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| Kia oraThe NZIFST Executive, Board and members would like to express our sympathy to our fellow members who have been adversely affected by the recent weather events.We would like to acknowledge the hardships people are going through and offer support and advice where possible.The MPI website has a number of specific resources around food safety at home and when harvesting crops, as well as animal welfare and farmer and grower grants.[Cyclone Gabrielle recovery: advice, support, and funding | NZ Government (mpi.govt.nz)](https://scanmail.trustwave.com/?c=9174&d=65-P5BsdS1UBtWROT2NHlbr-OR3soRwcbAEJMsP8Sw&s=45&u=https%3a%2f%2fapc01%2esafelinks%2eprotection%2eoutlook%2ecom%2f%3furl%3dhttps%253A%252F%252Fwww%2empi%2egovt%2enz%252Ffunding-rural-support%252Fadverse-events%252Fcyclone-gabrielle-recovery-advice-support-and-funding-available%252F%2523Food%26data%3d05%257C01%257Cphil%2ebremer%2540otago%2eac%2enz%257C7158d44df98f414749d308db240c3a3c%257C0225efc578fe4928b1579ef24809e9ba%257C0%257C0%257C638143407330341495%257CUnknown%257CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%253D%257C3000%257C%257C%257C%26sdata%3dPgb0LH8o%252FUeGW9a6QdhVn1uJYI%252B7aLH4pVsh%252BQVHVco%253D%26reserved%3d0)NZIFST President Phil Bremer in his role as Chief Scientist at the Food Safety, Science and Research Centre is working with growers to understand the implications on product safety and marketability and can talk to people who are looking for advice. Please reach out to us if you are able to assist, or require help, and we can put you in touch.In recognition of the challenges our members around the country are facing, the NZIFST is offering approx. 10 scholarships of $500 to support members to attend conference in Dunedin this July.Please fill in this [short form](https://www.nzifst.org.nz/resources/NZIFST%20Hardship%20Scholarship%20-%20Application.docx) outlining reasons for requesting this support and email to Wendy (wendy@nzifst.org.nz) to apply for this scholarship.   Applications close on April 17th 2023.While we would love to be able to offer all applicants financial support to attend, this may not be feasible, so applications will be assessed by the NZIFST Executive.Any companies who would like to partner with the NZIFST on this scholarship, please contact Wendy (wendy@nzifst.org.nz).Noho ora mai rā, ngā mihi nui,Phil Bremer (NZIFST President) & Wendy Bayliss (Executive Manager) |

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 **Hardship Scholarship to attend NZIFST Conference in Dunedin in July.**

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Please email to the NZIFST Executive Manager at wendy@nzifst.org.nz by April 17th 2023.