

NZARE

STUDENT TRAVEL GRANT Criteria and expectations 2026

CRITERIA

- A current student member of NZARE
- Enrolled at a New Zealand tertiary institution at least 0.5 FTE and in paid employment up to 0.5 FTE maximum
- First author of a paper or round table discussion that has been accepted for presentation at the conference (you may apply prior to abstracts being accepted, but acceptance is required for payment)
- Completed application form received by 5pm, 01 September 2026.

Depending on funds available and the number of applicants, the student travel grant covers all or part of:

- the early student registration fee for conference
- a contribution towards travelling expenses.

Decisions on grants will be made as soon as possible following the acceptance process for conference abstracts. We will notify you by email to advise the outcome of your grant application. Please note, the grant will need to be repaid if you don't attend the conference.

EXPECTATIONS

Expectations of NZARE Student Travel Grant Recipients

- Attend both the ***Student Caucus meeting*** and the ***NZARE AGM*** at the conference and **introduce yourself into the NZARE postgraduate community.**
- **Consider attending any other student events at the conference and contributing ideas/leading a student forum at a future NZARE event.**
- **Reflect and share with others how your attendance at the NZARE conference contributed to your research journey.** The aim is to share your experience with other postgraduate students with the intention of helping them with their research journey. Please choose one of the following 3 options for sharing:

Blog Post	Facebook Review	Reflective Report
• Write a 700-1000 word blog post reporting on the research content of your conference presentation. • Blog posts will be published on the NZARE blog (www.nzareblog.wordpress.com) and will need to go through the feedback/revision process with current blog editors. Contributor guidelines available on blog website • Editors will indicate to readers at the end of your post that your presentation was supported by way of an NZARE student travel grant (you do not need to cite or write about the award itself). • As per blog submission guidelines, you'll also need to include a short 2-3 sentence bio and photo. • Although the blog post requires the most words of the 3 options, it also provides the greatest opportunity for impact - promoting and disseminating your research.	• Submit a short version of the reflective report as a Facebook review on NZARE's Facebook page. • This is the shortest option in terms of word count - a couple of sentences will suffice! • You might comment on your experiences of NZARE generally, experience at the conference, and receiving the student travel grant.	• In 250 words or less, write a reflective report explaining how attendance at the NZARE conference contributed to your research journey. • The report might consider the following: - The name of your conference presentation. - How you managed the preparation of the abstract, oral presentation and question and answer session. - What you learnt from the preparation process. - What you would do differently next time and why. - The presentation(s) you attended at the conference and why you found it/them interesting/useful? - Any other reflections on your conference experience that you'd like to share. - Advice to future postgraduate conference attendees.