

## **Professional development awards**

### **Intention**

Professional development awards are to provide financial assistance to members of NZSSD to undertake further development within the field of diabetes care and management

### **General Criteria**

The awards are open to anyone who has been a paid-up member of NZSSD for at least 18 months. Awards can be applied for throughout the year. The amount awarded will be at the discretion of the Executive with awards not usually more than \$1,000 per individual. An award will be granted to an individual only once within a year.

Examples of potential award opportunities are

- ✓ Study expenses for a higher degree or course directly associated with the individual's career/training relating to diabetes care and management.
- ✓ Visits to other specialist centres where there is a defined purpose that is relevant to the individual's career and area of work.
- ✓ Attendance at international meetings – this alone will be of a lower priority

### **Nomination and Selection**

1. All eligible members of the NZSSD may apply.
2. Applications will be made in writing by email to the Executive giving:
  - a. An outline of the development opportunity and how it fits the criteria outlined below.
  - b. A brief summary of the applicant's current role and how the award will benefit their training and role and enhance the national and/or local service.
  - c. An outline of the overall cost and the amount being applied for.
  - d. Length of paid membership of NZSSD.
3. Awards will be solely by consensus of the Executive.

### **Criteria to guide applications**

Applications should address the following points:

1. How the key learnings will benefit the applicant's professional development and be applied in her/his practice.
2. How it aligns with key national/local priorities.
3. The opportunities to share the learning with others e.g. present to professional group, article in NewSweet etc.

4. Details of previous grants received from NZSSD.
5. A written statement from the applicant's employer/educational institution that they support the proposed study/professional development and that it will meet local needs and priorities.
6. Written confirmation from the applicant's employer/educational institution of financial support, or rationale why this is not available.

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