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## ANNOUNCEMENT OF HASANZ SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS 2019

### OVERVIEW

Following a successful inaugural year of the Health and Safety Association of New Zealand (HASANZ) Scholarship Programme, we are very happy to announce the recipients of the second cohort of HASANZ Scholarships. These scholarships help more people build a great career in workplace health and safety.

This year two new categories were introduced: Poutama Scholarships for Māori health and safety practitioners who wish to take their skills to the next level, and Applied Research Scholarships for Masters' and PhD students. HASANZ received 138 applications in total, a 30% increase over last year.

This year we are awarding 22 HASANZ Scholarships for study beginning in 2020. These include:

- Six General Scholarships for people who already work in health and safety and want to upskill with a relevant Diploma or Degree
- Five Postgraduate Scholarships for people who have a Degree and want to specialise in a workplace health and safety field
- Five Occupational Hygiene Scholarships to help address the acute shortage of occupational hygienists in New Zealand (funded by WorkSafe)
- Two Poutama Scholarships
- Four Applied Research Scholarships.

HASANZ Scholarships include a financial contribution towards full or part-time tertiary study in health and safety over two years. In addition to the education funding, scholarship recipients will receive mentoring from a health and safety professional and also the opportunity to obtain practical experience.

The evaluation panel comprising representatives from tertiary education, HASANZ member associations and the wider health and safety sector, was impressed with the high quality of applications. "It was great to see a number of people who missed out last time reapplying, with their applications more focused on how they can make a positive difference in the health and safety environment in New Zealand", says Judy Currie, Occupational Health Nurse and panel member for Postgraduate and Applied Research applications.

HASANZ Executive Director, Philip Aldridge who chaired the evaluation panel is enthusiastic about the long-term benefits of HASANZ Scholarships: "HASANZ is delighted to be able to offer 22 scholarships this year to people who are already working in the health and safety industry and want to take their careers further," he says. "We're thankful to our sponsors for providing this opportunity. The HASANZ Scholarship Programme helps develop career paths for people to become health and safety professionals and raises the profile of health and safety as an attractive career option. Ultimately, that helps make our workplaces safer."

HASANZ Scholarship Programme sponsors include ACC, Air New Zealand, Auckland Council, ecoPortal, Fonterra, KiwiRail, PwC, RRC & Coachio Group, Safe365, SafetyApp.Pro, The Skills Organisation, Treescape, WorkSafe, Z Energy.

See the list of HASANZ Scholarship recipients on the [HASANZ website](#).

