



New Zealand Region

Nurse Member Professional Development Scholarship Criteria

Application Closing Date is 1 May 2020

Submit your application by email to info@cardiacsociety.org.nz

Objectives

- To advance cardiac nursing skills and expertise for the benefit of patients
- To support cardiac nurses working outside of tertiary hospitals
- To facilitate the dissemination of best practise in cardiovascular care

Rationale for scholarship

Outside of those provided by employers, there are limited pathways for professional development available to nurses. The NZ Region of the Cardiac Society wishes to provide a pathway.

Scholarship

A scholarship grant of up to \$3000 will be available to the successful candidate. The grant is to cover travel and accommodation costs associated with obtaining additional training or up skilling within the area of cardiovascular care. In exceptional circumstances where the employer will not cover a salary during the scholarship period the successful candidate may apply to have some of the grant cover salary. The scholarship may not be used for the sole purpose of attending a scientific meeting. Otherwise, the nature of the CPD activity to be undertaken by the successful candidate is not restricted. Each application will be considered on its merits during the judging process, activities such as working in another centre or sitting in on clinics or procedures or observing how other services work will all be considered.

The period of the scholarship will often be spent in a different centre from where the applicant works but that does not necessarily have to be the case.

Judging/application criteria

- The scholarship is only available to persons who are members. Duration of membership will be taken into account by the judging panel.
- Currently working in New Zealand as a nurse within the realm of cardiovascular care.
- Commitment to ongoing clinical work within cardiovascular nursing. Applicants should include with their application a letter of support from their employer detailing the applicant's commitment to ongoing employment in the area of cardiovascular care.
- Written endorsement by the applicant's employer for study leave provision must be provided.
- The applicant must write showing clear objectives and rationale for how the scholarship will enhance their practice in their hospital. Expected outcomes should be covered.
- The application should include documentation from the host institution for the scholarship, detailing what activities the applicant will be involved in if successful.
- The judging panel will take into account whether the applicant is from the tertiary or secondary centre noting that the objective of the scholarship is to particularly support affiliates outside of tertiary centres.



- The candidate's previous history of support from CSANZ NZ for travel and scholarships will be taken into account by the judging panel but is of lower weight than the above criteria.
- The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

Requirements for successful applicants

- Successful applicants will be required to make a short presentation at a session at a New Zealand Regional Annual Scientific Meeting.
- Successful applicants will be required to provide a short report of 300 words to be tabled at a CSANZ NZ regional council meeting.
- Successful applicants are required to provide a short article for the CSANZ NZ website reporting on their scholarship.