

## HASANZ Announces 2025 Scholarship Recipients

HASANZ is pleased to introduce the recipients of the **2025 HASANZ Scholarships**. This talented group of emerging leaders is committed to improving health and safety across Aotearoa. Each year, we are inspired by the dedication shown by applicants, and this year was no different. We appreciate everyone who contributed their time, energy, and aspirations. Since we launched the Scholarships Programme in 2018, it has grown and changed, helping people find meaningful study paths and building a strong health and safety workforce for the future. The momentum from the past year has been remarkable, and the 2025 cohort showcases the depth and diversity of talent in our sector.

## Supporting Capability Across Key Specialisations

This year's scholarships cover different categories that highlight important areas of growth and need:

- Women in Safety Excellence (WISE)
- Poutama
- Human Factors & Ergonomics (HFE)
- Health & Safety
- Occupational Hygiene (OCCHyg)
- NEBOSH

Each recipient will receive financial support for their tertiary studies, as well as opportunities for networking and hands-on experience to make their learning practical.

## Meet Some of Our 2025 Recipients

What all recipients share is a commitment to lifting the standard of health, safety, and well-being in their workplaces and communities:

- **Jodhi Warwick-Ponga (Poutama Category)** – Completing a Master of Indigenous Studies, Jodhi says the scholarship affirms the valuable contribution Māori and Indigenous perspectives bring to safety and wellbeing.
- **Lisa Dickson (WISE Category)** – Undertaking the Company Directors Course to strengthen governance capability and support stronger health and safety leadership at the board level.
- **Larissa Biggs (HFE Category)** – Pursuing a PhD in Human Factors and Ergonomics to advance evidence-based approaches to moving and handling practice within Health NZ.
- **Glen Wareham (NEBOSH Category)** – Building his capability as a Health and Safety Advisor in the policing environment to help protect those who protect our communities.
- **Maria Perry (Health & Safety Category)** – Completing a Graduate Diploma in OHSM and the Managing Psychosocial Risks at Work course to deepen her expertise and progress toward HASANZ accreditation.

## Our Appreciation

This programme is only possible thanks to the generosity of our **sponsors and partners**, whose ongoing support ensures we can continue building capability where it's needed most. Your contributions directly support the growth of a strong, diverse, and resilient health and safety profession.

We also extend our heartfelt thanks to the **HASANZ Scholarships Evaluation Panel** — Dr Danaë Anderson, Karl Berendt, Sarah McDonald, Margaret van Schaik, Jo Pugh, Kate Sutcliffe, Peter Bullock, Dan Mahoney, Dr Bikram Pandey, Miriska Gerber and Dr Stephven Kolose — for the time, care, and expertise they bring to the process each year. Their dedication to championing excellence in the profession is deeply appreciated.

## A Message From HASANZ

### Bronwyn Presland, Executive Director, says:

“Every year, the quality of applicants shows us that the future of health and safety in Aotearoa is in good hands. This year's recipients bring fresh ideas, strong dedication, and a genuine desire to enhance outcomes for workers and communities. Their passion reinforces our belief that health and safety is not merely a job; it's a movement for positive change. We're proud to support them on this journey.”

## Celebrating the 2025 Cohort

The HASANZ Scholarships Programme continues to showcase health and safety as a rewarding, impactful career pathway. By supporting people to grow their skills and contribute to safer workplaces, we're helping build a healthier, more resilient Aotearoa.

Visit the [HASANZ website](https://www.hasanz.org.nz) to see the full list of 2025 Scholarship recipients.

