Early Career Researcher Annual Conference Attendance Grants

*The National Committee of the GSNZ is offering two grants of $500 each to support ECR Society members who would otherwise not be able to attend the conference through financial hardship. The grants will provide financial support to help cover registration, accommodation, or travel costs associated with attending the GSNZ Annual Conference.*

*To be eligible for an ECR grant, you must:*

a. be within three years of completing (conferment of) your highest degree;
b. be presenting one or more papers and/or posters at the conference;
c. be a current financial member of the GSNZ (to join or renew, go to <https://www.gsnz.org.nz/become-a-member/> ).

*Please complete all sections of this form. Once complete, please email your form to the GSNZ Vice President (**vp@gsnz.org.nz**).*

*Applications are* ***due by the closing of Abstract Submission****. Any extension to the Abstract Submission deadline will also apply to ECR conference attendance grant applications.*

*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 ECRs who: have no or limited other funding support; are seen to have kept expenses to a modest and reasonable level; have not previously received GSNZ support for attending the Annual Conference; and/or are making more contributions to the conference (i.e. activities and presentations).*

**Section 1: Details of Applicant**

1. Name:
2. Email:
3. Address:
4. Date of completion (conferment) (MM/YYYY) of your highest degree programme. For thesis programmes, this should be date of conferment of degree, not date of submission or examination:
5. Please supply your GSNZ membership number\*:

*\*To obtain your membership number, go to* [*www.gsnz.org.nz*](http://www.gsnz.org.nz)*, click on ‘Member’s log in’ at the top right of the page. Log in (if necessary, reset your password in the process). Once logged in, click on your profile icon in the top right. Select ‘view profile’. Your membership number will be displayed below your name.*

1. Are you a member of any GSNZ Special Interest Groups (see <https://www.gsnz.org.nz/about-us/special-interest-groups/>)? Please tick all that apply.

[ ]  ECRs [ ]  Geochemistry [ ]  Hydrogeology [ ]  Historical Studies

[ ]  LAVA NZ [ ]  Petroleum [ ]  Palaeontology [ ]  Sedimentology

[ ]  Friends of the Pleistocene

1. Have you previously received travel support from the GSNZ to attend a GSNZ Annual Conference?

 NO[ ]  Yes[ ]

If you answered yes, please provide brief details of what support was provided and when:

**Section 2: Presentation/s & Conference Activities**

Presentations

Please enter the title of any abstract(s) being submitted for which you are the presenting/lead author:

Title of abstract 1:

Title of abstract 2:

Are you likely to be a co-author on any other abstracts being submitted to the conference?

No [ ]  Yes [ ]

Other conference activities

Are you intending to participate in any other activities while at the conference, i.e. field trips, workshops, meetings, etc.?

 Yes [ ]  No [ ]

*If yes, please give details here*

**Section 3: Benefits of Conference Attendance**

Please provide a brief statement (300 words or less) outlining the expected benefits to you and your career from attending this conference.

**Section 4: Budget**

Please provide a brief indicative budget for your anticipated costs of attending the Conference, along with approximate amounts of any other funding available or potentially available to support your attendance at the conference. If no other funding support is available, please leave that section blank.

The following table includes an example budget. Please delete the example budget (except for bold headings) and replace. Columns/rows may be added/deleted as needed. These instructions may be deleted.

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| **Expenses** | NZD |
| Conference registration | $450 |
| Travel expenses (e.g. flights, taxis, fuel, etc.): *Return flights between Auckland and Palmerston North* | $260 |
| Accommodation costs (include type, rate and number of nights): Student Halls, 4 nights @ $70/night | $280 |
| Food/sustenance  | $100 |
| Other (please specify) |  |
| **Total Expenses** | **$1090** |
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| **Other funding support (approved or applied for)** |  |
| e.g. Department travel support | $300 |
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| **Total Other Funding** (approved and applied for) | **$300** |
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| **Funding shortfall**(total expenses minus total funding) | **$790** |

**Section 5: Referee**

For applicants currently employed in a University or CRI or equivalent professional geoscience position, we request that applications are signed by the applicant’s Line Manager in Section 5a. For applicants currently unemployed or employed outside of professional geoscience, please complete Section 5b instead.

Complete **ONE** of the following sections:

**Section 5a: Line Manager Approval**

Name of Line Manager:

Email Address of Line Manager:

I confirm the following:

1. That no institutional funds are available to the applicant to support conference attendance, other than any already listed in the budget in Section 4.
2. That the budget information presented in Section 4 is appropriate.

Line Manager Signature\*:

Date:

**Section 5b: Supporting Reference**

For applicants currently unemployed or employed outside of professional geoscience, please provide the contact details of a current member of the Geoscience Society of New Zealand who we can approach to provide support for your application.

Name:

Email Address:

Phone number:

Current position (e.g. Professor, Senior Scientist, etc.):

Relationship to you (e.g. former supervisor, colleague, etc.):

**Section 6: Further Information & Applicant Declaration**

Please note the following:

* Applicants will be informed of the outcome of their application within 1 month of the closure of Abstract submission.
* Funds will be paid after the conference to successful recipients who have registered and attended the conference.
* All successful applicants will be required to provide a brief report on their experience of the conference for the March edition of the Society newsletter.

*I confirm that, to the best of my knowledge, the information contained within this application is true and accurate.* Yes [ ]

*I confirm that I do not have access to any financial support (e.g. research grants, departmental funds, etc.) for the conference other than what is listed in the budget in Section 4* Yes [ ]

Applicant signature\*:

Date:

*\*signatures can be added as image files*

*Once complete, please email your form to the GSNZ Vice President (**vp@gsnz.org.nz**).*