**Supplementary file 1: Table S1** **comparative descriptions of each of the 4 datasets**

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|  | **Scoring research excellence** | **Success in research funding** |
| **Country(ies)** | Aotearoa-NZ (PBRF) |  | AustraliaARC | EUEIGE |  |
| **Subnational dataset** |  | UC |  |  | CanadaCIHR |
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| **Discipline groupings** | 42 (43 in 2018) | 43 | 22 | 8 | 4 |
| **Measures of gender balance** | From national PBRF data (includes all NZ researchers) | From 2018 survey of Australian Research Population  | Gender balance by discipline measured in separate dataset [ref]; or from applicant pool if not available. | From applicant pool |
| **year** | 2006,2012,2018 | 2018 (using publications from 2013-18 inclusive) | 2010-2019 (inclusive) | 2019 | Pre-2013Post-2013 |
| **Other demographic data available?** | Date of birth,Rank (not used)Ethnicity (sometimes, and incomplete) | same | No | No | Original study accounted for researcher age, but unavailable for our study |
| **Does each datapoint represent one individual?** | Yes | Yes | No. represents an applicant; one individual can apply for several grants. | No. Aggregated data reports # applicants, # successes in each country/discipline combination. | No. Aggregated data reports success rates By gender by time point in each discipline? |
| **Sample size** | 2006=42302012=66632018=7487 | 384 | Over 176,000 applicants aggregated into 440 datapoints (22 disciplines x 10 years x 2 genders) | Over 135,000 applicants aggregated into 333 data points ((8 disciplines x 28 countries x 2 genders) – missing data) | Over 23,000 applicants represented in 16 datapoints (4 disciplines x 2 time points x 2 genders) |
| **Independence** | High within year | same | Some individuals may have applied more than once | Some individuals may have applied more than once | Some individuals may have applied more than once |
| **Quotas/pre-allocation?** | No | No | No pre-allocation of funds to disciplines before applications scored and ranked. | Unknown  | unknown |
| **Bibliometric data available?** | No | Per researcher:# outputs,# weighted outputs (divided by # of co-authors)Mean field weighted citation indexMean SNIPMean # citations/output | No | No | no |