

*Our mission:
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through health research*

Developing the Pacific Health Research Workforce in NZ

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Mission: Benefiting NZ through health research

- Established by the HRC Act 1990
- Responsible to Minister of Health
- Funding mainly through MBIE



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HRC

- We manage the Government's investment in health research
- Supports research that has the potential to improve health outcomes and delivery of healthcare, and to produce economic gain for New Zealand.
- Researcher initiated proposals and Requests for proposals

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Pacific Health Research Commitments

- Dr Monique Faleafa on Council
- Pacific Health Research Committee
- Pacific Manager
- Ring-fenced funding for Pacific

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Pacific Health Research Committee

- Dr Palatasa Havea (Chair)
- Dr Vili Nosa
- Dr Dan Tautolo
- Dr Paula Vivili
- Dr Ofa Dewes
- Vacant
- Ex-officio - Prof Kathryn McPherson (CEO, HRC)
 - Vacant (MOH representative)

Research Investment Streams

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Research Investments

- Annual contestable funding round, ~\$90M
- Career Development awards, ~\$10M
 - General, Pacific, Maori
- Partnerships, ~\$10M

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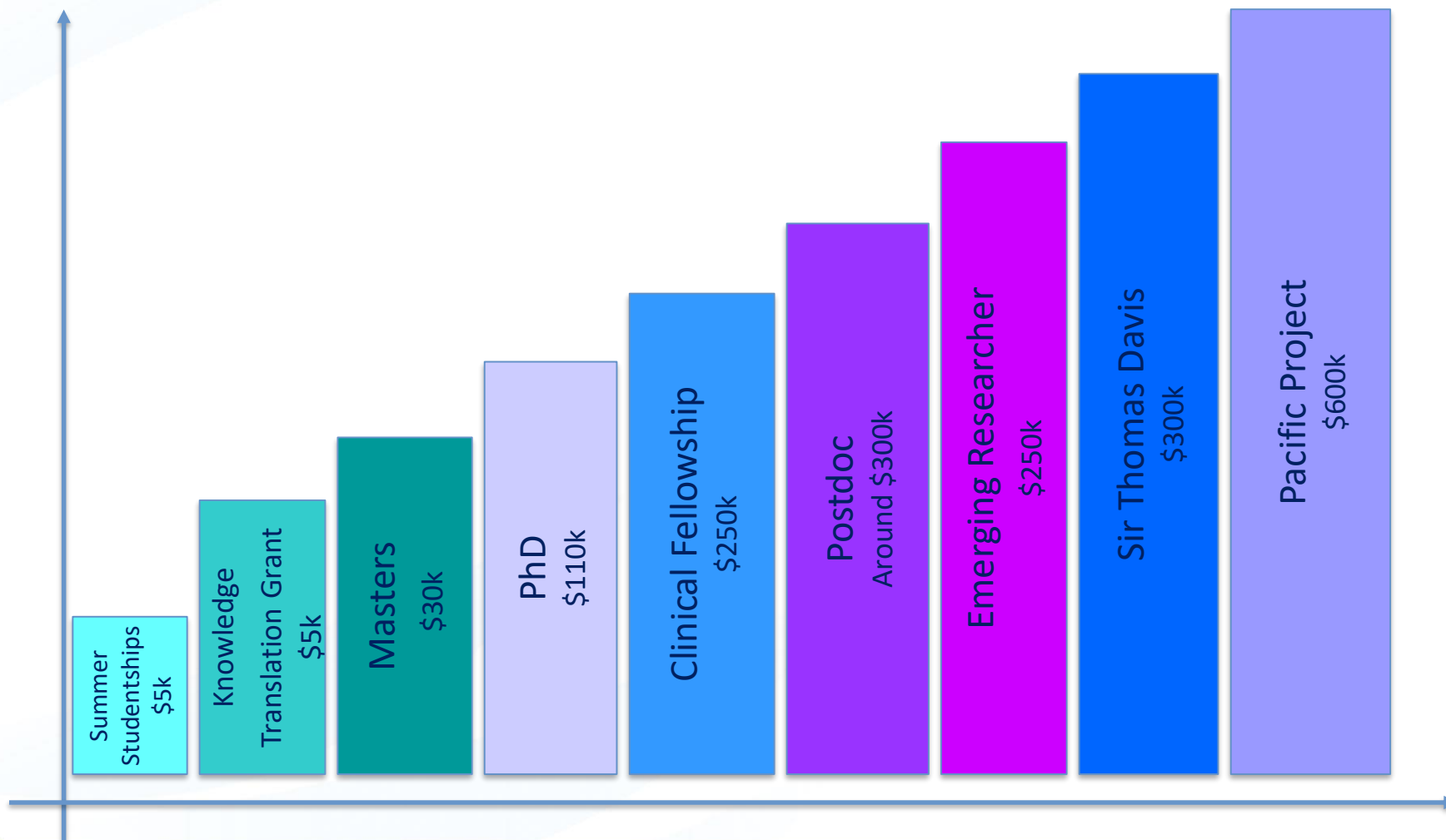
Research Funding

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Funding Opportunities

- Programme - \$5m, 5 y
- Project - \$1.2m, 3 y
- Feasibility Studies - \$0.25m 2 y
- Emerging Researcher First Grant - \$0.25m, 3 y
- Explorer Grant - \$0.15m, 2 y
- Career Development Awards

PACIFIC RESEARCH FUNDING



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Celebrating Success

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Celebrating Success in 2017

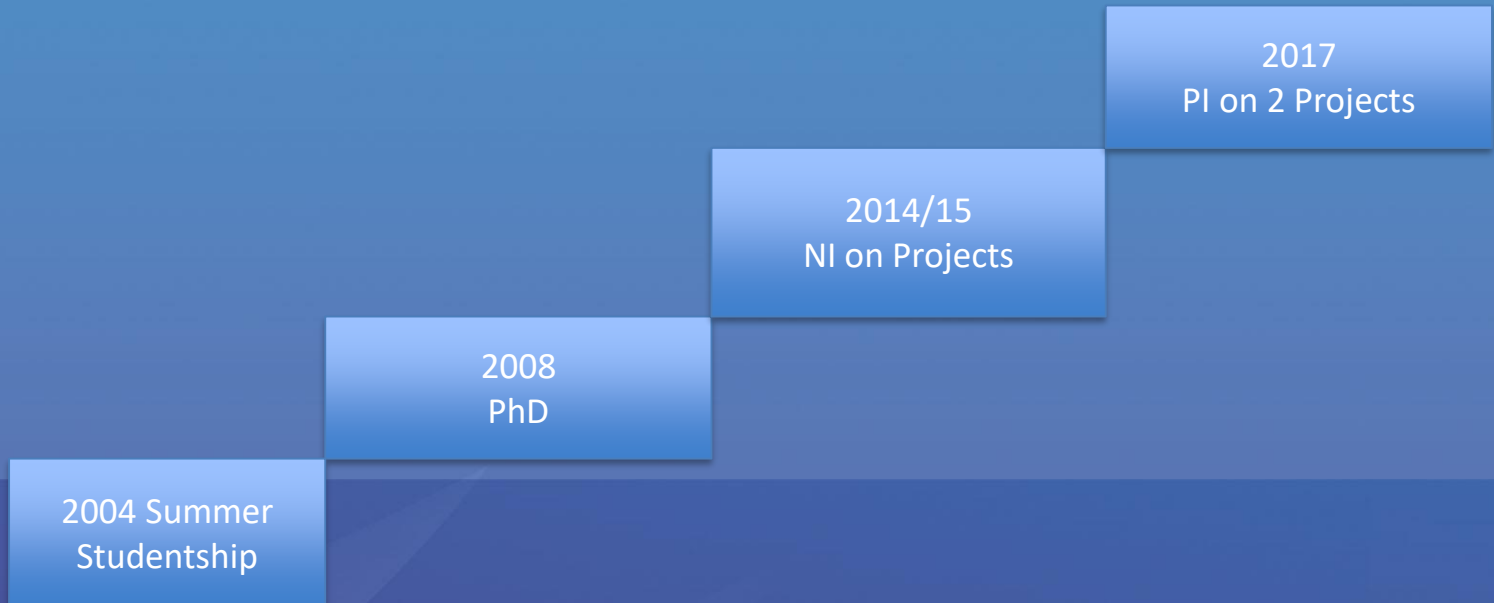
- Dr Monique Faleafa on the Board
- An unprecedented 7 Pacific research projects with funding of more than \$6.3 million
- Dr Riz Firestone 1million in Partnership
- Dr Gerhard Sunborn NZ-US Partnership \$37,181
- CDA awarded approximately 1.2million

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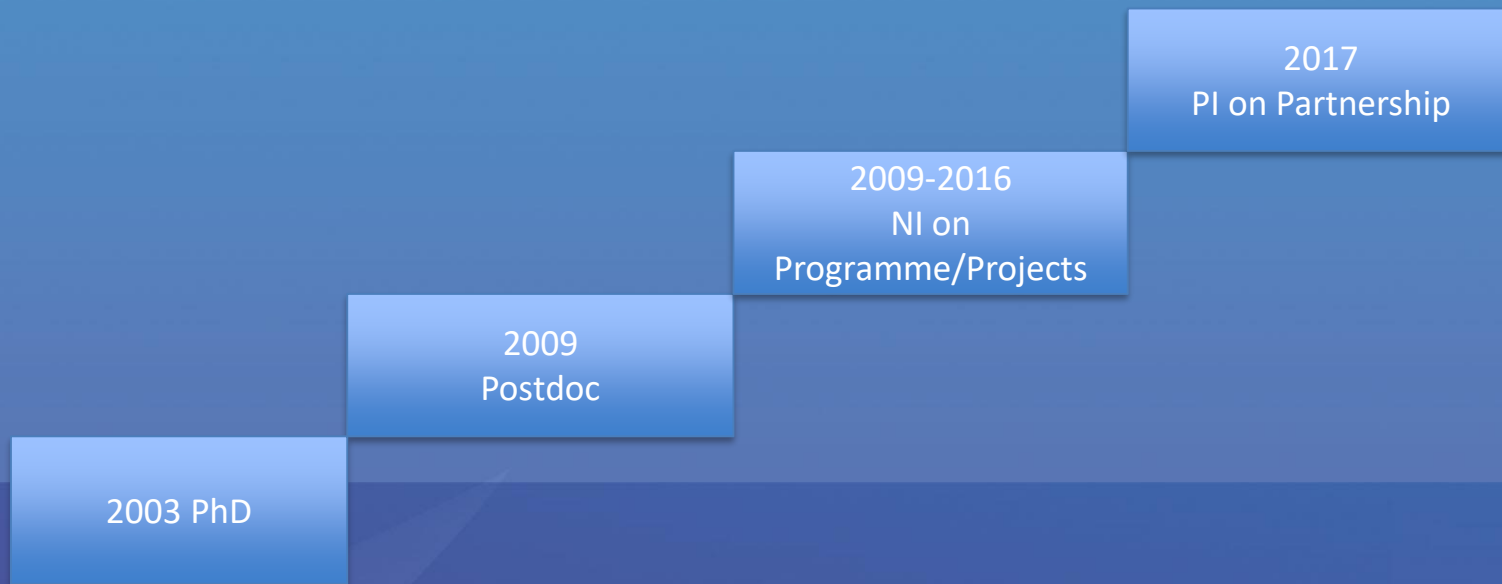
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Dr Riz Firestone



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Dr Sione Vaka

2003
MA

2009
PhD

2017
Emerging Researcher
First Grant

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The Way Forward

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NZ Health Research Strategy

- Sets out four strategic priorities for health research
- The HRC will lead strategic priority one “to invest in excellent health research that addresses the health needs of all New Zealanders”
- Research priorities consultation process for HRC

Strategy 1 – Action 3

- Invest in research that results in equitable outcomes for Pacific peoples and helps them to lead independent lives:

Ring-fenced funding to develop research leadership/capacity

Pacific peoples on governing bodies

Stocktake of Pacific health research

Link with Pacific health research in the Pacific

Incentives to become Pacific researchers

Acknowledge and promote cultural methods and approaches

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