

International Student Bursary for ISANA National Conference Attendance

Introduction

ISANA International Education Association is the representative body for international education professionals in Australia and New Zealand, working in student services, advocacy, teaching, and policy development.

Mission Statement

ISANA: International Education Association is an association of Australian and New Zealand international education professionals whose members are dedicated to the advancement of international education through:

- leadership, promotion and advocacy of best practice standards in the service of international education;
- the facilitation of relevant forums, training and information exchange for its membership and the community; and
- working in partnership with stakeholder organisations including international students, educational, government, business and community groups

Objectives

ISANA aims to assist those directly and professionally engaged in the provision of international education services. It does this by:

- Providing a means for the exchange of information and networking
- Facilitating professional development of members
- Building links with associated organisations locally and overseas
- Recognising the interests and rights of international students in Australia and New Zealand.

International Student Conference Bursary

ISANA will offer \$1000 for an international student representing each State and Australian Territory to attend and participate in the ISANA National Conference. The funds are to contribute towards expenses related to travel and accommodation. A conference fee waiver will also be offered to each successful student.

As the bursary is only a contribution towards travel and accommodation, student applicants may wish to consider seeking additional support from their education institution.

Aims

To provide opportunities for engagement with other students and professional and academic staff in the international education sector

To ensure that international student interests and opinions are heard and noted in general discussions and through presentations;

To develop leadership potential in the international student community

To disseminate international education information through the student community

Selection Criteria

International students from each State and Territory in Australia can be nominated either through Branches or via invitation of the National Council

No more than 4 international students will be nominated from each State and Territory.

One international student representative will be selected from the nominees to represent their State or Territory.

The international student must be at least 18 years of age and be a continuing student with a valid student visa and passport. The student must be able to travel interstate and overseas.

The nominees must submit an application that addresses the following:

- The student's academic background and country of origin.
- Student club and education provider representative role on committees and achievements
- Brief (no more than 300 words) plan on how they will benefit from attendance and participation at the ISANA National Conference
- Brief (300 words) plan on how they will disseminate information through the international student community in their respective State or Territory in the following year.
- Two referee reports

Only completed applications submitted on the application template will be considered.

Successful regional applicants in institutions not in the capital cities can apply for an additional \$500 to assist with travel. These applications will be assessed on a merit basis and will require evidence of a travel quote.

There is an expectation all successful awardees will attend the ISANA National Conference and participate in a student panel at the conference.

The selection panel will be drawn from the National Council.

All entries must be received by the ISANA Secretariat isana@isana.org.au by no later than close of business of 30th June 2016