

## SPORTS LAW SCHOLARSHIP 2026

The Australian and New Zealand Sports Law Association (ANZSLA) is the premier not-for-profit sports law organisation in the Australasian region. Established in 1990, it has a diverse membership of lawyers, sports administrators, academic, government representatives and students.

ANZSLA is dedicated to providing advocacy, networking opportunities, and ongoing education for its members on legal issues in sport. As part of its commitment to legal education, ANZSLA established an annual scholarship programme to support an individual who wishes to engage in legal research in the area of Sports Law.

The award is available to those ANZSLA members who are either planning to study or who are currently enrolled in a graduate academic programme in a university or similar tertiary education provider, or in a course of studies that has a demonstrable sports law component.

In the event that the Selection Committee decides that there shall be more than one applicant, the amount awarded to each successful applicant will be determined by the Selection Board but shall not exceed more than \$10,000 in total for the 2026 scholarship.

The deadline for submitting applications is 31 August 2026.

Full details of the scholarship are available at <https://www.anzsla.com/>

## SPORTS LAW SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

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### 1. OBJECTIVES

- 1.1 In line with its mission and vision, the Australian and New Zealand Sports Law Association (ANZSLA) organises an annual scholarship award intended to support those engaged in the study of topics relating to sports law.

### 2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 ANZSLA members who are either planning to study or currently enrolled in a graduate academic programme in a university or similar tertiary education provider or in a course of studies that has a demonstrable sports law component, that is acceptable to the ANZSLA Scholarship Programme Selection Committee (“the Selection Committee”), are eligible to apply.

### 3. APPLICATION PROCEDURES AND DEADLINES

- 3.1 An application for the scholarship may only be made by completing the application form prescribed by ANZSLA from time to time. The application form is available from the ANZSLA website and requires, among other things, a budget proposal (for an applicant who is currently enrolled). The deadline for submitting applications is 31 August.
- 3.2 The application form must be provided to ANZSLA via email ([anzsla@anzsla.com](mailto:anzsla@anzsla.com)). It is the candidate’s responsibility to ensure that all elements of the application form are completed and received by ANZSLA on time. After the deadline, incomplete or new applications will not be accepted. No extensions of the deadline will be considered.

- 3.3 A candidature application acceptance confirmation email will be sent on receipt of the application.
- 3.4 The Selection Committee may request additional information be provided in relation to an application and any applicant must provide such information in a timely manner. If an applicant fails to provide the requested additional information, the Selection Committee will not consider the application.

#### 4. GRANTING OF AN AWARD

- 4.1 Successful applicants will receive a research grant of up to a maximum of AUD \$10,000 for the 2026 scholarship, subject to the conditions set out in 6d and 6e. The total amount to be awarded will be decided by the Selection Committee after having analysed all the elements of the application file.
- 4.2 An ANZSLA scholarship may be awarded to more than one recipient annually.
- 4.3 There is no obligation on the Scholarship Committee to award a scholarship in any year.
- 4.4 Scholarships are normally awarded for one year but can be multiyear, at the discretion of the Selection Committee.
- 4.5 Scholarships may be awarded on such conditions as the Selection Committee sees fit. This includes terms and conditions regarding timing of payment(s) reporting requirements and/or expenses to be covered.
- 4.6 The expenses to be covered by the scholarship may include the following:
- a. Tuition and study fees; and
  - b. National or international travel (economy class) and associated transfers and accommodation only if linked to the scholarship and the mission and vision of ANZSLA for example:
    - expenses relating to attendance and registration at a conference on a sports law theme (particularly where the applicant is presenting the results of their research); or
    - expenses to access or engage in archival or field work not otherwise supported by the applicant's institution.
    - Travel expenses for participation at relevant conferences or archival/fieldwork must not exceed 25 per cent of the total budget identified in the proposal without first gaining the approval of the Selection Committee.

- 4.7 Expenses not covered by the scholarship: a. Institutional overheads or institutional support; or b. Expenses incurred prior to the effective date of the grant; or c. Purchase of technological material (laptop, camera, etc.).

## 5. SELECTION CRITERIA AND NOTIFICATION

- 5.1 The Selection Committee is appointed by the Board of ANZSLA from time to time.
- 5.2 The Selection Committee will make a decision on applications for the scholarship by 12 October in each year.
- 5.3 Decisions on applications for the scholarship are based solely upon the quality of the application filed taking into account factors such as:
- a. Scholastic ability;
  - b. The nature of the intended study programme;
  - c. Compatibility with ANZSLA's mission and vision;
  - d. The personal circumstances of the applicant and the potential for the scholarship to make a difference to the applicant;
  - e. Potential for contribution to sports law in Australia/NZ; and
  - f. Contribution to ANZSLA.
- 5.4 Formal award of the ANZSLA Scholarship will be announced at the Annual Conference and/or on the ANZSLA website.
- 5.5 No correspondence will be entered into and the Selection Committee's decision is final.

## 6. PUBLICATIONS AND COMMITMENTS

Successful ANZSLA Scholarship holder or holders undertake to provide the Chairperson of the Selection Committee with:

- a. regular updates on the progress of the study or course(s) programme;
- b. any change to the study programme that was approved by the Selection Committee;
- c. a final progress report before the conclusion of the study year. The final report, which may be used by ANZSLA for publication, must summarise the scholarship holder's progress, reflections and any outputs disseminated as aligned with those proposed in the scholarship holder's original and successful application;
- d. an academic paper on the scholarship holder's study topic must be submitted to ANZSLA to be considered for publication in either the ANZSLA Journal or The Commentator; and
- e. a presentation at the next ANZSLA conference, or other ANZSLA event that may be nominated by the ANZSLA Board;
- f. details of all monies spent by the scholarship holder under the terms of the scholarship, including all tax invoices and receipts for expenses incurred; and
- g. 50% of the total Grant awarded will be held by ANZSLA until the obligations under 6d and 6e have been fulfilled.

## 7. AMENDMENTS

- 7.1 These Terms may be amended by the Board of ANZSLA from time to time.
- 7.2 For any additional information concerning the ANZSLA Scholarship Programme, or for more information about ANZSLA, please contact ANZSLA via email [anzsla@anzsla.com](mailto:anzsla@anzsla.com)