

Gwenyth Ewens Memorial Bursary

Supporting education, research, and contribution in lighting

GUIDE FOR APPLICANTS

What is this bursary?

The Gwenyth Ewens Memorial Bursary was created to honour **Gwenyth Ewens (1916–1995)** — a Life Fellow of IES: The Lighting Society, and a passionate advocate for education and research in lighting.

Gwenyth lectured in architecture, design, lighting, colour, and vision, and specialised in glass research. She served on both the WA and National Councils of the Society and, in recognition of her lifelong contribution, was elected a Life Fellow in 1975. Through her will, Gwenyth bequeathed funds to IES: The Lighting Society to support education and research — establishing this bursary.

Every two years, the bursary provides **financial support of up to AUD \$6,000** to help individuals take part in education or research that will develop their skills **and give back to the lighting industry**.

This “give back” is the heart of the bursary: recipients are expected to produce a resource — such as an article, research paper, guide, or presentation — that benefits other members and the wider profession.

Who can apply?

You can apply if you are:

- An **Australian or New Zealand citizen** (or permanent resident).
- Interested in advancing your knowledge of lighting through study, training, research, or professional development.
- Able to demonstrate how your project will benefit you *and* contribute something back to the Society and industry.

What can the bursary support?

✓ Eligible activities include:

- Independent or supervised research projects in lighting.
- Writing and publishing a study, white paper, technical guide or other written publications.
- Developing a case study or field report that advances industry knowledge,
- Attending a conference or study tour with the aim of producing a written or presented output for the profession.

✗ Not supported:

- Activities already funded by your employer or another grant/bursary.
- Employer driven activities or training
- Buying equipment, software, or reference materials.
- Degree programs or university tuition.
- Product or manufacturer workshops.
- Projects with no tangible output for the profession.

Examples of Past/Ideal Outputs (but not limited to)

- A case study on innovative lighting integration in architecture or landscape.
- A white paper or guide on best practice in sustainable lighting.
- A technical report comparing different design approaches.
- A presentation of findings from a study tour or research project.

How much is available?

The bursary is valued at **up to \$6,000** and is paid in stages:

- Up to \$4,000 to cover approved expenses (with receipts/evidence).
- \$1,000 when you publish an article in the *IESANZ Publication*.
- \$1,000 when you present your work at the next IESANZ conference or similar IESANZ event.

If you're not already a member, you'll also receive a **complimentary Associate Membership** for the duration of your bursary.

What's expected of recipients?

If awarded the bursary, you'll need to:

- Complete your activity within **two years**.
- Write an article (minimum 750 words) for the *IESANZ Publication*.
- Present your work (15 minutes) at an IESANZ Conference or similar IESANZ event.
- Deliver a **knowledge-sharing outcome** (e.g. paper, guide, tool, resource).
- Acknowledge the bursary in any publications or presentations.

How to apply

1. Complete the **Application Form** (available on IESANZ website).
2. Provide:
 - A description of your proposed activity (with timeline).
 - A budget with estimated costs (include evidence where possible).
 - A statement explaining how your work will give back to the industry.
 - Your CV and supporting documents (enrolment proof, references, etc.).
3. Submit your completed application or email to: **secretariat@iesanz.org**

Key dates

- Applications open: 01.November. – every even year (2024, 2026, 2028,...)
- Applications close: midnight, 31.December. – same year
- Recipients announced: End of February in respective following year (2025, 2027, 2029,...)

How are applications assessed?

The IESANZ Board looks for:

- Your motivation and commitment to education/research.
- The quality and feasibility of your proposal.
- The professional development benefit to you.
- The value of your planned contribution back to the industry.

Need more information?

Contact the IESANZ Secretariat:

✉ secretariat@iesanz.org