GRANTS AWARDED JULY 2017

A total of 38 grants, were awarded at the Heart Foundation’s Scientific Advisory Group meeting in July. The awards include six Project Grants, ten Fellowships and Scholarships, six Small Project Grants, one Grant-in-Aid Grant and ten Travel Grants. Five Summer Studentships were also awarded to the Medical Schools at the University of Otago and the University of Auckland.

PROJECT GRANTS:

Professor Bart Ellenbroek  
School of Psychology, Victoria University  
Why does mental illness affect the heart?  
$151,438 over 2 years

Dr Nigel Lever  
ADHB Cardiology, the University of Auckland  
Pacemaker and Defibrillator Lead Extraction Project.  
$88,370 over 2 years

Dr Barry Palmer  
Department of Medicine, the University of Otago – Christchurch  
Evaluation of placental growth factor as a diagnostic and prognostic biomarker in heart failure.  
$118,846 over 2 years

Associate Professor Miriam Rademaker  
Department of Medicine, the University of Otago - Christchurch  
Phosphodiesterase 9 inhibition in heart failure.  
$152,100 over 2 years

Associate Professor Nigel Wilson  
Department of Paediatric and Congenital Cardiology, Auckland DHB  
The Establishment of the New Zealand Rheumatic Heart Disease Registry.  
$131,040 over 2 years

Dr Joanna Young  
Department of Cardiology, Canterbury DHB  
Testing Strategies to Minimise Stress Testing in Patients with Acute Chest Pain and Negative Cardiac Blood Tests. $148,563 over 3 years
FELLOWSHIPS & SCHOLARSHIPS:

Dr Mohammed Alawami
Overseas Training & Research Fellowship (1 year)
Interventional cardiology training at Manchester Royal Infirmary in the United Kingdom.

Dr Sarah Appleby
Research Fellowship (2 years)
Department of Medicine, the University of Otago - Christchurch

Dr Susann Beier
Research Fellowship (3 years)
Department of Anatomy with Medical Imaging, the University of Auckland

Dr Manali Jain
Overseas Training & Research Fellowship (1 year)
British Society of Echocardiography/SCMR/ESC MRI certification/SCCT certification.

Mr Timothy Jones
(PhD) Postgraduate Scholarship (3 years)
Department of Physiology at the University of Auckland

Dr Meredith Peddie
Research Fellowship (3 years)
University of Otago - Dunedin

Dr Katrina Poppe
Senior Fellowship (3 years)
Department of Epidemiology & Biostatistics, the University of Auckland

Dr Timothy Prickett
Senior Fellowship (3 years)
Department of Medicine, the University of Otago - Christchurch

Ms Zoe Ward
(PhD) Postgraduate Scholarship (3 years)
Department of Medicine at the University of Otago - Christchurch

Dr Mariusz Wolbinski
Overseas Training & Research Fellowship (1 year)
Structural Heart Interventional Cardiology Fellowship Columbia University Medical Center / New York Presbyterian Hospital New York, USA.
SMALL PROJECT GRANTS:

Professor Christopher Bullen  
Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences, the University of Auckland  
The completeness of capture of ACS and coronary intervention in ANZACS-QI and agreement between the ANZACS-QI and National datasets.  
$14,867 over 6 months

Associate Professor Gerry Devlin  
Department of Cardiology, Waikato DHB  
Does Peer Support improve Secondary Prevention of Ischaemic Heart Disease?  
$15,000 over 12 months

Professor Rob Doughty  
Department of Medicine, the University of Auckland  
$15,000 over 10 months

Professor Debbie Hay  
School of Biological Sciences, the University of Auckland  
Tailored cardiovascular signalling: a therapeutic prospect for adrenomedullin and related peptides?  
$15,000 over 18 months

Dr Anna Rolleston  
The Centre for Health Ltd  
The sustainability of outcomes and lifestyle changes of a kaupapa Māori enhanced 12-week exercise and lifestyle management programme for cardiovascular disease risk reduction.  
$14,760 over 18 months

Dr Jichao Zhao  
Auckland Bioengineering Institute, the University of Auckland  
Investigating the possible mechanisms behind new-onset atrial fibrillation under diabetic conditions.  
$15,000 over 18 months

GRANT-IN-AID:

Dr Kenneth Tran  
Auckland Bioengineering Institute, the University of Auckland  
Mitochondrial dysfunction in diabetic heart failure.  
$15,000
TRAVEL GRANTS:

Mr Akash Deep Chakraborty
Department of Physiology, the University of Otago - Dunedin
To attend the Australian Physiological Society (AUPS) Melbourne 2017.

Mr Mickey (Jui-Lin) Fan
Department of Physiology, the University of Otago - Wellington
To attend the Recent Advances and Controversies in Measuring Energy Metabolism (RACMEM) Conference, Switzerland.

Dr June-Chiew Han
Auckland Bioengineering Institute, the University of Auckland
To attend the Cardiac Physiome Society’s 20th Workshop in Toronto, Canada.

Dr Joanne Harrison
Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology, the University of Otago - Dunedin
To attend the MedSci Congress and Mitochondria Satellite Queenstown 2017, New Zealand.

Dr Rajesh Katare
Department of Physiology, the University of Otago – Dunedin
To attend the 63rd Annual Conference of Association of Physiologists and Pharmacologists of India (APPICON 2017).

Associate Professor Denis Loiselle
Department of Physiology, the University of Auckland
To attend the 20th Session of the Cardiac Physiome Workshop Toronto, Canada.

Dr Anna Pilbrow
Department of Medicine, the University of Otago – Christchurch
To attend the American Heart Association (AHA) Scientific Sessions, Anaheim, CA, USA.

Dr Katrina Poppe
Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, the University of Auckland
To attend the European Society of Cardiology annual congress, Barcelona 2017, Spain.

Dr Kenneth Tran
Auckland Bioengineering Institute, the University of Auckland
To attend the Cardiac Physiome Society’s 20th Workshop in Toronto, Canada.

Dr Stefanie Vandevijvere
Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, the University of Auckland
To attend the International Congress of Nutrition Buenos Aires, Argentina.