



# NEW ZEALAND ECOLOGICAL SOCIETY

## STUDENT TRAVEL GRANTS

Travel grants can be used towards the costs of conference and field trip fees, travel to and from the conference venue, accommodation, and meals during the course of the conference. The amount of grant awarded to any one individual (to a maximum of NZ\$400) will be based on the likely relative travel costs of all applicants. Up to eight travel grants may be awarded each year.

### 1. Criteria for eligibility

- Applicants must be postgraduate students currently enrolled at a tertiary educational institute, or have been enrolled at a tertiary educational institute in the last six months prior to the date of the conference.
- Priority will be given to those students enrolled at a New Zealand university or enrolled at an overseas institution, but who conducting most of their fieldwork in New Zealand.
- Applicants must have applied to present at either the student day or main conference (poster or oral) OR be involved in the organisation or running of the conference (including the student day and field trips).
- Applicants must not have accepted an NZES student travel grant in the last two years.
- Applicants must be members of the NZES.

### 2. Application requirements

In addition to the completed application form, please provide with your application the following:

1. A statement of support from someone familiar with the student research (e.g. supervisor) indicating worthiness of receiving the grant.
2. A copy of the presentation (oral or poster) abstract submitted to the conference organisers. *Please provide your intended presentation abstract*

*whether or not you have received confirmation of acceptance from the conference organisers.*

### **3. Terms and Conditions**

1. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.
2. Successful applicants will be advised via email prior to the conference and will be paid by internet bank transfer shortly after the conference.
3. Students are expected to arrange their own transport and accommodation to attend the conference, and to meet their costs directly. NZES will not settle unpaid bills on behalf of grant recipients.
4. **Applications will be assessed against:**
  - a. the information provided within the application, in particular the letter of support and the personal statement of perceived benefit of receiving the grant, and
  - b. the general quality and completeness of the application.

Travel distance to the conference venue and any additional available funding will be taken into consideration when allocating grant amounts.

5. In the event of non-attendance at the conference, allocated travel grants will not be paid, or must be reimbursed in full. This requirement may be waived in part or in full, on application to the NZES Council. The nature of the cause of non-attendance will be taken into consideration in such instances.
6. Decisions of the NZES Council are final.