

New Zealand Partnering Awards

BBSRC's support for facilitating international collaboration with New Zealand

BBSRC's International Relations Unit (IRU) seeks to enhance BBSRC's influence and involvement at the forefront of international science, through taking advantage of international funding opportunities in the interests of BBSRC's scientific community and capitalising on international links, both at policy and scientific levels.

The New Zealand Partnering Awards have been established by BBSRC to specifically support UK-New Zealand collaborative activity. New Zealand Partnering Awards provide resources to leading BBSRC-funded researchers and groups, so that they are able to establish long-term relationships with New Zealand scientists in areas of research that are of direct relevance to BBSRC's current scientific strategy.

The first annual call for the New Zealand Partnering Awards scheme was announced by BBSRC in 2019. Awards of up to £50,000, covering a four-year period, have been awarded. This year, BBSRC has funded a total of 5 New Zealand Partnering Awards, providing a financial contribution of approximately £233K.

Funding from New Zealand Partnering Awards can be used to support exchanges of personnel and to access facilities and workshops, although no prescribed mechanisms have been set concerning how the award should be used. However, priority is given to proposals that aim to provide exchange opportunities to early career researchers and access facilities and expertise not currently available in the UK.

The expectation is that New Zealand Partnering Awards will enable researchers to establish collaborations that will lead to the submission of joint research proposals, either through UKRI or other funding organisations in the future.

A list of proposals that have been awarded by BBSRC in 2020 are shown below.

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PREVIOUS AWARDS 2020

2020 Call**UK-NZ-Argentina Partnership in Antimicrobial Resistome Metagenomics**

£41,500

UK lead partner	Dr Peers Davies, University of Liverpool
New Zealand partner	Nikki Freed, Massey University; Adam Blanchard, University of Nottingham; Sergio Bruni, Natl University of Central Buenos Aires

New Zealand Partnering Award: "One Health Genomic Epidemiology of Zoonotic Pathogens"

£50,000

UK lead partner	Dr Alison Mather, Quadram Institute Bioscience
New Zealand partner	Nigel French, One Health Aotearoa

Mining extremophile genomes for synthetic biology

£50,000

UK lead partner	Professor Nigel Richards, Cardiff University
New Zealand partner	Adele Williamson, University of Waikato

2019 Call**New Zealand partnering award: Pathogenesis and effector delivery in Phytophthora infections of woody host plants**

£47,600

UK lead partner	Professor Paul Birch, University of Dundee
New Zealand partner	Rosie Bradshaw, Massey University; Preeti Panda, Massey University; Rebecca McDougall, Scion Research; Claudia-Nicole Meisrimler, University of Canterbury NZ

Understanding biology and epidemiology of the European apple canker disease

£45,000

UK lead partner	Professor Xiangming Xu, National Inst of Agricultural Botany
New Zealand partner	Monika Walker, Plant and Food Research