

2024

Scholarship Fund recipients announced



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“Malo 'aupito! Thank you to SWR and IoD for this opportunity to further my governance skills. I'm humbled to have been selected. I'm also excited to apply the valuable learning from the IoD's Company Directors' Course in the NFP sector, helping me to build on a 30-year history in community service. With much gratitude, kā mihi.”

Gina Hu'akau – CDC Scholarship recipient 2024



“Mīharo - wow - it is such an honour to receive one of the SWR Group scholarships to attend an IoD Company Director's Course. As someone who lives and breathes not-for-profit in my mahi, the recognition of the importance of excellent governance in this space is amazing. I am really looking forward to undertaking some more governance training with this course. Ngā mihi nui, I am so grateful.”

Dr. Sara Simmons – CDC Scholarship recipient 2024





"It is with profound gratitude and honour to be awarded a SWR scholarship for the Institute of Directors' not-for-profit Governance essentials course. Effective governance in the not-for-profit sector and beyond is instrumental to help leaders serve communities and operate effectively. As a new and aspiring board member and director, the skills and connections I acquire through the course will enhance my capacity to help me better serve the charities I govern, Future Farmers New Zealand and Girls who Grow.

This fantastic opportunity to establish a critical governance foundation will help these organisations towards driving impactful change, ensuring a more prosperous future for Aotearoa. I extend my thanks for the support. Ngā mihi nui."

Aimee Blake – 1-day Essentials Scholarship recipient 2024





"Receiving the SWR scholarship is an honour and one I'm looking forward to putting to good use. This opportunity will enable me to take the next step up in serving my community and providing best practice governance to strengthen the not-for-profit organisations I work with. I'm delighted it will help the organisations I serve while helping me extend my knowledge and build deeper connections with the governance community. E mihi ana ki a koutou Institute of Directors and SWR Group for giving me this opportunity. Kā mihi maioha."

Alana McIsaac – 1-day Essentials Scholarship recipient 2024





“I am very grateful to SWR Group and the Institute of Directors for this scholarship.

This opportunity will allow me to deepen my understanding and broaden my skills in governance, leadership, and strategic decision-making. I am eager to apply these learnings directly to serving both the board and the community it supports. I look forward to this learning and opportunity to continue to grow as a leader and contribute meaningfully to the organisation and communities I serve.”

Carina Fraser – 1-day Essentials Scholarship recipient 2024





“Being awarded the SWR not-for-profit scholarship for one of the 1-day Essentials courses from the Institute of Directors New Zealand signifies a commitment to enhancing leadership and governance skills within the non-profit sector. Personally, it provides me with an invaluable opportunity to gain practical insights and knowledge that can be directly applied to support and advance the mission of the for-purpose Boards I serve.”

Dee Lodhia – 1-day Essentials Scholarship recipient 2024





“I feel very fortunate to have been awarded the Institute of Directors' not-for-profit scholarship for the 1-day Governance Essentials course. This opportunity to learn the foundations of good governance and enhance my skills is both timely and invaluable as I navigate my first year as a board member of a not-for-profit organisation. I extend my sincerest thanks to the Institute of Directors and SWR Group NZ Limited for investing in my growth and development as a young director passionate about fostering thriving communities.”

Faith Kim – 1-day Essentials Scholarship recipient
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“I am absolutely thrilled to be selected for the essentials course! As a humanitarian, you bounce from crisis to conflict with little support or professional development despite the huge risks and responsibilities you bear. The aid sector is so cutthroat, with such high turnover, that investing in staff isn’t really a priority!

While I’m learning so much from the far more experienced Tearfund Board members, it means so much to me to have concrete training to inform and guide me at the start of my governance journey here in Aotearoa. Thank you SWR and IoD!”

Hanna Taylor Moller – 1-day Essentials Scholarship recipient 2024





“Serving on a non-profit board is a true pleasure, but these organisations face many unique challenges. This scholarship will enable me to gain some essential governance skills through a world class course offered by the Institute of Directors. I hope to use the skills gained here to contribute towards the success of the organisation going forward and more subsequently the impact it will have on whanau in the community.”

Josh Maniam – 1-day Essentials Scholarship recipient 2024





“I embarked on my governance journey a year ago to contribute my experience in technology and Te Ao Māori. Through IoD programs and events, I have gained invaluable insights into the responsibilities and impact of governance. This scholarship to attend the Essentials training is a pivotal opportunity for me to deepen my understanding of Finance Essentials, which is particularly crucial in today's challenging funding and economic environment.

As a non-profit trustee, I am committed to enhancing my financial acumen to better serve our community and drive positive change. I am deeply grateful for this support and excited about the growth and learning ahead. He mihi nunui ki te rōpū SWR me te Institute of Directors mō tō rātou tautoko!”

Meg Smith – 1-day Essentials Scholarship recipient 2024





"I am truly humbled and honoured to have been selected for an SWR not-for-profit scholarship from IoD. This scholarship will provide me with the opportunity to gain a richer understanding of board processes and effective decision-making in a not-for-profit context and improve my confidence in my governance capabilities.

I hope to take any newly acquired skills and knowledge into my current and future board positions, and ultimately use this opportunity to help to make a difference in the community!"

Natalie Germann – 1-day Essentials Scholarship recipient 2024





“I am truly grateful for this SWR scholarship, as it provides me with the opportunity to further develop my skillset, experience, and knowledge to support the not-for-profit sector and the communities I work with. As a Fijian Indian, born in New Zealand, my diverse background has shaped my unique perspective on governance and sustainability. I believe that diversity is key to progressing with solutions that will help all types of situations and people. However, I have not seen many South Asian Directors in New Zealand in the Not-for-profit sector. I wish to change that and be a role model for others who want to develop and support the sector. This scholarship supports my vision and provides an opportunity to develop to be an effective leader.”

Shannil Varma – 1-day Essentials Scholarship recipient 2024

