



BOTANIC GARDENS AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND LTD

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Young Member Award 2023

Objective

To foster and support the ongoing training and development of younger BGANZ Members through the provision of a dedicated scholarship/award.

Scholarship Details

1. One BGANZ Young Membership Scholarship to the value of up to \$500 (AUD) will be offered in 2023 with the closing date 7 September 2023. The scholarship is open to all BGANZ Members under 30.
2. The scholarship could be used for a range of professional development opportunities including a study trip/travel to botanic gardens, or associated institutions, field trips and collection trips, attend a relevant conference or seminar, or to attend a specific training course.
3. This award is specifically targeted to younger members of BGANZ membership. The only restriction on applicants is by age. All Applicants must be under 30 by date of application (remember: if your garden is a member of BGANZ – so are all its employees).
4. All applications are to be lodged with the President by the due date, with review and selection to be carried out by BGANZ Scholarship Committee.
5. The BGANZ Scholarship Committee will comprise the Chair, two other representatives of the BGANZ Member Committee and at least one New Zealand representative. The Committee members will be appointed for a period of two years and can be re-elected to the role.
6. The scholarship must be used in the 12-month period immediately following its award.
7. The successful applicant is required to present a report for publication in *THE BOTANIC GARDENER* on completion of the award.
8. The award must be used to support the BGANZ Member's education and must be related to the work of the BGANZ community. In all cases the BGANZ Scholarship Committee will decide on the suitability of the candidate's proposed use of award.



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Guidelines for Applications

Applications are to be supported by written documentation outlining the reasons and benefits expected from the scholarship.

Competing applications will be evaluated by the Scholarship Committee according to the criteria of:

- (a) Benefit to the applicant's career development
- (b) Links to BGANZ's purpose:
 - 1. the protection, conservation and enhancement of plants and their ecosystems
 - 2. the provision of information and education and undertaking research about plants and plant communities, through working with botanic gardens and other institutions to achieve the following objects:
 - (i) supporting and carrying out research into the diversity, conservation and ecosystem values of plants and their communities
 - (ii) supporting the ex situ and in situ conservation of threatened plants, including through the development and use of seed banks
 - (iii) promoting knowledge sharing about plants and plant communities
 - (iv) promoting education about plants and plant communities
 - (v) providing a forum to enhance and promote the botanical, horticultural, educational and environmental work of botanic gardens.

Applications are to be emailed to secretariat@bganz.org.au.

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Chair, BGANZ Ltd
28 July 2023