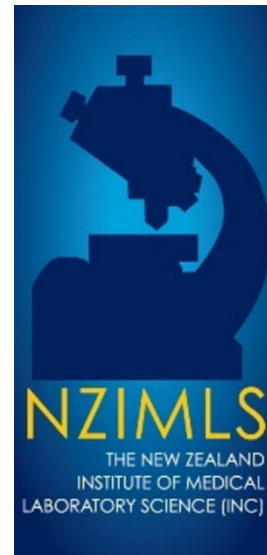


The Michael Legge Higher Education Scholarship



1. Purpose | Aronga

This scholarship aims to support the professional development of Medical Laboratory Technicians in Aotearoa New Zealand who hold a Bachelor of Science and aspire to become a Medical Laboratory Scientist. By providing financial assistance of up to \$3,000.00 towards tuition fees for a Postgraduate Diploma in Medical Laboratory Science at a qualifying New Zealand university, the Scholarship seeks to foster career progression and strengthen the medical laboratory workforce.

The Scholarship is named in honour of **Associate Professor Dr Michael Legge**, a distinguished scientist, educator, and lifelong advocate for the medical laboratory profession. Dr Legge's career spans clinical practice in Chemical Pathology, pioneering research in embryology and assisted reproductive technologies, and leadership in national and international scientific and ethics committees. He is a Fellow Life Member of the New Zealand Institute of Medical Laboratory Science (Inc.) (NZIMLS), Chair of the NZIMLS Board of Examiners, and serves as the Professional Advisor to the NZIMLS Council. Dr Legge is also a Fellow and Examiner for the Faculty of Science at the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia.

This Scholarship recognises Dr Legge's legacy by supporting the next generation of laboratory scientists who demonstrate a commitment to excellence, innovation, and service to the profession. Up to two (2) Scholarships are awarded annually to eligible candidates.

2. Eligibility criteria | Paearu māraurau

To be eligible for this Scholarship, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- 2.1 Have completed at least 18 consecutive months of employment at an appropriately accredited diagnostic laboratory within Aotearoa New Zealand.
- 2.2 Be a registered Medical Laboratory Technician with the Medical Sciences Council of New Zealand (MSCNZ)
- 2.3 Hold Associate Membership with NZIMLS.
- 2.4 Have held Associate Membership of NZIMLS for a minimum of two consecutive years and remain a member for the duration of study.
- 2.5 Possess a Bachelor of Science degree.
- 2.6 Be enrolled, or intending to enrol, in the first year of a Postgraduate Diploma in Medical Laboratory Science at a qualifying university in Aotearoa New Zealand, with confirmed acceptance.
- 2.7 Have the support of their current employer to undertake the qualification.

3. Application process | Tukanga tononga

- 3.1 Applications must be made online through the NZIMLS website by **1 November** each year.
- 3.2 Applicants must provide the following information:
 - 3.2.1 a personal statement outlining their suitability for the award;
 - 3.2.2 a copy of their current Annual Practising Certificate from the MSCNZ;
 - 3.2.3 a brief curriculum vitae (maximum two A4 pages);
 - 3.2.4 a letter of support from their current employer;
 - 3.2.5 contact details for two (2) referees: one professional (employment or academic) and one character reference.

4. Selection process | Tukanga kōwhiringa

- 4.1 Up to two (2) scholarships may be awarded each year.
- 4.2 Each recipient may only receive the scholarship once.
- 4.2 The NZIMLS Council will make the final selection at its final quarterly meeting of the year.

5. Selection criteria | Paearu kōwhiringa

- 5.1 In making the selection the Council will consider the applicants:
 - a. Previous academic achievement
 - b. Employer reference
 - c. Career aspirations and personal statement
 - d. Eligibility to study as a domestic student within Aotearoa New Zealand.
- 5.2 If, in any year, there is no candidate of sufficient merit, no scholarship will be offered.

6. Value and payment schedule | Mahere utu

- 6.1 The Scholarship provides **up to \$3,000.00** towards tuition fees, based on the domestic fee rate.
- 6.2 Payment will be made directly to the recipient's chosen university fees account.
- 6.3 Disbursement will occur as soon as practicable following confirmation of enrolment in the approved programme.

7. Tenability and retention criteria | Paearu here

- 7.1 The Scholarship must be taken up in the year immediately following the year of application. Recipients not already enrolled must do so by the university's enrolment deadline.
- 7.2 The Scholarship is not co-tenable with any other Scholarship.
- 7.3 The Scholarship may be withdrawn, and any paid funds may be recovered if, during the tenure, the recipient does not:
 - a. maintain their employment as per clause 2.1
 - b. maintain their NZIMLS associate membership as per clause 2.3
 - c. maintain an enrolment that meets the conditions specified in clause 7.1
 - d. demonstrate satisfactory academic engagement
 - e. Adhere to the chosen University's statutes, regulations, policies, and rules

Apply via the official application form available at www.nzimls.org.nz