

Child Cancer Foundation's Health Professional Grant



Child Cancer Foundation not only provides support for children and families facing the child cancer journey but also supports the Health Professionals who provide their medical treatment.

On top of increasing the funding by 30% for the 25/26 financial year, we are also changing the way we deliver the programme to those on the ground.

From 1 July 2025, we are bulk funding both treatment centres, Starship and CHOC. For staff in these two centres, you should contact your Clinical Leadership Team who will be able to nominate and approve conference and other workforce development opportunities for the financial year ahead up to the agreed funding provided. Staff in these centres will then be able to arrange travel, registrations and accommodation.

Why have we made these changes?

We have made these changes for two reasons:

1. We wish to better align the funding to the workplace needs of each treatment centre, while improving access to workforce development opportunities.
2. We wanted to reduce the administrative burden and initial financial outlay for the hard-working teams in both centres.

Child Cancer Foundation will retain a small fund for those working in the paediatric oncology space in the rest of New Zealand via the existing application process.

How to apply

In Auckland and Christchurch, speak to your clinical leader or manager. They can advise what's available and the approval process - it's that simple!

In the rest of New Zealand, we recommend applying in advance of payment of any costs. Please note that if you apply early, we may not be able to reimburse you until the financial year that the conference is to be held in.

To apply, please download and complete the form on our website: childcancer.org.nz/health-professionals.

From 1 January 2024, we can no longer accept applications using the old form. Applications may take up to 4-6 weeks to be considered.

Send completed application forms to:

Child Cancer Foundation
PO Box 152
AUCKLAND 1140

Or email to:
hpgrants@childcancer.org.nz

If you have any questions, please contact hpgrants@childcancer.org.nz

Approval criteria

The purpose of the grant is to support health professionals such as doctors, nurses, social workers and other Allied Health professionals who spend the majority of their role delivering paediatric oncology services.

The Foundation welcomes applications from a rural or provincial area, where attendance at a conference or training may support services delivered to children with a cancer diagnosis and their families.

When assessing applications, prior approvals from individuals are taken into consideration and we will generally only fund one conference or training event per individual every two years. Consideration will also be given to the number of applicants received for any particular conference. We aim to leverage the fund to ensure we benefit the workforce that serves New Zealand children and their families.

By accepting funding, recipients agree to provide a written report upon return and may be asked to present at a symposium.

What we cover

The grant will cover airfares, airport transfers, hotel accommodation for the duration of the conference (including a day either side) and conference fees.

Meals and any other costs must be covered by the applicant.

We will also consider grant funding to support advanced academic study through a New Zealand institution, such as Honours, Masters or a PhD, particularly for nursing Allied Health staff outside of the two main cancer centres, Starship and CHOC. Keep an eye on our website for more information.

Subject to funding availability, Child Cancer Foundation will also consider applications for funding equipment which supports the delivery of services to children with cancer. Decisions around this will occur in May/June each year.



In 2024 Child cancer foundation paid out **over \$43,000** to New Zealand Health Professionals to attend domestic and international courses and conferences.