Young Researcher Travel Grant

*To provide funding assistance for New Zealand-based early career Earth science researchers and PhD students to attend and present a talk or poster at their first international overseas conference.*

Applications will be evaluated and voted on by the National Committee, based on the information provided in this application form. Priority may be given to eligible applicants who: have limited other funding support; are seen to have kept expenses to a modest and reasonable level; have never attended an international conference (including in previous roles or prior to living in NZ); are maximising learning or professional development opportunities during the travel (e.g. combining more than one activity).

Further rules relevant to applications and eligibility for this award are included as an appendix to this form. Please read these before completing the application.

**Section 1: Details of Applicant & Referee**

Name of applicant:

Age/date of birth:

Position: *student, lecturer, post-doctoral researcher, etc*.

Institution:

Date of completion (conferment) of PhD (if applicable):

Address:

Email:

Have you ever attended an international overseas conference (including in previous roles you may have held or prior to living in NZ)?

 No[ ]  Yes[ ]

If you answered yes, please briefly describe:

Applicants are required to arrange for ONE referee report to be provided to support the application. This may be either included with this application form and the other application documents, or it may be sent directly from the Referee to the Awards Subcommittee Chair, to be received on or before the closing date for applications (see note at the end of the application).

Name of Referee:

Position:

Institution:

Relationship to you:

Email:

Phone:

**Section 2: Supporting statement**

Please provide a (max 500 word) statement outlining details of the conference or workshop (including location and dates), and the value/outcomes that will come from attending.

**Section 3: Budget**

Provide a budget which:

* Itemises ALL costs of attendance at the conference/workshop
* Denotes what the funds sought from the Society will be used to cover
* Includes all other sources of funding available or currently (e.g. departmental grants, grants from the event organisers, etc.).
* Provides all amounts in **New Zealand Dollars**

The table below includes an *example* *budget*, to be replaced with your budget (retain the bold headings). The budget should not exceed 1 page. These instructions may be deleted.

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| **EXPENSES** |  |
| **Conference/workshop fees** | **NZD$** |
| Registration | 1200 |
| Post-conference field trip | 600 |
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| **Accommodation**  |  |
| Hostel in Berlin (9 nights @ NZD $65 per night)  | 585 |
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| **Travel** |  |
| Flights (return Palmerston North to Berlin, inc. taxes) | 3600 |
| Taxis/airport transfers  | 150 |
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| **Subsistence (food & sundry expenses)** |  |
| 13 days @ $75 per day | 975 |
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| **TOTAL EXPENSES** | **7110** |
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| **FUNDING** |  |
| **Current sources of funding (confirmed)** |  |
| Institutional post-graduate student grant | 1000 |
| Supervisor research grant  | 3000 |
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| **Other non-GSNZ sources of funding (sought)** |  |
| ECR support from Conference Organisers | 1000 |
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| **Funding requested from GSNZ YRTG\*** | **1800** |
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| **TOTAL FUNDING** (GSNZ, and other confirmed or sought) | **6800** |
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| **FUNDING SHORTFALL** (i.e. likely self-funding required)(Calculate as the TOTAL EXPENSES minus TOTAL FUNDING) | **310** |

**Section 4: Details of presentation/poster (if applicable)**

Please insert the abstract (including title and all co-authors) of the presentation to be given. If the applicant is presenting something without an abstract associated with is (such as running a workshop session) please provide a short (<300 word) summary of the activity. If the applicant is not presenting anything (e.g. in the case of workshop attendance only) then this section may be left blank.

**Section 5: Curriculum Vitae**

*Please insert a 1-page academic CV. The text box will expand to accommodate it. These instructions can be deleted. Alternatively, a 1 page CV in a separate file may be submitted with this application form.*

**Section 5: Declaration**

*I confirm that, to the best of my knowledge, the information contained within this application is true and accurate. I understand that if, for any reason should I not undertake the activities detailed in this application, I may be required to return any funds awarded by the Society.* YES☐

*Once completed, please send your application form to the current Chair of the Awards subcommittee (*VP@gsnz.org.nz) *by the due date advertised in the Call for Awards for the year in which the nomination is being made.*

**Appendix**

**Rules relevant to applications and eligibility for the YRTG**

As contained within the GSNZ Bylaws pertaining to The Geoscience Society Of New Zealand Awards Trust (full version available via the [GSNZ website](http://gsnz.org.nz/)).

*2.The purpose of the grant is to fund (fully\* or in part) one or more early career geoscience researchers or PhD students to present at their first major conference or workshop. The grant will fund or contribute to funding of registration, travel and accommodation costs.*

*3. An ‘major conference‘ or an ‘major workshop' is defined as an internationally recognised geoscience conference or meeting, held overseas or in New Zealand. A student who has previously attended conferences or workshops prior to starting their PhD or employment in New Zealand is eligible to apply.*

*4. The total value of a grant pool shall be a maximum of $10000 each calendar year, with the exact amount to be voted upon by the GSNZ Committee in February or March. It is highly unlikely that one applicant will receive the full amount\*\*.*

*5. Applications will be considered on merit in a maximum of two rounds during the course of the year.*

*7. To be eligible to apply for the grant, applicants must:*

*a. Be current members of the Geoscience Society of New Zealand;*

*b. Be currently undertaking, or have recently completed, their PhD on a geoscience topic at a New Zealand university or research institute; OR,*

*c. Be currently employed in a post-doctoral, lecturer/researcher or similar position in the field of geosciences at a New Zealand university or research institute;*

*d. Be under the age of 35 years at the round cut-off date and have completed their PhD within the last 5 years.*

*9. Successful applicants are required to submit a report on the conference or workshop to the Society's Awards subcommittee within 3 months of the attendance. The applicant will also be encouraged to submit a summary of the research to the GSNZ newsletter upon completion.*

\*Only in rare circumstances will all travel costs be covered

\*\*Successful applicants normally should expect to receive an award value closer to $1000.

Funds awarded should be claimed before the end of the GSNZ financial year (31st March), and that the amount awarded cannot be negotiated or increased (for example, in the situation that costs associated with travel increase). If the planned travel does not occur, the money will need to be returned.

This page may be deleted on completion of the application