

## New Zealanders for Health Research

### Expressions of Interest

#### New Board Members

Health research is the single most important way in which we improve our health and healthcare - by identifying the best means to prevent, diagnose and treat conditions. Yet New Zealand's investment in health research is significantly less than what it should be, and our health system falls short when it comes to translating the results of health research into practice, policy and better health outcomes.

New Zealanders for Health Research (NZHR) is committed to bringing about best possible health for all New Zealanders, and we're on a mission to increase investment in health research as an essential and embedded component of all parts of New Zealand's health system, responsive to New Zealanders' unique health imperatives.

The NZHR [Board](#) wants to be in the best possible position to achieve its mission. It has therefore decided to review its composition in order to optimise its relevance, influence and leadership on behalf of all New Zealand health research stakeholders. The Board has acknowledged its preparedness to be challenged by new and different perspectives and has identified the need to both embrace greater diversity and to attract more of those who are recognised as sector movers and shakers.

Expressions of interest are now sought from leaders and influencers for new Board members who will:

- Confidently contribute Māori and Pacifica perspectives to Board discussions and decision making
- Challenge the Board to rethink how it does things in order to more effectively achieve its mission
- Equip the Board with the mana and standing required for NZHR to be acknowledged and recognised as a significant and influential component of New Zealand's health system
- Contribute to NZHR being seen externally as relevant and representative of the full cross section of New Zealand health research stakeholders
- Consider their availability for the Board Chair role in due course

For more information and/or to convey expressions of interest please contact NZHR Chief Executive Chris Higgins - [ceo@nz4healthresearch.org.nz](mailto:ceo@nz4healthresearch.org.nz) or +64 27 292 8433 - by Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October.