

## **New Members Sought for the National Scientific Advisory Committee**

The Cancer Society's National Scientific Advisory Committee (NSAC) is a standing committee of the Cancer Society of New Zealand (CSNZ) Board, established under Clause 12 of the CSNZ Rules. Members are appointed by the Board.

The role of the NSAC is to ensure that CSNZ Inc develops and maintains a high quality research programme that reflects the objectives of CSNZ Inc:

- To stimulate, co-ordinate, support and fund research within New Zealand into the prevention, treatment and cure of cancer
- To promote education about cancer for health professionals and to publicise progress made in research and treatment

The committee advises primarily on the [National Research Grant Round](#), which offers a range of grant types, such as the programme and project grants, post-doctoral fellowships, and PhD scholarships. The NSAC members are expected to attend two meetings a year- one online and one in person in Wellington. All flights and accommodation are covered by the Cancer Society. Committee members may also be involved with the assessment of applications to the [Māori Cancer Researcher Awards](#).

The NSAC is now seeking to appoint new members. Two or three positions will be available for a 3-year term to assist with succession planning and bring additional expertise and diversity to the committee. We seek nominations of colleagues who may be suitable for one of these appointments and who are willing to take on this additional responsibility (in consultation with them and with their approval). Self-nominations are also welcome.

These are key positions for the NSAC, which is seeking researchers who demonstrate strategic thinking, can see the bigger picture, and have a commitment to advance equity for Māori and the health of communities experiencing highest burden of cancer in New Zealand through robust processes.

All nominees would have the following ideal attributes, noting that some may be developed during the term:

- The appointee will be an established researcher with a record of relevant high-quality research in the cancer research continuum or related health research.
- The appointee will have some experience as a peer reviewer and/or science assessment committee member for the HRC or equivalent agencies.

We encourage early/mid-career researchers who are interested in developing their peer review skills to apply.

**NSAC will discuss nominees promptly following the closing date, and make recommendations to the National Board in May 2025.**

Please email [research@cancer.org.nz](mailto:research@cancer.org.nz) with potential candidates' names, contact details, short introduction, and 5-page research CV by **5pm Wednesday 16 April 2025**.