



**SBL INTERNATIONAL MEETING 2026
ANZATS SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARD FOR BEST PAPER
FROM NEW AND EMERGING SCHOLARS**

This memo is being sent to you as a member of ANZATS or an associate or a designated representative of a member institutions.

ANZATS is committed to supporting and encouraging new and emerging scholars in our discipline. To this end, the Council is again offering **ANZATS New and Emerging Scholars Scholarships**, available to up to three (3) Higher Degree by Research candidates and doctoral graduates of the last two (2) years. The scholarships are valued at \$1,000 each (max.) and will be awarded for papers delivered at the Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting 2026, to be held at the University of Adelaide 5–9 July 2026. Applicants must have already had a paper accepted in any stream of the Meeting, be currently enrolled in a Higher Degree by Research course at a member institution of ANZATS, have completed their doctoral degree at a member institution within the last two (2) years, or be an individual member of ANZATS who otherwise meets the requirements.

New and emerging scholars who wish to apply for a scholarship are encouraged to submit a full paper of between 4,000 and 6,000 words (including footnotes) to the Honorary Treasurer / Acting Secretary of ANZATS, Dr David C. Ray (secretary@anzats.edu.au), by 22 April 2026. Applicants should indicate in their covering email that they would like to be considered for a scholarship. They should also attach an academic reference from their supervisor or employer. The assessment panel will consist of Rev Dr Christy Capper (President of ANZATS), Dr David Tombs (Vice-President New Zealand), Dr David Neville (Vice-President, Australia) and Rev Dr Steve Taylor (Editor of ANZATS' open access journal, *Colloquium: The Australian and New Zealand Theological Review* [<https://reference-global.com/journal/COLLOQUIUM>]). The Panel will report the winners of the scholarships by mid-May 2026. Further terms and details relating to the Scholarships and Award are found on ANZATS' website at <https://anzats.edu.au/emerging-scholar-award/>.

The **ANZATS Award for New and Emerging Scholars** will be presented at the Annual General Meeting in the afternoon of 8 July 2026 for the best paper from among those delivered by the scholarship winners. The paper will also be considered for publication in *Colloquium: The Australian and New Zealand Theological Review*.

Please forward this memo to any HDR candidates and recent doctoral graduates you know.

Rev Dr Christy Capper
President
30 March 2026