

Annex 1: Key Sources of Funding Research Projects

Source	Program	Notes
AgMardt	Agribusiness Innovation Grants	\$30,000 to \$120,000 per project is available to provide seed funding for initial development and evaluation of innovative ideas which: foster greater efficiency in production, processing and distribution; improve the speed of innovation and application throughout the production and market systems; improve understanding of business-science linkages and associated commercialisation of technology. http://www.agmardt.org.nz/page.php?pageID=5
MAF	Sustainable Farming Fund	The purpose of this Fund is to support projects contributing to improved financial and environmental performance of the land-based productive sectors. In the past the following activities have been funded: demonstration projects, information/technology transfer and identifying barriers to and options for improved land use and management (including better use and allocation of water resources, management decision support). The maximum grant payable will normally not exceed \$200,000 per project per year (maximum three years) to be supported by in-kind and cash contributions from the applicant (generally at least 40% cash of the total project). http://www.maf.govt.nz/sff/criteria/index.htm
Fertresearch	Fertresearch	FertResearch commissions research where it perceives there is a need in the industry within the overall research goals include the funding of projects that will achieve, major beneficial changes in nutrient management practices, significant innovation in systems and tools for nutrient management and direct benefits for farmers - financial, environmental or technological. The process for investing is currently under review with an announcement due soon. http://www.fertresearch.org.nz/research
Foundation for Research, Science & Technology	SmartStart Assistance Scheme	SmartStart supports the investigation and resolution of early stage barriers to technological innovation R&D projects. Specifically firms can seek assistance in obtaining external assistance to aid project design, planning and assessment, determining feasibility, obtaining technology and strategic planning. Cofunding of 50% up to a maximum of \$25,000 is available. http://www.frst.govt.nz/business/fund_SmartStart.cfm
	TechNet (Expert Access) Programme	Businesses can obtain a maximum \$5,000 (co-funding is not required) to aid in accessing advice on technical issues from experts in Crown Research Institutes, universities and research organisations for activities such as those described under SmartStart. http://www.frst.govt.nz/business/technet.cfm
	Technology Expert Fellowship	Businesses can apply for up to \$168,750 p/a to employ an expert to undertake commercially-focused research or technology development projects. http://www.frst.govt.nz/business/fund_expert.cfm
	Technical Assessment Project (TAP)	Companies can obtain assistance (note the amount is not stated) to undertake a feasibility study of key technological steps. http://www.frst.govt.nz/business/fund_TAP.cfm
	Technology for Business Growth	This scheme has recently been overhauled and they are encouraging applications from four sectors including Biological industries. The scheme is designed to support ambitious, globally competitive or high potential companies to carry out challenging R&D projects that move them from business as usual towards strong technical development. Companies can obtain assistance to 50 per cent of their eligible project costs. Typical projects range from \$20,000 total project cost up to large projects exceeding \$800,000.

		http://www.frst.govt.nz/business/fund_TBG.cfm
Health Research Council		The HRC is the major government-funded agency purchasing and co-ordinating health research and fostering the health research workforce in New Zealand. The HRC releases a detailed strategy every year and we could consider a direct approach as to what part we could play in this strategy. http://www.hrc.govt.nz/root/Research%20Funding/Funding%20Opportunities/How the HRC is Funded.html

Industry Development

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AgMardt	Conference Support	Travel assistance for keynote overseas speakers focusing on themes of creating and realising value for New Zealand businesses. http://www.agmardt.org.nz/page.php?pageID=5
AgMardt	Visiting Fellowships	World-leading food and agribusiness experts from overseas to come to New Zealand for a particular event or purpose. 2-3 short visits over 12 - 18 months to look at a specific area of strategic interest to agribusiness http://www.agmardt.org.nz/page.php?pageID=5
AgMardt	Food and Agribusiness Market Experience	FAME is a high-level immersion course for emerging business leaders. The modular format enables participants to use their work experiences as case studies in their learning, and to apply their learning to their work. http://www.agmardt.org.nz/page.php?pageID=5
NZ Trade & Enterprise	Enterprise Development Grants	These grants aim to assist businesses to gain additional skills and abilities to pursue their business development goals by building capability and supporting development initiatives. http://www.nzte.govt.nz/section/12577.aspx
	Growth Services Fund	This fund offers support for high growth potential firms to purchase external advice, expertise, and market development services. http://www.nzte.govt.nz/section/11964.aspx
	Enterprise Development Grants - market Development	Businesses can apply for assistance with the implementation of significant international market development initiatives, including expenditure related to market visits, in-market representation, advertising and p http://www.nzte.govt.nz/section/12577.aspx
	Enterprise Development Grants - capability building	Entrepreneurs, start-ups and established businesses can apply for co-funding under the Capability Building component to employ a business mentor, undertake advanced management or technology-based training, engage an advisory board http://www.nzte.govt.nz/section/12577.aspx

Capability Development

Tertiary Education Commission	Top Achiever Doctoral Scholarships	This funding for a PhD student provides an annual stipend of \$25,000 and the annual course fee. This scheme is limited to the top 10% of students. http://www.tec.govt.nz/funding/scholarships/index.htm
Foundation for Research, Science & Technology	Technology for Industry Fellowships	These fellowships allow businesses to engage a student to complete a specific project. Successful applicants will receive \$25,000 per year for three years and the tertiary institution hosting them will receive \$5,000 per year for three years. The recipient is expected to work within the business premises for at least 50% of time. Applications for are accepted throughout the year. http://www.frst.govt.nz/business/fund_tif.cfm
AgMardt	PhD Scholarships	In 2006 AGMARDT offered up to six, three-year, full-time study to outstanding students to develop research skills and interest in a career in agriculture. Funding included a stipend of \$25,000 p/a, a contribution towards fees of up to \$4,500 per annum, a start-up payment of \$2,000 for project consumables for the first year of study, \$500 toward thesis publication costs and \$3,000 for overseas conference attendance. http://www.agmardt.org.nz/page.php?pageID=5