



FLAME – Future Leaders in Academic Medicine in Emergency

Igniting the future of Emergency Medicine scholarship in Waitaha

FLAME (Future Leaders in Academic Medicine in Emergency) is a Waitaha-based collaborative that supports medical students, junior doctors, early-career clinicians and nurses, and allied healthcare professionals with a passion for emergency medicine.

We aim to **ignite early interest in the academic pillars** of emergency medicine — including **research, teaching, quality improvement, and leadership** — by providing mentorship, opportunities, and a vibrant community for those at the beginning of their journey.

Based in **Canterbury (Waitaha)** and supported by senior emergency medicine clinicians and researchers, FLAME is where curiosity meets collaboration, and where the next generation of academic emergency leaders find their spark.

Core Values

- **Ignite** – curiosity, innovation, and leadership
 - **Connect** – students and junior doctors with mentors and peers
 - **Grow** – academic skills across research, education, and systems improvement
 - **Contribute** – to the future of emergency medicine in Aotearoa
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FLAME Scholarship 2026

Igniting the future of academic Emergency Medicine

Proudly supported by the [Emergency Care Foundation \(ECF\)](#)

Are you a medical student, junior doctor, nurse, or allied healthcare professional based in **Waitaha/Canterbury** with a passion for **emergency medicine** and ready to **present your research** to the wider clinical and academic community?

The **FLAME Scholarship** supports one early-career clinician to **present their original research** at a **national or international conference** related to emergency medicine.



What the Scholarship Offers:

- **Funding** to assist with conference costs (travel, registration, accommodation)
- Recognition as a **FLAME Scholar** and emerging academic leader
- Mentorship and support from senior FLAME mentors in academic EM

This scholarship is **kindly funded by the [Emergency Care Foundation](#)** — an organisation dedicated to improving outcomes for emergency care patients through research, innovation, and education.

Eligibility Criteria

- Medical students (University of Otago, Christchurch), junior doctors, nurses, or allied healthcare professionals based in Waitaha
- Accepted to present research (oral or poster) at a relevant conference in 2026
- Research must be relevant to **emergency medicine** (clinical, educational, or systems-based)
- Preference given to **first-time presenters** and early-career researchers

Applications Close:

August 30, 2026

How to Apply:

Please email the following to laura.joyce@otago.ac.nz with the subject line:

FLAME Scholarship Application – [Your Name]

1. A brief CV (max 2 pages)
2. A short statement (max 300 words) outlining:
 - Your research project and its relevance
 - The conference where you will present, including whether your abstract has been accepted, or expected date for this
 - How this opportunity will support your academic development