

## What you need to know about STUDENT Membership of the NZIFST

### FAQs

#### What is the New Zealand Institute of Food Science and Technology (NZIFST)?

The New Zealand Institute of Food Science and Technology Incorporated (NZIFST) is New Zealand's leading society for food industry professionals, benefiting members and the community through the development and promotion of technical proficiency, ethical practices and communications. The NZIFST has a membership of over 1200 food professionals. Members include those working in all aspects of food production and processing such as product development, nutrition, microbiology, chemistry, sensory science, marketing, regulation, quality assurance and control, operations management, engineering and research. Our members work for a wide range of New Zealand Food and/or Beverage companies who produce, process or supply foods or food ingredients; or for Universities, Crown Research Institutes or Governmental Departments.

#### What are the Benefits of NZIFST Student Membership?

- You may attend Branch Meetings, Seminars and Conferences, where you will have the opportunity to increase your professional knowledge and to make contact with others employed in the New Zealand Food and Beverage Industry.
- Students get **significant discounts** on NZIFST seminars and conference fees.
- Student members will receive the Institute's journal, **Food New Zealand**, published 6 times per year
- Student members will receive the NZIFST e-newsletter, **NZIFST Nibbles**, published fortnightly
- Students are eligible to compete for **student prizes** at the NZIFST Annual Conference.
- Student members are eligible for **Graduate Membership** – this is a full "Standard" membership for one year after graduation but at a reduced membership fee.
- Full access to the **Institute's web site**, [www.nzifst.org.nz](http://www.nzifst.org.nz), which contains the latest information on up-coming events, opportunities for students and job vacancies as well as general information about the Institute.

#### STUDENT Membership

Any student enrolled FULL-TIME in an under- or post- graduate food science/technology/engineering course at a tertiary institution in New Zealand may join the NZIFST as a STUDENT Member.

*EXCEPTION: Any Under/Post-graduate student undertaking their study as part of an employment contract or graduate programme is not eligible for this membership and should apply for "Standard" membership. However, if this student was a Full-time Student in the previous year then they may be eligible for Graduate membership so please enquire.*

#### What does it cost & how long is my Student membership for?

Join between 1 January and 30 September and membership is valid until 31 March of the following year.

Join between 1 October and 31 December and membership valid until 31 March of the following year +1 (i.e up to 18 months.)

Massey University Students – the fee is only \$15.00 incl GST (thanks to a \$5 subsidy by the University)

All other students – the fee is only \$20.00 incl GST.

These fees are irrespective of when you join. *Payment must accompany the application.*

Student membership is only available on an annual basis. To ensure continuity of your membership while you are a student, you must re-apply each University year. You can also upgrade to GRADUATE Membership on completion of your studies.

#### GRADUATE Membership

Any new graduate who was a FULL-TIME Student in the previous year may join as a Graduate Member. This is the equivalent of a full Standard membership but is **available for only one year**. Graduate members should apply using the STANDARD Member application form (contact [rosemary@nzifst.org.nz](mailto:rosemary@nzifst.org.nz) for a copy, or go to <http://www.nzifst.org.nz/about-NZIFST/membership.asp>).

#### What does it cost & how long is my Graduate membership for?

The Graduate Membership fee is only 1/3 the Standard membership fee and applies until 31 March the following year. You will then be transferred to Standard membership

#### What are my responsibilities as a member?

To obtain membership, students are required to acknowledge that they will abide by the NZIFST Code of Ethics. A copy of the full code of ethics is available from our web-site. In summary, the code states that Members of the New Zealand Institute of Food Science and Technology shall uphold the dignity, standing and reputation of their profession and of the Institute with consumers, industry, government, and society by working to ensure Public Health and Safety, by not acting in a fraudulent or deceptive manner; by ensuring that all products, services or information they provide are lawful, accurate and meaningfully presented; and by acting in a manner which will preserve and enhance the reputation of the industry and the Institute.

#### Where can I get more information?

- visit our website ([www.nzifst.org.nz](http://www.nzifst.org.nz))
- contact your lecturer
- contact the NZIFST Executive Manager, Rosemary Hancock (phone 06 356 1686, email [rosemary@nzifst.org.nz](mailto:rosemary@nzifst.org.nz))

**To apply for STUDENT membership please complete the application form over page and return it with your payment...**

## Application for STUDENT\* Membership

Return this application to: **NZIFST Membership**  
**PO Box 5574, Terrace End**  
**PALMERSTON NORTH 4441.**

Fax 06 356 1687, Phone 06 356 1686, Email [rosemary@nzifst.org.nz](mailto:rosemary@nzifst.org.nz)

*The information on this form will become part of the Institute database, but will remain confidential to the Institute. Information will only be made available to NZIFST officers for purposes associated with your membership status and professional development.*

\***GRADUATE Members** – please use STANDARD Member form <http://www.nzifst.org.nz/about-NZIFST/membership.asp>

### SECTION A – PERSONAL DETAILS

Title (Mr / Mrs / Ms / Miss) ..... Last Name .....

First Names ..... Preferred First Name .....

**ADDRESS you wish information to be sent to while studying: (required)**

# & Street OR PO Box ..... Suburb .....

City ..... Post Code .....

Phone ( ) ..... Fax ( ) ..... Mobile ( ) .....

Email .....

**AN ALTERNATE ADDRESS (e.g. family/home) for use during vacations; (required)**

# & Street OR PO Box ..... Suburb .....

City ..... Post Code .....

Phone ( ) ..... Fax ( ) ..... Mobile ( ) .....

Email .....

### Confirmation of Your Enrolment:

Faculty / Dept ..... Institution .....

Degree / Diploma ..... Stage / Year .....

Name of main Lecturer/Supervisor .....

### SECTION B – RULES & ETHICS DECLARATION (All applicants must sign)

I, the undersigned declare the information given with this application to be correct. I undertake, if admitted, to abide by the Rules, and strictly uphold the Code of Ethics, of the New Zealand Institute of Food Science and Technology Inc.

Please refer to the **CODE OF ETHICS** on our website (<http://www.nzifst.org.nz/about-nzifst/admin.asp>) or request a hard copy.

Signature ..... Name ..... Date .....

### SECTION C – PAYMENT: **payment must accompany application please**

**Student Membership Fee:** Massey University Students = \$15 (incl GST); All other students = \$20 (incl GST)

Method of payment (please tick one): ..... Amount enclosed: \$.....

I have paid by **Direct Credit** to NZIFST at ASB Bank, a/c 12-3143-0261375-00, Reference <your name, Student Fee>

I have paid by **credit card on-line**. Please go to <http://www.nzifst.org.nz/payments.asp> (NOTE: a 1.5% surcharge applies to all credit card payments)

*[Do not email your credit card details – please phone us if you do not wish to pay on-line]*