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**This application form is for use in relation to Research and Study Release – Otago Polytechnic Business Division Policy.**

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| **Title** |  | | |
| **Name** |  | | |
| **Position** |  | | |
| **College or Service Area** |  | | |
| **Requested period for release:** | | **From:** | **To:** |
| **Financial Assistance from outside sources:** (Provide details of any external financial assistance). | | | |

**Grant-in-Aid:**

Are you applying for a Grant-in-Aid Yes 🔾 No 🔾

If Yes: attach budget including financial assistance from other sources.

**Please include the following with this application form:**

1. **Previous Research and Study Release:** Attach a copy of last Research and Study Release report (*if any*).
2. **Research and Study Release Programme**: Please attach a detailed description of your proposed Research and Study Release programme. This should give details of the following:
3. The overall purpose of the release.
4. The expected outcomes which will benefit Otago Polytechnic Business Division (Otago Polytechnic) (e.g., publications, conference presentations, development of new courses/research/teaching methods, professional activity, postgraduate study, collaborative projects, changes in management or leadership). Applicants will need to provide specific details in this section.
5. Activities which will lead to the accomplishment of your objectives for the release (e.g., a summary of your study or research project, individuals with whom you will be working, universities and other organisations you will be visiting, letters of invitation). Applicants will need to provide specific details in this section.
6. Itinerary and contact details at each place.
7. Your teaching/research or other employment responsibilities and state how they will be discharged during your proposed absence on Research and Study Release. This needs to be signed off by the staff member’s Formal Leader.

**Note: Bond Agreement Grant-in-Aid -** The following shall be included in any letter of offer relating to Grant-in-Aid. No monies shall be paid in respect of a Grant-in-Aid until a final agreement is signed.

1. The staff member agrees that, should they leave their position with Otago Polytechnic within six months of returning from Research and Study Release, they shall repay to Otago Polytechnic a proportion of the Grant-in-Aid, that proportion being determined by the following formula:   
   (Grant-in-Aid ÷6) x (6 – number of complete months employed since returning from Research and Study Release).
2. All or part of any sum payable to Otago Polytechnic by the staff member under this clause may be deducted by Otago Polytechnic from the staff member’s final pay.
3. The staff member shall not be liable to repay this proportion of the Grant-in-Aid if the reason for leaving their position is dismissal, death, or serious illness, accident or injury which would reasonably be expected to necessitate leaving this position of employment.

**Applicant’s Declaration:**

In signing this application, I acknowledge that I have read, and understand, Otago Polytechnic Business Division | Te Pūkenga **Research and Study Release policy.**

Applicant’s Signature: Date:

**Submit application to:**

**Formal Leader and Director Research and Postgraduate Studies (or Executive Director or delegate for Executive Leadership Team members or equivalent)**

🔾 Previous release reports up to date.

🔾 Correct documentation included in application.

🔾 Satisfactory arrangements can be made to cover the applicant’s teaching/research/other commitments during the proposed Research and Study Release.

🔾 Eligible for research and study release of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ weeks

(Professorial/Research Active staff member up to 12 weeks, senior tier 3 staff member up to 4 weeks)

🔾 Grant-in-Aid of $ approved for the purposes of the Research and Study Release

**State Reasons:**

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🔾 Application is approved.

🔾 Application is declined (state reasons):

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**IMPORTANT NOTE**

This application must be received by **31 May** in the current year for leave the following year.

Send application once signed by Formal Leader to [researchoutputs@op.ac.nz](mailto:researchoutputs@op.ac.nz)

**Signatures:**

**Formal Leader**:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature Date

**Director: Research and Postgraduate Studies:**

**Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Signature Date

**OR**

**Executive Director or delegate for Executive Leadership team members or equivalent.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**