

## NZSSD Professional Development Awards

Applications are invited for awards to members of NZSSD in the general area of “Further Professional Development”. The total available funding will be determined by the Executive. Individual awards will rarely exceed \$2,500. Awards are available to those who have been financial members for at **least 18 months** and who work within the field of diabetes care and management. *These awards are not intended to fund research projects.*

**Examples** of potential award purposes – these are meant to be illustrative, not limiting:

- Study expenses (e.g. course fees, attendance costs) for higher degrees or courses of direct relevance to the individual’s career/training
- Visits to other specialist centres with a defined purpose relevant to the individual’s career and special interests.
- Attendance at international meetings – this alone will be a low priority

The criteria for assessing applications and scoring of the application include the following. It is anticipated that the applicant provides evidence by addressing the following criteria:

- Articulates key learnings to be gained from attendance to their professional development and their application to practice
- Articulates the possible benefits of attendance to the care of people with diabetes in NZ
- Aligns with key national priority/key areas of practice
- Has a current, recent or planned track record of presentation, feedback, and/or involvement in research/teaching to other health care professionals
- Has been a financial member for at least 6 months
- Is engaged in current, recent or planned study for relevant professional/academic qualifications
- Lack of previous opportunities for such study or relevant experience
- Home unit has made a financial commitment towards support of the candidate

Applications should include:

- A brief CV – limit 3 pages – including length of membership and your contributions to NZSSD
- A brief summary of your current role, how you fit the criteria above and how the grant would benefit your training, experience and/or practice and enhance your local or national service in future.
- A list of national/international meetings attended and/or overseas visits made in the last 2 calendar years, e.g. NZSSD, ADEA, ADA. Include details of any papers/posters presented and of any grants awarded by NZSSD or other organisations over that time.
- A letter of support from a senior member of your local team, including confirmation of any local financial backing and/or why this is not forthcoming/adequate.
- A budget and amount for which you are applying

**Applications will be received by email: [info@nzssd.org.nz](mailto:info@nzssd.org.nz) on the closing date specified on our website [www.nzssd.org.nz](http://www.nzssd.org.nz)**

**An acknowledgment will be emailed on receipt**