

What is the Future Leader Award about?

The objective of the Future Leader Award is to **recognise future industry leaders** within ACENZ member firms.

Proudly supported by Tonkin + Taylor and ACENZ, this award offers an extraordinary experience for one winner to gain career recognition and valuable industry insight.

The Future Leader Award is looking for **an array of leadership experience**, both people and corporate leadership as well as personal and community based leadership. We encourage **any staff** employed by an ACENZ Member firm, not just an engineer, to apply.



What do past winners have to say?

"I am surrounded by many talented young professionals in this industry, so to be selected as the winner of this award was a true honour that I really appreciated...The most valuable part of the prize by far was enrolment in the Young Professionals Management Training Programme (YPMTP) and sponsorship to attend the FIDIC Conference in Dubai." - **Emily Stevens, Senior Geotechnical Engineer with Opus, 2014 winner**

"The business and marketing insights learnt from the international training programme has been most beneficial in my working career to date as I am continually applying the skills gained. Also the networking experience at the FIDIC conference and at the training programme with fellow young managers and professionals has been very valuable from the contacts gain and having the ability for post discussion of real work issues following the 2008 FIDIC conference held in Quebec." - **Samir Govind, Technical Director with Beca, 2007 winner**

"The FLA award defined my career as it gave me a non technical view point. The lessons I learned a decade ago still serve me today." - **Dr Jan Kupec, Technical Director with Aurecon, 2008 winner**

"This course has developed my understanding of how larger consultancies work, what the challenges are in running a large consultancy, and how these challenges vary around the world. Two main things I took away from the experience in Rio were getting to know a great group of other young professionals from diverse backgrounds, and the opportunity to hear some fascinating presenters, such as renowned economist Hernando de Soto." - **Jamie Lester, Senior Structural Engineer with Opus, 2013 winner**

"I'd have to say that, for me, the real benefit comes when the participants get together, to meet for the first time and to engage in discussions with each other, and the course facilitators, face to face... I think we now have a greater appreciation for what both FIDIC, and our national associations can offer to professionals, young and old." - **Shamus Wallace, Operations Manager with Tonkin + Taylor, 2012 winner**



Prizes?!

Tell me more!

One winner will receive:

- Nomination and registration into the FIDIC Young Professional Management Training Programme (YPMTP, valued at approx. \$7,000).
- Cost of travel and accommodation to attend the 2019 FIDIC Conference in Riviera Maya, Mexico (capped at \$5,000).
- Cash prize of \$1,500.
- One year on the ACENZ Board (to be served from November 2019 to conference 2020).
- One complimentary Young Professional registration to attend the 2018 ACENZ Conference to be held at the Claudlands Event Centre in Hamilton from August 1-3, 2018.

Up to two runner-ups will each receive:

- A contribution of up to \$1,000 towards any professional development course or conference of their choice (selections must be pre-approved by ACENZ, and utilised by 31st March 2019).
- One complimentary Young Professional registration to attend the 2018 ACENZ Conference to be held at the Claudlands Event Centre in Hamilton from August 1-3, 2018.

All monetary prize amounts are in NZD and inclusive of GST. All finalists and winners must attend the 2018 Awards of Excellence Gala Dinner on Friday 3rd August or forfeit prizes. There is no obligation for the judges to make an award if, in their opinion, entries received do not reach a standard sufficiently worthy of merit.



Eligibility...the T&C's

1. The entrant must be and remain a permanent, full-time employee of an Ordinary Member Firm of ACENZ. This must be stated on the entry form.
2. The entrant must be under 35 years as at the closing date of entry (Wednesday, 23rd May, 2018).
3. It is expected that the entrant will be at the junior-early management level (or demonstrate equal level of leadership and responsibility) of a firm. The entrant should be nominated by a senior manager(s) of their firm and a statement made to the effect that the nominated person has demonstrated exceptional skill in communicating with clients, written reports and shows promise in leadership. The entrant may be practicing in any professional field within the built and natural environment. This can be backed up by external references (e.g. by a contractor, client or other consultant). The nominator should be aware that the prize would be an opportunity for their nominee to develop further skills, but will involve a time commitment the following year(s) with their participation in the YPMTP and the FIDIC conference.
4. The entrant must demonstrate a personal commitment to continued professional development (CPD) by providing a summary of CPD undertaken within the last three years. This record will remain confidential and copies of the entrant's submission will be securely destroyed following the judges evaluation.
5. There is no restriction on the number of entries received from any one firm in any one year. However the nominator is reminded that entrants to compete against one another and it may be best to enter more than one potential candidate in successive years. Candidates do not necessarily need to be an engineer (Project Managers, Architects, Planners, etc. are encouraged to consider entry) but must be professionals involved in the built and natural environment.
6. An individual may only be nominated twice as a future leader for any one firm.
7. The entrant must be a NZ citizen or have permanent residency status.
8. The winner and runner-ups should remain employed by an ACENZ member firm and living in NZ while they are taking up any of the prize benefits.



I'm in! Now what?

Entry Procedure

Each applicant is required to prepare and submit the following elements as a part of their entry.

1. Entry Form (to contain basic details about the entrant)
2. Submission materials which include:
 - one high-resolution PDF copy (can be emailed);
 - one high-resolution photograph of the entrant (1MB or larger, which can be emailed as well).

Submission details:

The submission portion is primarily composed of two parts; background and leadership. The written submission has no overall page limit, however, material should be current and supportive of the entrant's application. [Read the full G62-2 Future Leader Award Guidelines here.](#)

The background portion consists of:

- The Entry Form;
- Statement of Eligibility of the entrant;
- Statement of CPD record;
- Brief biographical note.

The leadership portion consists of:

- Statement of leadership qualities;
- Role of the entrant as a consultant in the community (include reference to both professional and personal community);
- Specialist questions (this can change from year to year at the discretion of the FLA Judging Panel).

Timing and Interview Dates

All entries are due to the ACENZ office (attn: Holly Morchat Stanko) no later than Wednesday, 23rd May, 2018. The PDF copy and photograph can be emailed to hmorchat@acenz.org.nz or included on a USB/cd with a physical submission.

In addition to the written submission, the judges will require short listed candidates to make themselves available for an interview on July 4th in Auckland. Candidates **MUST** attend the interview. ACENZ will cover flight costs for any interviewee not based in Auckland.

Remember to read the [full G62-2 Guidelines for the FLA here.](#)

