

BGANZ

Professional Award Scholarship

Objective

To contribute to the ongoing training and development of BGANZ Members through overseas research or work experience with like organisations which will bring a benefit to the individual and BGANZ.

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The BGANZ Scholarship could be used for a range of professional development opportunities, including but not restricted to travel to study, and travel to botanic gardens or associated horticultural institutions. It could be to undertake field trips and collection trips, or even to attend a relevant conference or seminar or to attend a specific training course. These opportunities may be in any country in the world, including Australia and New Zealand.

Scholarship Details

1. One scholarship to the value of up to \$2,000 (AUD) will be offered every second year. The scholarship is open to all BGANZ Members, and the successful applicant will be announced at the BGANZ biennial Congress.
2. There shall be no restrictions placed upon an application for the scholarship such as previous experience, qualifications or age.
3. All applications are to be lodged with the President by the due date, with review and selection to be carried out by a BGANZ Scholarship Committee.
4. The BGANZ Scholarship Committee will comprise the Executive Officer, President and two other representatives of BGANZ Council. At least one must be a NZ Council Representative. The Council member will be appointed for a period of two years, and can be re-elected to the role.
5. The scholarship must be commenced in the 12-month period immediately following its award.
6. The successful applicant must match the BGANZ Award amount with funds from any other source such as: own funds, employer, other Research Grants, etc.
7. The successful applicant must report back to the BGANZ community through the BGANZ magazine, *THE BOTANIC GARDENER*, within 12 months of completing their assignment.

Guidelines for Applications

1. Applications are to be supported by written documentation outlining the reasons and benefits expected from the scholarship, both to the staff member and the botanic gardens community in Australia or New Zealand. Competing applications will be evaluated by the BGANZ Professional Award Scholarship Committee according to the criteria of:
 - (a) benefit to the applicant's career development
 - (b) benefit to the BGANZ community (e.g. new ideas and techniques that may improve efficiency and effectiveness).

2. Successful applicants will present a written report to the Executive Officer, BGANZ, for inclusion in *THE BOTANIC GARDENER* magazine within 12 months of scholarship completion.

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