

## Dr. Prasannah Prabhakaran Early Career Scholarship (DPPS)

### 2026 Terms and Conditions

1. The scholarship is funded by a gift of \$5,000 from the late Dr. Prasannah Prabhakaran (1986-2025) to the Australasian College of Road Safety (ACRS). Funds relating to the scholarship are held and disbursed by ACRS Office.
2. \$1,250 shall be allocated to the scholarship each year from 2026 to 2029. This can be extended if there are no suitable recipients in any year. The scholarship will fund the registration fee of the recipient to the annual Australasian Road Safety Conference (ARSC). Any shortfall between the \$1,250 and the ARSC registration rate will be made up by ACRS.
3. The recipient will be a member, or be eligible to become a member, of the ACRS New South Wales Chapter and will also receive 12-months' complimentary individual membership of ACRS.
4. To be eligible for reimbursement of costs, to the maximum of \$1,250, the recipient must submit receipts of expenses for reimbursement, along with bank account details, to [finance@acrs.org.au](mailto:finance@acrs.org.au) within two weeks of the conference ending.
5. Recipients of the scholarship must be an early career road safety professional from regional NSW. For this scholarship:
  - 5.1 A person cannot receive the scholarship more than once.
  - 5.2 *Early career* is defined as anyone who considers themselves in their early career, from students to those who already have several years of career experience.
  - 5.3 *Road safety professional* relates to research, industry, or government work, with a primary focus on road safety, injury reduction, or post-crash care undertaken in regional NSW.
  - 5.4 *Regional NSW* is defined as areas outside of the Sydney metropolitan areas. A map of eligible areas can be found at: <https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/2023-03/regional-boundaries-nsw-map.pdf>
6. There will be a process to determine the recipient. This will include
  - 6.1 A call for nominations, a close-off date and the completion of an entry form.
  - 6.2 Judging of the recipients based on criteria to be reviewed annually. The scholarship is awarded at the sole discretion of the Selection Committee. All decisions made by the Selection Committee are final and not subject to appeal.
  - 6.3 The successful applicant will be notified by ACRS and the outcome published on the ACRS website.
  - 6.4 These rules are subject to change.
7. Following the ARSC, but prior to the expiry of the 12-month complimentary membership, the recipient will be invited to participate in an ACRS event and speak about the experience. This is to encourage the recipient to continue ACRS membership at their own expense.