

The Research Exchange Pitching Session

The Research Exchange is an evening event during HealthTech Week 2025 that opens the door to New Zealand's national MedTech industry. This includes a pitch session with up to 5 prizes of up to \$80,000!

What type of projects are suitable?

We are looking for translational projects where research is being applied to address a clinical problem and improve health outcomes. Projects that qualify will need to have commercial potential to ensure that the technology developed will get to the hands of the health consumer, health provider or other end-users. A multi-disciplinary team is expected to support this work and one member of this team needs to be from a CMDT partner organisation. Projects that are in the concept development phase are being sought and you do not need to have applied for RAP funding previously to qualify. The [RAP stage II guidelines](#) can be used to help develop ideas for your entry.

How to enter

This is a two-stage process.

Phase 1 – Written entry

Deadline: 2nd May 2025

Submit a 250 - 300 word project overview using the below template.

Entries will be assessed by the Te Titoki Mataora RAP and CMDT assessment teams and the top 5x entries will be invited to pitch at the Research Exchange event. The shortlisted entries will be informed by 30th May 2025.

Phase 2 – Live pitching session

3rd July 2025

On the night of the research exchange event, the five shortlisted entries from Phase I will pitch their project to a panel comprising guest judges and members of the Te Titoki Mataora Science, Clinical and Industry Advisory Group.

Pitches are a maximum of 5 minutes followed by up to 5 minutes of Q&A. Topics to cover during the presentation include:

- Introduction to the clinical problem
- Clinical end-user engagement and translation
- Commercial potential and pathway to market
- Te Tiriti partnership and Māori outcomes
- Pacific engagement and outcomes
- Team and project plan
- Budget

Application phase 1

Applications are due by 2nd May 2025.

Please submit this completed template to medtechresearchnetwork@auckland.ac.nz by this date.

Project team members and collaborators

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Project overview (250 – 300 words)

Please include the following information

- The clinical problem and commercial opportunity
- The proposed solution
- How the project will address Te Tiriti obligations and equity outcomes
- Opportunities for Pacific engagement
- Details of how RAP Stage II funding of \$80,000 would be used

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