

Poutama Category



Rangi Walker

Te Rōnakitanga ki te Reo Kairangi: Te Wānanga ō Aotearoa

“WorkSafe serious harm statistics indicate that Māori and Pacific Islanders are disproportionately affected. By integrating Safety II and HOP principles with a whanaungatanga and manaakitanga approach, I believe I can contribute to reducing risks for our people. Te Rōnakitanga ki te Reo Kairangi will be instrumental in achieving this goal.”



Tom Hepi

Masters in professional Practice - Occupational Health and Safety: Otago Polytechnic

“This scholarship will be invaluable in boosting my confidence and motivation to continue my studies. Previously, I faced challenges in my academic journey, but this opportunity will fuel my determination to persevere and achieve greater heights. Additionally, this support will inspire my children to aim high and reach for their full potential.”

Women in Safety WISE Category



Jessie Bourke

Women Leaders, Advancing Together Leadership Program: Harvard University USA

“It is an incredible opportunity to learn, collaborate and grow in skillset within an international context. More than that it is an opportunity to bring that shared experience back to provincial, rural New Zealand to embed it in a variety of ways here in Gisborne. Especially in relation to forestry which has some of the lowest female representation at every level – I want to continue to push those boundaries and couple my health and safety knowledge to be the representation for others coming through the sector.”



Annette Maria Paul

Leading and Managing people in Organisations (EMBA): Te Herenga Waka - Victoria University

“This scholarship is important to me for two reasons, one is having my dedication, passion and ambitions for H&S recognised by HASANZ – and especially WISE. The other is that I have been trying to find a way to advance my career to higher levels of leadership, and I have been held back by a lack of funding to advance my study goals. This scholarship is an amazing opportunity to kick start a dream I’ve had for several years now to obtain an MBA.”

Agriculture & Horticulture Category



Deborah Rhodes

PhD Health and Wellbeing – Victoria University of Wellington

"As a rural advocate and dairy farm owner, my ambition for mission-orientated research to achieve responsible and safe work life, has been acknowledged with receiving this scholarship. It will aid me to attend in person those events where direct communication and contribution towards tangible policy improvements can happen."



Chantelle Anderson Wilken

New Zealand Diploma Workplace Health & Safety Management: SIT University

"I believe that the H&S Diploma will enhance my knowledge and skill to apply in my everyday works environment and give me professional credibility."



Yasmin Campbell

Postgraduate Certificate in Health Science: AUT

"Ever since studying public health at the University of Otago, I have seen the importance of prevention in workplace injuries and illnesses. In particular, improving the design of an environment or equipment through the application of ergonomic knowledge is of great interest to me. I'm so grateful to receive this scholarship to study human factors and ergonomics to develop my skills in identifying practical health and safety solutions in a variety of environments."



Darren West

Graduate Diploma in Occupational Health & Safety (GDipOHS): Massey University

"Receiving this scholarship allows me to complete my university studies, which will provide me advanced knowledge and specialised skills to better navigate and manage the health & safety management system. It enhances my ability to implement effective safety protocols, ensure regulatory compliance, and foster a culture of safety within the organisation. The scholarship not only supports professional growth but also equips me with the tools to reduce risks, protect employee well-being, and contribute to the overall success and sustainability of the company."

Agriculture & Horticulture Category



Halimah Ilavarasi

Diploma in Health and Safety (Level 6): Southern Institute of Technology

"Receiving this scholarship is incredibly important to me because it represents an opportunity to further my education and deepen my expertise in health and safety. It will also empower me to grow professionally and make a greater impact in my role as a Health and Safety Advisor. With enhanced knowledge and qualifications, I will be better equipped to implement effective safety systems, contribute to worker well-being, and drive positive changes within my workplace and the wider community."



Leah Hunter

NZ Diploma in Workplace Health and Safety Management (WHSM) Level 6: EMA

"This scholarship is a huge step toward expanding my skills in Health and Safety and allowing me to make a greater impact in the horticulture industry. Earning this diploma would build on my practical experience and equip me to tackle the specific safety challenges on orchards. Plus, it's a meaningful way to give back to my Bay of Plenty community by promoting safer practices and a strong safety culture."

Health & Safety Category



Anastacia Kirk

Postgraduate Diploma in Health PGDipHlth: Te Herenga Waka - Victoria University

"The scholarship is important to me as without it, I would be unable to finance tertiary study independently and it gives confidence to my employer, that my selection by HASANZ to receive a scholarship, indicates that I have the attributes and motivation to complete the course of study, which will ultimately benefit the organisation. This is an important development opportunity to increase my knowledge and to discover critical thinking and the latest concepts in health and safety practice. My goal is to apply my learning to improve health and safety practice and awareness in the workplace."

Health & Safety Category



Michelle Gillman

Doctor of Philosophy (Managing critical risks: Enabling safe work for volunteers in disaster settings) – Massey University

"As a person who never finished high school, I came to tertiary education late in life when I understood how evidence-based knowledge contributions can help drive change in practices. I first enrolled to show my children that it's never too late for learning, and their pride in the work that I do motivates me to keep on going. I am grateful for this HASANZ scholarship which will help me work towards my PhD and contribute knowledge on a topic that is really important to me."



Emiel Logan

Graduate Diploma in Occupational Health and Safety: Massey University

"Due to my cardiac arrest I have struggled to meet the fitness requirements of Police. I need to look to what I will do in my future. Through my police and police association roles I have a good practical understanding of the principles of health & safety but I have no formal qualification. A recognised health and safety qualification will give me recognised subject matter expertise to support my current and potential future jobs. The scholarship enables me to complete my study earlier than I had anticipated due to covering some of the costs of the study."



Emma Morris

Doctor of Health (DHLth): Te Herenga Waka - Victoria University

"It's important to me that I study in New Zealand, and share my professional expertise with the New Zealand health and safety community. Receiving this scholarship means I can afford to study in New Zealand and continue to support New Zealand scientists. The professional mentoring through this scholarship is the most valuable aspect for me – I'm looking forward to the support and camaraderie while I undertake my doctoral study."



Shi (Mia) Tang

NEBOSH International Diploma: Training Solutions (ITS)/RRC International

"Winning the NEBOSH Diploma Scholarship is a meaningful milestone in my career journey as a Health & Safety professional. It's not only a reflection of my commitment to building safer workplaces and fostering a just culture, but also a step toward my goal of advocating for inclusivity and diverse perspectives in safety decisions. Coming from a multi-cultural background, I'm committed to bridging different viewpoints and creating environments where every voice matters. This scholarship brings me closer to gaining the skills and confidence to make a real impact, both now and in my future as a safety leader."

Health & Safety Category



Megan Sommerville

International Certificate in Occupational Hygiene (ICertOH): NZOHS OHTA Learning

"This scholarship provides an invaluable opportunity to further develop my technical skills and deepen my knowledge in occupational hygiene, helping me achieve my goal of earning the ICertOH qualification. With this support, I am excited to progress toward becoming a qualified occupational hygienist, where I can positively impact healthier work environments. This scholarship also allows me to connect and develop networks with like-minded individuals in the field, fostering collaboration and shared learning in my lifelong journey of advancing workplace health and safety."



Tori Cotton

Graduate Diploma in Occupational H&S (GradDipOHS): Massey University

"As a young woman in health and safety I often experience imposter syndrome; earning this scholarship has given me a vote of confidence that my hard work and dedication to becoming a more knowledgeable and competent health and safety practitioner is not amiss among my peers."



Mitchell Kemper

Post graduate diploma Health Science: Te Herenga Waka - Victoria University

"Why receiving the Scholarship is important to you I am a strong advocate for continual learning and believe postgraduate education provides in-depth knowledge on complex health and safety topics, advances critical thinking, and will better equip me with practical skills to drive meaningful improvements in workplace safety. I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to receive this scholarship, as it allows me to embark on my postgraduate education journey and advance my expertise in health and safety."



Aaron Bailey

NEBOSH International General Certificate: Training Solutions (ITS)/RRC International

"By earning this scholarship, I can continue my dedication to enhancing occupational health and safety, positioning myself as a valuable asset in protecting worker well-being and reducing workplace incidents. This achievement not only reflects my professional growth but also commitment to fostering a culture where safety is paramount."