



The NZIDT Research  
Fund



# What is the NZIDT Research Fund?

- The fund is controlled by the NZIDT and will only be awarded if the NZIDT executive can see merit in the research for its membership
- **Objective statement**
- The NZIDT Research Funding Grant will provide financial support for research projects related to dental technology and clinical dental technology, and foster the development of research throughout our profession.

# Some of the Steps To Follow

- Things to think about before applying
- Applying for the research grant
- Grant Recipients & Completion of Research

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## Things to think about before applying

- Developing an idea
  - Considering what interests you that might be worth researching
  - Finding out what is already known
  - Determining the quality of what information is available
  - Talking with others and forming a team
  - Deciding the topic
- NZIDT SUPPORT
  - Communication tools
    - Online forum
    - Setting up mailing groups
    - Branches
    - NZIDT Admin
  - The Executive
    - Access to advice and direction to get best support the organisation
    - We will build a list of people with search interests, so you can link up with the best person for you.
  - Resources
    - Access to support from academic staff to help preliminary preparation

# Applying for the research grant

- Define Research Project
  - Consider the value to NZIDT
  - Clarify focus to ensure achievability
- Determine research team and their roles
- Identify the areas fund will support
- Complete application form
- **NZIDT Support**
  - The Executive
  - CPD Committee
  - Mentor support
  - NZIDT admin
- **OTAGO University Support**
  - Access to academic staff
    - Providing advice
    - Supportive information such as journal articles
    - Available to participate in research teams



# The application process

- The application guidelines will be on the NZIDT web site.
- It will involve a bit of form filling and you do need to have your research project mapped out.
- The executive need to have the information to be able to assess the likelihood of completion and if the research is along the lines that will benefit the membership.



# What will the research fund provide money for?

- The executive will consider funding a number of different projects:
- You might need to pay for expertise.
- You could need resource such as materials you will consume for the research project.
- It is unlikely the fund will support the purchase of equipment or cover employment of a researcher. However it may part fund a small portion of these expenses in special circumstances.



# Grant Recipients & Completion of Research

- Progress reports
  - Commitment to completion agreed in grant
  - Writing up results
  - Publication
- NZIDT Support
    - Mentor support
    - Access to journals where team approach has been formed
    - Access to testing equipment when relevant and where team approach has been formed
    - NZIDT admin support
    - Publication



# Helping you with research

- The NZIDT has worked with the University of Otago to see how the staff at the Faculty of Dentistry could assist the NZIDT membership with their research.
- The staff have experience with research and are keen to team up with people in industry on research projects.
- Once you are in a team with someone from the University it will open some doors to testing equipment and literature recourses.
- We will build a list of people with search interests, so you can link up with the best person for you.
- Some possibilities: Patient information across practices / Market research / material testing / literature review

