**Emerging Innovator Commercial Mentor Feedback Form**

**Instructions**: *The purpose of this document is for KiwiNet to obtain feedback from Emerging Innovator Commercial Mentors.*

*Confidentiality information:*

* *Completed forms will be made available only to KiwiNet Management, the Norman F.B. Barry Foundation Trustees and the KiwiNet Investment Committee.*

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| **Details** |
| **Commercial Mentor Name** |  |
| **Mentee Name** |  |
| **Date form submitted** |  |
| **Frequency of engagement with mentee** |  |

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| **Feedback** |
| 1. The target outcomes of the Emerging Innovator Fund are to (for more information see the Overview section below):
	1. Increase the commercialisation capability of our emerging scientists and engineers
	2. Increase the engagement between our emerging scientists and engineers with businesses and see them working more closely together
	3. Identify and support new inventions and ideas with good commercial potential

Do you think this has been achieved through your experience mentoring the recipient Emerging Innovator?In your view, what have been the key outcomes of the project that you mentored?1. Would you be prepared to be a Commercial Mentor to another Emerging Innovator?
2. Please provide any other comments you might have and any improvements you think we could make.
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**EMERGING INNOVATOR PROGRAMME**

Overview

The future wealth of New Zealand as a developed country, resides in the availability of people with advanced technological capability using their skills to drive innovation in New Zealand. Such people create the jobs of the future and economic growth upon which the community depends. The Emerging Innovator Fund provides targeted support to early stage career scientists who will become the future innovators of New Zealand.

The Emerging Innovator Programme provides $20,000 to enable scientists to build industry connections and demonstrate a proof-of-principle of a disruptive new invention. To be awarded the funding, a scientist must demonstrate a clever new idea and a willingness to work closely with industry and/or commercial mentors as they develop a prototype. The aim of the fund is to have more scientists working alongside businesses and “tinkering” with disruptive new ideas to solve industry challenges.

The funding is for early stage scientists who seek to engage with commercial partners. Scientists must be working within a publicly funded research organisation in New Zealand. The target outcomes of the fund are:

* New inventions and ideas with good commercial potential.
* Scientists with stronger commercialisation capability
* More scientists working closely with businesses

The Emerging Innovation Fund is not PreSeed funding. It requires no matching funding. It is intended for very early stage development to seed new ideas and industry engagement that will ultimately increase the quality and quantity of new innovation opportunities from research organisations.

The Emerging Innovator Fund is intended to be a stepping stone to other funding and support. It is anticipated that the fund will better position a scientist to secure funding such as:

* Business investment or contract research.
* PreSeed Accelerator Funding to support further commercialisation.
* Callaghan Innovation business grant to support business investment.
* Tech-Incubator funding to support a new start-up opportunity.
* Research funding from MBIE (e.g. Smart Ideas) to support ongoing research.

**Norman F B Barry Foundation**

The Norman F B Barry Foundation, is a charitable trust registered under the Charities Act 2005. Norman Barry was an entrepreneur and a philanthropist who established the Quality Hotel Parnell. During his successful business career he mentored motel owners in Auckland who were new to the industry and helped various charitable organizations in the form of donations.  Norman left his shareholding in Quality Hotel Parnell Limited to the Foundation, and the distributions from this Company to the Foundation are used for charitable donations. In addition, Quality Hotel Parnell Limited is also a registered charity in its own right and this company also makes donations to the community.

Both KiwiNet and the Foundation share the common goal to inspire young people to pursue science careers and young scientists to seek out opportunities to apply their knowledge to benefit the community and the economy.