New Zealand Region

**Nurse Member and Allied Health Member   
Professional Development Scholarship or Research Scholarship   
Criteria and Application Information**

Application Closing Date is 30 April 2024

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

**Objectives**

* To advance cardiovascular care skills and expertise for the benefit of patients
* To support nurse/allied health members providing cardiovascular care or carrying out research
* To facilitate the dissemination of best practice in cardiovascular care
* To provide support for research, either basic science or clinical research (which must be completed in New Zealand)
* To provide funding for a relevant course of education advancing the applicant’s professional development

**Rationale for scholarship**

Outside of the pathways provided by employers, there are limited pathways for professional development or research support available to those working in cardiovascular care as nurses or in allied health occupations. The NZ Region of the Cardiac Society wishes to provide a pathway.

**Grants**

Two grants each of up to $3000 will be made available to the successful candidates – one in nursing and one in allied health. The grant may cover travel and accommodation costs associated with obtaining additional training or up-skilling, which may be in a different region or hospital to that normally worked in by the applicant; or for fees. Alternatively, the grant could help cover the incidental costs associated with research, for example statistical support, or disposable/incidental expenses.

In exceptional circumstances where the employer will not cover 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 candidates is not restricted. Each application will be considered on its merits during the judging process.

**Judging/application criteria**

* The scholarships are only available to persons who are members of CSANZ NZ and have been a member for at least a year prior to applying.
* Applicants are currently working in New Zealand as a nurse or in allied health within the realm of cardiovascular care.
* Applicants should include with their application

* + Clear objectives and rationale for how the scholarship will enhance their practice, including what outcomes they expect to achieve, what activities they will be involved in if successful, and their ongoing commitment to the area of cardiovascular care.
  + Written endorsement by the applicant’s employer, including permission for any study leave if required.
* The candidate’s previous history of support from CSANZ NZ for scholarships will be taken into account by the judging panel but does not exclude the candidate.
* The judges’ decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

**Additional information to include if applying for research assistance:**

1. **Personal Information**

Your full name, qualifications, position, address, email and contact telephone numbers.

1. **Title of the Project**
2. **Specific Objectives of the Project**

A paragraph indicating briefly the specific objectives of the proposed research.

1. **Subject Review**

Include a brief background review of the problem, with references.

1. **Method and Research Plans**

Provide a brief description of how the problem is to be tackled, indicating experimental and statistical methods.. Any feasibility considerations should be addressed.

1. **Potential Significance of Project**

Indicate the potential significance of the project.

1. **Research Site and Resources**

Indicate location of research and available resources.

1. **Assistance Required**

Indicate the nature of the assistance requested with justification of the amount/s required.

1. **Duration of Project**

State the estimated duration of the project

**Requirements for successful applicants:**

* Submit an abstract for the Prize Presentation awards session at a New Zealand Regional Annual Scientific Meeting (research grant applicants only).
* Provide a short report of 300 words to be tabled at a CSANZ NZ meeting.
* Provide a short article for the CSANZ NZ website reporting on their scholarship.