



# RESEARCH GRANT APPLICATION 2025

## **Introduction**

The Rod Donald Banks Peninsula Trust's vision is to create a thriving and enduring ecosystem of trails and regenerating landscapes on Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū - Banks Peninsula.

The Trust is making available a grant to support research on Banks Peninsula. The inaugural grant of \$20,000 will be awarded in 2025 for research undertaken in 2026.

Funds available each year are \$20,000 GST Excl for 2025, 2026 and 2027. The grant may be awarded to one or more projects depending on funding requests and alignment with Rod Donald Banks Peninsula Trust priorities.

2025 is the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passing of our namesake Rod Donald. With the support of Rod's family, priority for this year's research grant will be for projects that inform, reduce barriers and enhance accessibility to the walking and biking trails on Banks Peninsula to a wider demographic of people than currently access these opportunities.

Researchers may apply in subsequent years for additional funds.

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## **Application details**

- Applications open: 1 July 2025
- Applications close: 1 November 2025

Research project application must include:

- 1) Name of project;
- 2) Names of researcher(s) (and qualifications). Include any supervisors/academic mentors if this is a project being led by a student;
- 3) Name of organisation(s) researchers are associated with;
- 4) Primary Researcher contact details (for correspondence regarding this application);
- 5) Brief outline of the broad research aim/primary question/s to be answered, research methodology to be used and timelines;
- 6) Does this project require research ethics approval? – if yes please specify and confirm that this will be in place prior to starting research;
- 7) Explanation as to how the research will enhance Banks Peninsula in terms of the Rod Donald Banks Peninsula Trust's strategic pou (refer to Rod Donald Banks Peninsula Trust Strategic Plan attached):
  - a. Access
  - b. and/or Biodiversity

c. and/or Knowledge;

- 8) Priority for the 2025 grant will be given to projects that inform reducing barriers and enhancing accessibility to the walking and biking trails on Banks Peninsula to a wider demographic of people than currently access. How does this project contribute to this?;
- 9) Supporting the aspirations of mana whenua is important to the Rod Donald Banks Peninsula Trust. How will this research support this?;
- 10) What other funding is being accessed or applied for to support the project?, including the details of who you have applied to, the value and how these fit in with this application;
- 11) Provide a budget for the project and outline what specifically this grant will support and what aspects (if any) will be supported by other funds;
- 12) Confirm that you can contribute to the following minimum outputs:
  - a. A short report to the RDBPT biannually
  - b. A presentation at the conclusion of the project to the RDT board that includes a set of recommendations from the research specific to the outcomes of the project.
  - c. Short update that can published in the RDT newsletter; and
- 13) Details of additional outputs you expect to achieve with the support of this grant and the timelines of these.

Note about IP arising from this grant:

IP arising from research funded by the Rod Donald Trust may be used by both the Trust and the researcher, with mutual acknowledgment - the Trust will acknowledge the researcher's contribution when using the IP, and the researcher will acknowledge the Trust's funding support.

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