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**Universal Corrosion Coatings**

**2025 Ray Osborne Memorial**

**YCG Conference Attendance Scholarship**

**About the Scholarship**

The purpose of this Scholarship is to support an individual who is a member of ACA Young Corrosion Group to attend the ACA annual conference. This award is open to applicants from all areas of the construction and/or corrosion related industries including, but not limited to asset owners/managers, materials suppliers, consultants, contractors, students, scientists and engineers.

The Scholarship is a memorial to the late Ray Osborne who was an ACA Life Member and Gold Medalist. He was involved in organising four ACA conferences, in 1976, 1984 (as Conference Convenor), 1990 and 2000. He spent three periods as Secretary of the New Zealand Branch, from 1973 to 1976 (when he then became President for two years), in 1983-4 and 1989-1993. He was Australasian President 1984-5 and was heavily involved in the production of the film ‘The Corrosion Problem’. Then, when Ray retired from his senior engineering post in Telecom in 1995, he became Executive Officer of the NZ Branch, from 1995 to 2001.

**About the ACA Foundation Limited**

ACA Foundation Limited was created for the advancement of corrosion education for the benefit of the broader community. The Foundation’s range of activities focus on Scholarships and development of corrosion related educational resources.

The ACA Foundation Limited is financially supported by The Australasian Corrosion Association Inc, its various Branches and members.

**About Universal Corrosion Coatings (UCC)**

UCC is an Australian based company who provide solutions to corrosion and material degradation issues across the Oil and Gas, Water, Energy, Marine, Mineral Processing and Civil Infrastructure sectors. Their primary areas of expertise are the supply of products and training in their application for corrosion mitigation of new assets and the remediation of existing structures in New Zealand, Australia and the Pacific Islands.

**Detailed Description of the Scholarship**

Number of Scholarships available 1

Value of each Scholarship ACA Conference registration plus up to NZ$750 costs.

Scholarship application open 01 July 2025

Scholarship application close 15 August 2025

Scholarship announced 15 September 2025

The Scholarship is in the form of one conference registration and reimbursable travel and accommodation expenses up to the value of NZ$750 (GST inclusive)

It is expected the scholarship recipient will provide a brief report of their conference experience including an outline the following:

* Introduction of individual
* What has been the key benefit to them as a result of attending the conference?
* What will they take away from the conference for future?
* Provide thanks to their sponsors – UCC and ACAF

**Guidelines for Eligibility for the UCC ROM YCG Scholarship**

1. Applicant is a citizen or permanent resident of New Zealand who will be aged 35 or younger at the time of application.
2. If requested, applicants must provide a copy of their birth certificates or proof of residency/citizenship.
3. An application form must be completed and submitted to the ACA Foundation Limited by the deadline, including the following details.
* Name & Contact Details
* Company/Institution Details
* Academic, conference/courses and work histories
* 250-word outline in support of the application
* Letter of support from company/institution
* 2 referees
1. Applications for an ACA Foundation Limited Scholarship are made directly to the ACA Foundation.
2. Scholarships are only awarded in response to applications. If no applications have been received, that the judging panel believe warrant a Scholarship, then no Scholarship will be awarded.
3. The applicant must demonstrate that their employer or educational institution will support their application and participation in the Scholarship.
4. The ACA Foundation Limited Scholarship judging panel will be determined by the ACA Foundation Limited Board.
5. The judges reserve the right to request a brief presentation via teleconference with short listed applicants.
6. The ACA Foundation Limited Judging Panel’s decision is final.
7. The Scholarship’s shall be judged upon the following criteria:
* Ability to present a clear and concise case
* Referee’s comments
* ACA Foundation’s focus on access, equity, and participation
1. Each Scholarship recipient will be contacted by the ACA Foundation and their names/images will appear in ACA and ACA Foundation Limited publications.
2. Payment will be arranged by ACA NZ Branch Inc. on receipt of invoices following conference attendance.