

# NZIMLS President's Award for Outstanding Service to the Profession

## Purpose of the Award

The President's Award aims to acknowledge and celebrate outstanding service by members to the medical laboratory profession. It recognises individuals whose commitment, dedication, and contributions have made a significant impact on the advancement and reputation of the profession in New Zealand.

## Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for nomination:

- The nominee must be a current Full Member or Associate Member of the New Zealand Institute of Medical Laboratory Science Inc. (NZIMLS).
- The nominee must have a minimum of five years' experience in an accredited medical laboratory in New Zealand.
- The NZIMLS President may nominate one individual during their two-year term who is not a member of NZIMLS or not working in an accredited laboratory, but who has made significant contributions to the profession or the Institute.
- The award is open to those who have demonstrated professional contributions, leadership or mentorship, academic achievement, and overall service to the profession, including:
  - Past and present members of NZIMLS-appointed committees
  - Past and present Convenors of Special Interest Groups (SIGs)
  - Past and present Convenors and members of ASM committees
  - Past and present Examiners and Moderators of QMLT examinations
  - Past and present members of the Board of Examiners
  - Past and present members of the NZIMLS Journal Editorial Board
  - Past and present NZIMLS Council members

## Note:

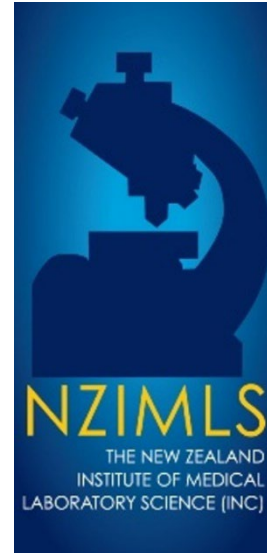
- Life Members and Honorary Members are not eligible for this award.
- Recipients of the President's Award may only be considered for a second award after a minimum of two years has elapsed since the initial recognition.

## Nomination Process

- Any current NZIMLS member may nominate any member for this award.
- The current President may nominate one individual from outside NZIMLS membership during their two-year term. The decision on such a nomination will be made by a selection panel comprising at least three members. The President must not be part of this panel.
- The nomination form will be available on the NZIMLS website.
- Nominations must be submitted to the NZIMLS Executive Office by **31 March** each year.
- Each nomination must include:
  - A detailed description of the nominee's service history and contributions to the profession.
  - The names and contact details of two referees, along with their letters of support for the nomination.

## Selection

The current President of NZIMLS, in consultation with the Executive, will make the final decision regarding the award. The President must appoint a selection committee to assist in the decision-making process for the nominations outside the Institute.



If a selection committee is appointed:

- All members must declare any conflicts of interest.
- Members will serve voluntarily and will not receive any remuneration from NZIMLS.

The President's decision is final. However, any appeals must be submitted in writing to the Executive Office within **30 days** of the award announcement.

### **Award**

The award comprises:

- A certificate signed by the current NZIMLS President.
- A commemorative pin.

### **Award Presentation**

- If already attending an NZIMLS event, the presentation will be made at that event.
- If the recipient is unable to attend, the award will be posted, or presented by a Regional Representative of the Council.
- A list of recipients will be published on the official NZIMLS website.