



Institute of Finance Professionals New Zealand Inc (INFINZ)

Conference Scholarship 2026



Feedback from past Scholars

The tour of the BNZ dealing room was very valuable and I thought Mark led the afternoon very well. The question session we had at the end was also very interesting. I really enjoyed the conference and I think the array of speakers was fantastic. I think the layout was brilliant and the opportunity to choose particular streams was really great. I benefited hugely from my trip up to Auckland; I made some very valuable contacts and came away with some highly valuable advice. I intend to keep in touch with many of these contacts and am very sure they will assist me greatly in my future!

Jillea Hewitt
University of Otago

I felt privileged to have been able to attend the INFINZ Conference this year. From a student perspective, it was particularly interesting to be able to gain a practical insight into the operation of financial markets and key issues in the industry at present. Probably the most enjoyable part of the process was the opportunity to visit the BNZ dealing room before the Conference. This was a unique opportunity and was capped off by a panel discussion that provided a huge amount of insight in terms of potential careers within the industry.

Thanks for all your help in getting things organised for the Conference, I found it a valuable experience.

Callum Rose
University of Auckland

Thank you immensely for the privilege to attend the INFINZ Conference which gave me crucial insights into the world of Finance and Capital Markets. I value the opportunity of meeting with experts in their respective fields and the pragmatic and constructive insights shared by the local and international speakers challenging industry leaders to demonstrate purpose, value, holistic and long-term approaches to building trust in the workplace. I have come away inspired by the extensive array of career opportunities within the industry and the insights shared by the esteemed representatives of the INFINZ Board.

Slueti Manu O'uiha
Massey University

The conference was great. It allowed me to meet professionals and gain an understanding of NZ and International businesses. The tour of the trading desk was great because I've never been to a trading desk before. I got to see it all in action which was very informative.

Aaron Kumar
University of Waikato

2026 INFINZ Conference Scholarship Eligibility and application details

INFINZ is holding its [2026 Conference](#) on 13 October 2026 at the Cordis Hotel, 83 Symonds Street, Auckland and wishes to provide 10 scholarships for students to attend free of charge.

The INFINZ Conference Scholarships will be awarded based on applications made which will be assessed by a selection panel and interviews may be held.

Application criteria:

- Previous INFINZ Scholars are not eligible
- Only available to INFINZ members - students are charged an annual processing fee of \$30 including gst (or \$20 including gst if a member of a relevant student club) - please contact Iona Gibbs, iona@infinz.com or go to www.infinz.com for more details)
- Those students in full-time study at one of the following Universities: Auckland, AUT, Canterbury, Lincoln, Massey, Otago, Victoria or Waikato
- Preference will be given to those students in the final year of undergraduate study or in post-graduate study
- Study programs include all commerce-related subjects such as economics, finance, accounting, entrepreneurship and commercial law
- Grades B+ and above
- Demonstrated leadership capability, including in student clubs or NFPs
- Those best able to articulate the benefit of attending the INFINZ Conference for their professional development
- The applications must be supported by their respective Business school/faculty
- A non-academic referee must be provided who can speak to the non-academic achievements

The scholarship will comprise:

- Conference registration is free for scholars. You must be an INFINZ member. The standard member-rate otherwise available is \$1080 including gst. (NB: The scholarship does not cover travel or accommodation expenses).
- Brief profile in INFINZ electronic newsletter which goes to our database of over 5000 recipients and for inclusion on INFINZ website. These profiles will also be included in the Conference program which will be made available to all delegates.
- Able to note on their CV that they were selected for the (2026) INFINZ Conference Scholarship.
- A lunchtime meeting will be separately arranged with the Executive Director and some of the INFINZ Board members to further your network and connections.

Obligations for scholarship holders:

- Must uphold the standards expected of members and act as excellent role models
- Willingness to report back to fellow students on the findings/learnings from the Conference
- Willingness to provide feedback regards their experience to INFINZ and to fellow students

Process/timeframes

- Applications must be made by **31 July 2026** and emailed to the INFINZ Administration Manager Iona Gibbs, iona@infinz.com
- Selection by 2 September 2026 and all applicants advised

Questions/queries regards eligibility, INFINZ or the Conference itself, should be addressed to the Executive Director of INFINZ, Jim McElwain, jim@infinz.com, or 021632047, www.infinz.com