

Application Form
IPPS-Western/New Zealand Regions
2024 Young Professional Exchange Fellowship

The IPPS Western/New Zealand Regions Young Professional Exchange Fellowship is a unique opportunity for a member of the IPPS-Western Region to travel to New Zealand as a guest of the IPPS-New Zealand Region. While in New Zealand, the recipient will have the opportunity to interact with plant producers and represent the Western Region at the New Zealand Region Annual Conference. Most importantly, the recipient will act as an ambassador of the Western Region in fostering professional interaction and good will between the two associations. The fellowship will cover travel, room, and board costs to Australia and New Zealand.

The exchange visit will begin with the IPPS-New Zealand Region Annual Conference. The recipient will be hosted by members of the New Zealand Region for a visit of (at least) 2 weeks (before or following the conference)

To apply, please completely fill out the following application. If in doubt, provide more information rather than less information. The IPPS-Western Region Executive Committee will award the fellowship based primarily on the information provided here.

You may return your application by saving the file and sending it electronically to: Lexa Dillon: lexa@fourwindsgrowers.com or mail to 887 Casserly Rd, Watsonville, CA 95076.

Application deadline: February 12, 2024

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

Are you currently an IPPS member? Yes No

Membership in IPPS-Western Region is required for fellowship eligibility. If you are not currently a member, you may join online at <http://wna.ipps.org/register>.

Please list a current IPPS member who can act as your sponsor and vouch for your qualifications to join the IPPS-Western Region. Please ensure that your sponsor has been informed of your membership application.

Name of sponsor: _____

Exchange Fellowship Requirements:

1. Be studying in a plant production field or be less than five years into a career in a horticultural profession.
2. Be at least 18 years old.
3. Be undertaking or have completed some form of industry-relevant training.
4. Be willing to serve as an ambassador of the IPPS-Western Region.
5. Your employer or academic supervisor must approve of the time off work or school by signing the application.
6. You must have or be able to obtain your passport prior to the trip. This may require paying for the expedited fee at your expense.

Exchange Fellowship Preferences:

1. Previous academic training in horticulture or related field.

Fellowship conditions:

1. Part of your visit will coincide with the 2024 Annual Conference of the IPPS-New Zealand Region. The dates of the trip are April 4th - 7th, 2024 at the Grosvenor Hotel, 26 Cain Terrace, Timaru. You must be able to travel and participate during this entire period. You will need to record your visit in detail as preparation for a presentation at the 2025 IPPS-Western Region Annual Conference and for an article in the IPPS-Western Region newsletter.
2. You will be required to attend the next IPPS-Western Region Annual Conference Fall 2025 Location TBD. At this meeting, you will make a presentation on your New Zealand experience. Registration and travel costs to this meeting are your responsibility.
3. You will be asked to share your knowledge, skills, and experience with your hosts. This may include a small presentation about yourself and your interests at the New Zealand IPPS Annual Conference.
4. You must remain a paid IPPS member for at least two years after your trip.

If you agree with the above conditions, please sign below.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Endorsement by employer or academic supervisor signifying that you have their approval to travel to Australia and New Zealand in April 2024.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please answer the following questions in detail. (You may wish to type your answers in a separate document, then cut and paste your answers into this form.)

- How many years have you been involved in the plant production and propagation industry? _____
- Outline your experience within the industry including employment history, dates, positions held, skills gained and any other relevant information.
- Outline educational and industry training completed, including qualifications gained, training institution, dates and duration of training and any other relevant information.
- Describe your commitment to horticulture as a career, your envisioned career pathway, and any other specific interests.

