

RTSA Annual Rail Scholarship Award



SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS

The Scholarship recipient shall:

- be responsible for making an application to attend the preferred course, managing the admission process and all aspects of completing the course.
- commence the course within 12 months of receiving the Scholarship or the offer will be withdrawn.
- receive no further payments within 4 years of receiving the Scholarship

Course costs will be reimbursed by the RTSA up to the limits set out in the above upon the submission by the Scholarship recipient to the RTSA of receipts for payment to the university for fees, for the costs of text books and/or approved study materials. Academic transcripts demonstrating successful achievement of the units studied during the period of the claim also shall be presented to the RTSA at the time of making a claim.

Should the scholarship recipient fail any subject(s) in a year, the RTSA will not reimburse any costs for that year. The cost of re-sitting the subject(s) shall be at the scholarship recipient's own cost. When/if the failed subject(s) are retaken successfully, the claim may be re-submitted for the year in which the subject(s) have been completed. If the scholarship recipient withdraws or does not complete the course then the scholarship will cease, with future claims not being entertained.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applicants for the Scholarship shall:

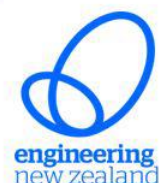
- be an Australian or New Zealand citizen, or a permanent resident of Australia or New Zealand.
- be eligible to attend a suitable rail industry related post graduate rail industry related course of study in Australia or New Zealand by meeting the admission and entry requirements of the relevant university

(the applicant is responsible for ensuring that he or she satisfies this criteria).

- have been working continuously in the Australasian rail industry for at least two years prior to lodging an application.
- not be currently participating in study for any graduate or post graduate rail industry related university course, unless the applicant can demonstrate special circumstances. Please attach details.



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In exceptional circumstances, approval may be given for an applicant to undertake a specialist rail course by distance learning, from an overseas university, if such courses are not available in Australia or New Zealand.

REVIEW CRITERIA

The criteria that will be used to assist the RTSA to select the successful application for the Scholarship are as follows:

- professional achievements in the rail industry.
- other contributions to the rail industry.
- potential to complete the chosen course successfully (including nomination of the preferred course if the application is successful)
- expected benefits arising from completing the course.

The criteria will be judged through a 2-stage process, with written applications being short-listed and an interview of these short listed applicants by a panel selected from the membership of the RTSA Awards Subcommittee.

APPLICATIONS

Applications for the 2019 RTSA Rail Scholarship will close on Friday 26 June 2020

The application shall be accompanied by:

- a copy of the nominee's current CV;
- a citation of not more than 1,000 words, in which the applicant shall describe his or her potential to meet the requirements of the eligibility criteria and the review criteria set out in the above and to address the following:
 - what are your long term career goals?
 - what unique aspects about your background and experience do you bring to the rail industry?
 - describe how you have contributed to the rail industry in your career so far.
- two professional references
- a letter from the applicant's employer confirming support of his or her attendance at the proposed course of study



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