

# NZOQ–Lysaght Conference Scholarship

## Purpose

The aim of this scholarship is to provide an opportunity each year for a person employed in quality management, who is a member of the New Zealand Organisation for Quality (NZOQ), to attend an approved Asia-Pacific quality conference.

The purpose is to improve their knowledge of contemporary quality management practices and associated topics, meet other quality professionals, and learn from working networks and other 'centre approaches' in Asia, Australia, New Zealand, and/or the Pacific Islands.

## Value

This scholarship has a value of up to NZD\$1,500 towards the cost of conference attendance. This may include registration, approved travel, accommodation, and subsistence costs.

## Eligibility

Candidates are invited to apply to NZOQ for consideration. The scholarship criteria are as follows:

1. Only one nomination per individual or corporate member is permitted each year.
2. Scholarships will normally be granted to an individual only once.
3. A candidate must be an individual member or a current employee of a corporate member of NZOQ.
4. The candidate must meet the following employment criteria:
  - Be operating at a junior or middle level of quality management or supervision, with a minimum of three years' experience in a quality management environment.
  - Senior managers and non-quality practitioners are ineligible. While, in exceptional circumstances, a candidate may report directly to the Chief Executive of their organisation, they must not be a member of the senior management team.
  - Consultants and those in academic, teaching, or research roles are excluded, unless they are also directly involved in quality management within their area of employment.
  - NZOQ Board members, staff, their partners, and members of their immediate families are ineligible.
5. Candidates must nominate in their application the specific area of interest they wish to concentrate on at their chosen conference.
6. Candidates must agree to provide a written report on their conference experience. The report must be no fewer than 300 words and suitable for publication in *Quality Business* magazine. It is expected to be submitted to NZOQ within four weeks of completing their attendance.
7. Scholarship applicants may be required to attend an interview.

## Evaluation

- Each application must address all relevant eligibility criteria, particularly criteria 3–6 above.
- Applications will be reviewed for eligibility and completeness by NZOQ National Office, before being forwarded to a Review Panel appointed by the NZOQ Board of Directors.
- The Review Panel will make recommendations to the Board, who will make the final decision on the award, including approval of the applicant's nominated conference.
- More than one scholarship may be awarded in any calendar year.

- Successful applicant(s) will be required to produce a written report within four weeks of attending the conference. The report must provide an outline of the conference programme, highlights, information obtained, and how the new knowledge will be applied in the applicant's work. The report must be no fewer than 300 words and will be published in *Quality Business* and/or *Q-zine*.

## **Administration**

- Successful applicant(s) are expected to make their own arrangements to attend the conference.
- The applicant or their employer should pay all travel and other related costs upfront. The applicant or employer may then submit a written claim, with copies of invoices and receipts, to NZOQ National Office for reimbursement of the scholarship contribution.
- In the normal course of events, NZOQ will pay 75% of the scholarship amount upon receipt of conference-related invoices and receipts. The remaining 25% will be paid upon receipt of the written report.