

Young Geo-Professionals (YP) Representative – role description

Background:

YGPs form a vibrant, growing, and increasingly influential group within New Zealand's geo-professionals' community. These members represent the future leaders who will guide and shape the profession in the years ahead. The NZGS encourages all young professionals, including students and recent graduates, to actively participate in society activities—it is never too early to start engaging with your professional community and planning your future career.

Who should apply

This role is suited to enthusiastic and proactive young professionals who are passionate about making a difference and contributing to NZGS.

You should consider applying if you:

1. Are an NZGS member aged 35 years or under.
2. Have a genuine interest in promoting professional development and engagement among young geotechnical engineers and engineering geologists.
3. Enjoy organising events, connecting people, and representing your peers at a national level.
4. Are willing to contribute time and ideas to help shape NZGS initiatives for students, graduates, and early career members.
5. Are confident communicating and collaborating with a wide range of professionals across industry, academia, and related societies.
6. Are member (or eligible for membership) of the NZGS.

While prior involvement in NZGS or YGP activities is beneficial, it is not essential—enthusiasm, reliability, and a desire to make a difference are the most important qualities.

Why apply for the role

In this role, you will:

1. Build strong connections across the national geotechnical community and with partner organisations such as SESOC, NZSEE, and Engineering New Zealand.
2. Gain valuable leadership, event coordination, and communication experience and skills that are transferable into your day job.
3. Influence how the NZGS supports and engages the next generation of professionals.
4. Contribute directly to national initiatives, conferences, and publications such as NZ Geomechanics News.
5. Broaden your professional network and visibility within the industry.
6. Sit on NZGS Management Committee and have a voting right.
7. Interact with members from other societies around the world, and work together with the NZGS international society YGP for the IAEG, ISSMGE and ISRM.

Participation in the NZGS Management Committee also provides insight into the Society's strategic direction and the broader challenges and opportunities facing the geotechnical profession.

Nomination for co-opted NZGS Management Committee role

Role objectives:

1. To motivate young professionals to actively engage in our profession
2. Generate excitement and inspiration amongst the young members of the profession
3. Increase the participation in NZGS by the young members of the profession
4. Empower all young professionals and students to build their careers and promote their profession through networking, educational and social events
5. Organise events for YGPs

Tasks and expectations:

1. Attend and participate in management committee meetings. These are full day meetings 4 times a year, but at times may also include shorter online meetings. Reasonable expenses are reimbursable, but time is not.
2. Co-ordinate and oversee the organisation of the regional YGP mini-symposia (generally up to 5 one-day events nationwide).
3. Represent the needs and interests of the YGP community at the NZGS management committee level.
4. Advocate for increased involvement of young members in NZGS activities
5. Prepare YGP reports on activities for committee meetings (four times a year), and for NZ Geomechanics News (twice a year).
6. Encourage inter-society collaboration at a young member level (e.g. co-host events with SESOC, NZSEE, Engineering NZ etc.).
7. Organise activities for YGPs nationwide.
8. Liaise with post graduate community and encourage enrolment with the society
9. Work together with the 3 NZGS international society YGP coordinators for the IAEG, ISSMGE and ISRM to coordinate activities for YGPs. Generally, the 4 of you will meet once a month to share ideas, discuss what is going on in the international societies and how this could be shared in New Zealand, and plan activities for YGPs.
10. Continue to build the relationships with YGP representatives from other countries around the world.
11. Organise an annual international YGP presentation (hosted online).
12. Present ideas for training and workshops tailored towards YGPs.
13. Be active in the organisation of the Australia and New Zealand YGP conference held every two years.
14. Bring your own ideas and flair to the role. The management committee are very open to new ideas and suggestions on how to engage and encourage the YGP community.

Time Commitment:

Other than attending the four annual committee meetings, there is no formal time commitment for this role. However, the more you put in the more you get out. As a guideline, you should expect to dedicate up to 8 hours per month, plus additional effort in the run up to the ANZ YGP Conference and regional YGP mini-symposia.

The role is a **2-year term**. Reasonable expenses are reimbursable, though time is voluntary.

For further information please contact ygp@nzgs.org.

To apply send the nomination form to secretary@nzgs.org.

Young Geo-Professionals Representative

Full name of nominee	
Professional qualifications	
Occupation	
Employer	
City/Town	
Engineering NZ member (yes / no)	

Describe your motivation, vision, and goals for the role (max. 300 words)

Acknowledgment of Role Commitment

- Commit to a **two-year term**, devoting approximately up to 8 hours per month.
- Attend and participate in NZGS Management Committee meetings (four per year, generally one day each, with additional shorter online sessions).
- Understand the responsibilities, tasks, and expectations associated with the NZGS YGP Representative role listed above.
- Will work collaboratively with the NZGS Management Committee and other relevant groups.
- Agree to represent NZGS professionally and uphold the Society's values and standards.

Nominee:

Name:

Signature: