**2024 Research Funding Applications**

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| **Purpose**  | To provide a request for expressions of interest for funding |
| **Recommendation/ActionRequired** | For consideration and prioritisation using the agreed fundingassessment framework, and taking into consideration the views ofstakeholders, as well as the balanced portfolio investment model |
| **Key issues for Committeeto consider or discuss** | The material is provided to the committee for initial review prior tothe September 9th FRC meeting so that FRC members canaddress any questions or uncertainties directly with the projectdevelopers at the meeting, prior to assessment |
| **Previous Committeeconsideration** | Refer to associated funding process document for timing processconsiderations |
| **Stakeholder views**  | **FGLT:**As part of the annual FGLT strategic review meeting the FGLTindicated 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 chemicaltechnologies• Technology to improve sedimentation management e.g.lignin biomarker research**FFA would like to support for research that:**• Advances knowledge in contingency and alternativespecies• Improves small grower access to new technology,especially in areas such as pruning and decision supporttools**Biosecurity**Phasing of FBC meetings and funding submissions has notallowed the FBC to review biosecurity-specific proposals. Assuch, a lack of definitive support from FBC should not be seen asa 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/ActionRequired** | For discussion and adoption |
| **Key issues for Committeeto consider or discuss** | Does the funding template require modification/additions,particularly as it relates to providing suitable content for use withthe strategic assessment framework?What sort of research provider coverage should we attain?Are there adjustments needed for the strategic assessmentframework? |
| **Previous Committeeconsideration** | 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