**2024 Research Funding Applications**

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| **Purpose** | To provide a request for expressions of interest for funding |
| **Recommendation/Action Required** | For consideration and prioritisation using the agreed funding assessment framework, and taking into consideration the views of stakeholders, as well as the balanced portfolio investment model |
| **Key issues for Committee to consider or discuss** | The material is provided to the committee for initial review prior to the September 9th FRC meeting so that FRC members can address any questions or uncertainties directly with the project developers at the meeting, prior to assessment |
| **Previous Committee consideration** | Refer to associated funding process document for timing process considerations |
| **Stakeholder views** | **FGLT:** As part of the annual FGLT strategic review meeting the FGLT indicated the following areas as having high strategic priority: • Biosecurity • Resilience • Contingency activity • Labour/mechanisation **Environment committee** would like to support for research that: • Reduces chemical use or develops alternative chemical technologies • Technology to improve sedimentation management e.g. lignin biomarker research **FFA would like to support for research that:** • Advances knowledge in contingency and alternative species • Improves small grower access to new technology, especially in areas such as pruning and decision support tools **Biosecurity** Phasing of FBC meetings and funding submissions has not allowed the FBC to review biosecurity-specific proposals. As such, a lack of definitive support from FBC should not be seen as a negative reflection on the proposed research. |

Note: Each project should have a new assessment file created. The file should be saved using the  
name of the Project listed on the application, followed by the initials of the FRC member. For  
example; “resilient forests -AG”.  
Once all assessments are complete, they should be emailed as excel attachments to  
bart.challis@fgr.nz” with veronica.bennett@fgr.nz in copy.  
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**Forest Research Committee  
9th September 2021**  
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**Subject: 2022 Funding Application Process and Strategic Measure Review**

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| **Purpose** | To outline the intended 2022 funding process and timelines |
| **Recommendation/Action Required** | For discussion and adoption |
| **Key issues for Committee to consider or discuss** | Does the funding template require modification/additions, particularly as it relates to providing suitable content for use with the strategic assessment framework? What sort of research provider coverage should we attain? Are there adjustments needed for the strategic assessment framework? |
| **Previous Committee consideration** | Strategic dashboard summary from February FRC meeting |
| **Stakeholder views** |  |

**Proposed 2023 Funding Process**

* **17th July 2023: distribute updated expressions of interest funding template**

To key research providers (Scion, UoC, MRC, Lincoln Uni, Manaaki Whenua), as well as FOA Committee representatives and discuss/present portfolio considerations.

* **August 31st (Thurs): Funding submissions due**  
  September 9th: researchers present funding concepts to committee with associated Q&A session
* **September 15th (Friday): FRC individual ranking process**

FRC members provide individual rankings using the strategic assessment  
framework.

* **September 24th: Rankings combined and redistributed to FRC**

Individual member assessments are combined and redistributed for joint  
discussion on October 5th

* **October 5th (Thurs): FRC meeting (and discussion on combined rankings)**

Moderated priorities are sent to FOA for submission to FGLT.

* **October 28th: Initial budget allocations provided by FGLT**Initial budget allocations provided by FGLT and researchers notified of likely  
  outcomes.
* **December 2nd: 2024 budgets formally confirmed by FGLT**

2023 budgets formally confirmed by FGLT and researchers notified of results