



# 2025 WK APIG Scholarship

Information Pack

Education

Career development

Life experience



# Boost your career in Fin Lines with AUD\$9,500 towards a lifetime learning experience

APIG and WK are committed to supporting the career development of young APIG members practising in financial lines insurance in Australia.

For ten years, the annual Australian WK APIG Scholarship has recognised outstanding contribution and talent in our industry and connected the successful candidate with a lifetime educational experience aimed at enhancing their professional career. Funded by WK, past scholarship winners have attended the international PIF Conference at Cambridge University and taken part in a hosted visit of Lloyd's in London.

There are also excellent personal profiling opportunities, with the winner sharing their experiences with other APIG members and the market.

Applications for the 2025 Scholarship are now open with the winner receiving \$9,500 towards attending an international conference of their choice with direct relevance to their career.

Applications Open: **Wednesday, 18 June 2025**

Applications Close: **5.00pm (AEST) on Friday, 18 July 2025**

Winner Announced: **Thursday, 4 September 2025 (at the 2025 APIG Conference)**

## Prize / Learning Package

The 2025 Scholarship Package consists of **AUD\$9,500** funding towards attending an international conference of your choice directly related to professional indemnity insurance or your specialist product area.

A key part of the package is for the winner to share their experience with APIG members on return by way of a brief update and video Q&A. We will also share the winner's submission at [www.apig.com.au](http://www.apig.com.au).

## How to apply

Provide a written submission (no longer than 500 words) or short video (no longer than 3 minutes) addressing:

- what you see is a major issue for your area of insurance and how it could be resolved.

Plus:

- in a few words, what makes you proud to work in the financial lines insurance industry in Australia.

Simply email your submission and the application form to [APIGScholarship@wottonkearney.com](mailto:APIGScholarship@wottonkearney.com) before 5.00pm (AEST) on Friday, 18 July 2025 or click the button below.

[Apply Here](#)



# Funding to attend a global conference of your choice

**Professional Indemnity Forum Conference Robinson College, Cambridge University**

## Conference selection

The WK APIG Scholarship recipient will be able to select an international conference of their choice related to professional indemnity insurance or their specialist product area (for example, cyber or environmental insurance).

The annual Professional Indemnity Forum (PIF) Conference at Cambridge University, with an organised visit to the Lloyd's Market in London arranged by Wotton Kearney (with the assistance of AXA XL Australia), will remain an option. Conference selections will require approval from the judging panel and the recipient's employer to travel on the required dates.

## Eligibility

The WK APIG Scholarship is open to current APIG members under the age of 36 on the submission close date (18 July 2025). Applicants must be actively involved in financial lines or professional indemnity insurance in Australia.

Members of the APIG National Committee and employees of Wotton Kearney are ineligible. Full terms and conditions are available in this pack and at [www.apig.com.au/WKScholarship](http://www.apig.com.au/WKScholarship).



### 2024 Winner

#### Grace Coleman

*WTW*

APIG and Wotton Kearney are pleased to announce that Grace Coleman, Senior Claims Specialist at AXA XL, has won the 2024 WK APIG Scholarship. Grace impressed the judging panel with her compelling video submission 'The Risk of Digital Monocultures', exploring the impact of a hypothetical worldwide destabilising cyber event.

Grace Coleman's submission highlights that modern infrastructure's reliance on standardised systems has created a 'digital monoculture', efficient but highly vulnerable. She explains that, like in nature, monocultures lack resilience, making them susceptible to widespread disruption from a single threat. Her submission offered both short and long-term solutions tailored for the Australian market, drawing insightful comparisons to how similar events have been managed in different jurisdictions both locally and abroad.

[View Grace's submission here](#)



### 2023 Winner

#### Ben McCallum

*Willis Tower Watson*

APIG and Wotton Kearney are pleased to announce that Ben McCallum, Senior Claims Advisor FINEX at Willis Tower Watson, has won the 2023 WK APIG Scholarship. The judging panel was particularly impressed Ben's video submission which looks at the imposition of cyber exclusions in PI and D&O policies.

Ben explores real-life cyber breach scenarios to demonstrate how litigation and regulatory action resulting from recent data breaches have revealed potential gaps in coverage for third-party claims. He also speaks about the importance of brokers and insurers examining these exclusions and developing tailored market solutions to address potential coverage gaps.

[View Ben's submission here](#)



### 2022 Winner

#### Ben Hine

*Swiss Re Corporate Solutions*

APIG and Wotton Kearney are pleased to announce that Ben Hine, Vice President and Claims Expert at Swiss Re Corporate Solutions, has won the 2022 WK APIG Scholarship. Ben's excellent video submission on "Fighting climate change and bolstering energy security through financial lines insurance risk transfer" impressed the judging panel for showing real thought leadership on a topic not often associated with the financial lines industry.

Ben's suggestions include financial lines insurers collaborating with government to create a green risk fund to help create risk transfer and drive product innovation and know-how for both insureds and insurers, while also creating positive environmental outcomes.

[View Ben's submission here](#)

**For more information around our previous winners, please view the [WK APIG Scholarship page](#)**

## 1. Scholarship Purpose

The Wotton Kearney APIG Scholarship has been established to support the career development of young professionals practising in professional indemnity and financial lines insurance in Australia. The annual scholarship recognises an outstanding contribution to the industry by a current APIG member each year, with the winner benefitting from a Scholarship Package which provides financial assistance for them to attend a nominated conference specifically relevant to their career anywhere in the world the following year.

## 2. Scholarship Package

AUD\$9,500 funding towards attending a nominated conference, comprising of:

- AUD2,000 towards a single conference ticket,
- AUD4,000 towards return economy airfares and transfers to attend the conference, and
- AUD3,500 towards accommodation and spending.

Funds will be provided to the winner once the nominated conference is approved by the Judging Panel and agreed on by the winner's employer in terms of travel dates and leave. The winner is required to confirm receipt of the funds in writing (email).

## 3. Conference Approval

The scholarship recipient can select a global conference of their choice related to professional indemnity insurance or their specialist product area (eg. cyber). The annual Professional Indemnity Forum Conference at Cambridge University with an organised visit to the Lloyd's Market in London will remain an option. The nominated conference is to be approved by the Judging Panel and agreed in writing by the winner's employer in terms of travel dates or leave required.

## 4. Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible, entrants must:

- be a current APIG member,
- be under the age of 36 on the submission closing date,
- be actively involved in a capacity where the candidate has a significant involvement in an aspect of financial lines insurance within Australia,
- not be a current member of the APIG National Committee,
- not be an employee at Wotton Kearney, and
- have approval from their employer to travel and attend their nominated conference, including any leave required.

## 5. Submission Requirements

To be considered for the scholarship, all submissions must:

- include a completed application form, including signed acknowledgement that the applicant is able to travel to their nominated conference when applicable,
- include a written submission (no more than 500 words) or a short video (no longer than 3 minutes) addressing:
  - what you see is a major issue for your area of insurance and how it could be resolved.

Plus:

- in a few words, what makes you proud to work in the financial lines insurance industry in Australia.
- be emailed to [APIGScholarship@wottonkearney](mailto:APIGScholarship@wottonkearney) no later than 5.00pm (AEST) on Friday, 18 July 2025.

APIG and Wotton Kearney accept no liability for late, lost or misdirected entries.

## 6. Judging Panel

The successful candidate will be selected by a three-person Judging Panel comprising:

- the APIG Chair (or representative thereof),
- the APIG Deputy Chair (or representative thereof), and
- a Wotton Kearney representative (or representative thereof).

## 7. Selection Process

The Judging Panel will select the successful candidate entirely at their discretion, but taking into account the following criteria:

- the merit of the candidate's submission,
- the relative benefit of the award to the particular candidate, and
- the relative benefit to the industry arising from the selection.

The panel may decide to interview the best three candidates before awarding the Scholarship. The panel will seek the specific input of each APIG State President as to who the Scholarship should be awarded to. If a deadlock is reached, the APIG National President will have the deciding vote.

If for any reason the winner is unable to accept the Scholarship Package or attend the nominated conference, the judging panel will award the Scholarship to the next applicant they deem has best met the Scholarship criteria.

The panel's decision is final and no discussions with candidates will be entered into.

## 8. Scholarship Holder's Obligation

The successful candidate acknowledges that:

- the Scholarship cannot be exchanged for any other benefit,
- attendance at every session of the nominated conference is required,
- inability to attend the nominated courses will result in forfeiture and the panel may, at their sole discretion, re-award the Scholarship and request the return of all provided funds as they see fit, and
- on return, they will be required to:
  - publish a short report regarding the highlights of their trip,
  - take part in a short Q&A video on their experience for LinkedIn, and
  - if required, assist with other profiling opportunities, including speaking briefly at the start of an APIG webinar.

In no event will APIG or Wotton Kearney be liable if unforeseen circumstances arise which prevent the successful candidate from attending the conference.

## 9. Announcement of Winner

The winner will be contacted in writing and announced at the APIG Conference on Thursday, 4 September 2025. APIG members will also be notified of the winner via a broadcast email and the winner will also be posted on the APIG website.

The recipient of the Scholarship and their current employer give permission for APIG and Wotton Kearney to publicise the recipient's name, company and position title as part of the Scholarship announcement and related communications.

## 10. Liabilities

APIG and Wotton Kearney are not liable for any loss or damage to property or persons including, but not limited to, direct or consequential loss and loss from personal injury as a result of participation in the activities from the Scholarship Package, and

- Liability for any tax on benefits provided to entrants pursuant to the Scholarship is the sole responsibility of the successful candidate.

## 11. Key Dates for 2025 Scholarship

Submissions open on Wednesday, 18 June 2025.

- Submissions close at 5.00pm (AEST) on Friday, 18 July 2025.
- Winner will be announced at the APIG Conference on Thursday, 4 September 2025

## 12. Application Form

View the Application Form [here](#).

## 13. Additional Information

For additional information, visit: <https://www.apig.com.au/WKScholarship>

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