

## *Student Conference Scholarships*

### **Aim of the Student Conference Scholarship**

The aim of the Conference scholarships is to encourage promising students to continue their research in the field of gambling and gambling related issues by enabling them to meet with colleagues, hear about new research, and have a chance to discuss their own research with an audience of experts in the field at the Annual Conference. The scholarship comprises full registration for the Conference and \$500 contribution towards travel and accommodation expenses for attendance at the conference. The number of scholarships to be offered each year will be determined by the National Committee.

Scholarship students are expected to assist the conference organisers in some way. This assistance will be greatly appreciated by the conference organisers and provide additional networking opportunities with NAGS Committee members and other conference participants. For example, scholarship students may be asked to help staff the registration desk, assist in the conduct of the Annual General Meeting or help set up or take down the poster session. Actual duties will be assigned as the conference nears. While the level of assistance is not expected to be overly onerous, students should identify any time constraints in their application forms.

Applicants are also encouraged to submit abstracts for consideration by the Conference Organising Committee.

### **Conditions of Application**

Applications close on a date determined by the National Committee each year. Late applications will not be accepted.

Applicants must be a full or part time student enrolled in an Australian tertiary institution at the time of application. Evidence of studentship is required. Scholarships are not transferrable. If the student is not able to attend the conference, the scholarship will be forfeited.

Applications must be in the approved form and complete in every detail. **Applicants should read the “Call for Student Conference Scholarship Applications” issued for the relevant annual Conference.**

### **Assessment Criteria**

Applications will be assessed by the National Committee or a sub-committee thereof, and will be based on merit. Preference will be given to applications in the following order-

1. student and primary academic supervisor are both current financial member of NAGS.
2. student is not a current financial member but the application is endorsed by a current financial member of NAGS.
3. student and endorser, both of whom are not current financial members of NAGS.



<b>Criterion</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Score</b>
Extent to which the student's attendance will contribute to furthering the objects and purpose of NAGS <i>(Max Available Score 20)</i>		
Relevance of the student's course of study to enhancing research, treatment, practice and policy development in gambling and gambling related issues <i>(Max Available Score 20)</i>		
Quality of written submission in support of application <i>(Max Available Score 20)</i>		
Is student able to access other financial assistance to attend the NAGS conference <i>(Max Available Score 20)</i>		
Student a NAGS financial member <i>(Max Available Score 10)</i>		
Application endorsed by a NAGS financial member <i>(Max Available Score 10)</i>		
Other Comments		
<b>Total</b>		<b>/100</b>



## **Assessment Process**

Applications will be grouped in preferential order. Applications in each group will be assessed and ranked in order of merit.

The successful students will be notified by the Secretariat via email. The student is to attend to other administrative matters (such as conference registration by the due date) otherwise the scholarship may be forfeited.

If the student is unable to accept the scholarship, the Secretariat is to be notified as soon as possible so that the scholarship may be re-allocated to the student in the next order of merit.

The scholarship recipients will be announced and introduced at the opening of the annual conference and conference delegates encouraged to engage with scholarship students throughout the conference.

The National Committee's decision is final and no correspondence shall be entered into or appeal heard.

Endorsed by:

**NAGS National Committee**  
on 24 April 2014