury) and UC, AUT and UoA, VUW and Callaghan Innovation (Wellington))
- Led by researchers that are associated with the CoRE. Funding is not exclusive to Associate Investigators but preference is given to this group as the network that the CoRE is keen to develop. Primary Investigators can be part of the project team but preferably not as project lead; their costs may only be covered if this new collaboration is outside a funded Flagship or Platform.
- Clear reasons must be given as to why this partnership is important to the network, its goals, what it will achieve from this project and next steps.
- A plan to progress the collaboration is expected alongside a budget.
- Students are not eligible for funding as this is focused on developing longer term goals and relationships between established researchers.

¹ The 6 CMDT/CoRE partners are: Auckland University of Technology (AUT), Callaghan Innovation (CI), University of Auckland (UoA), University of Canterbury (UC), University of Otago (UoO) and Victoria University of Wellington (VUW).

3. Project Evaluation and Awards

Applicants must complete the Proposal and Budget templates provided – these should outline the team applying and address the eligibility criteria in Section 2.

The Management Team will assess the proposals and decide on awards.

At the end of a project, a one-page report is expected to highlighting progress of the collaboration and next steps. The progress of the collaboration will be tracked over the life of the CoRE.