

ACT Health Professional Development Scholarship (new and additional to postgraduate scholarships) - replaces the Travel Scholarship

Purpose

ACT Health Directorate promotes a learning culture through the provision of the Nursing and Midwifery Scholarship Scheme to enhance the ongoing professional development and skill levels of staff across the organisation. The ACT Health Nursing and Midwifery Professional Development Scholarship Scheme is managed by the Nursing and Midwifery Office on behalf of the ACT Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officer.

Applications must be submitted at least two months prior to the conference or course. There will be two professional development scholarship rounds conducted per year in the first and second half of the year. Each round will be advertised on the ACT Health Hub, Canberra Health Services Intranet and internally through Calvary Public Hospital Bruce. Consideration will be given to applicants who have undertaken a course or attended a conference in the first half of 2021 as we have not run a round in the first half of 2021

Allocation of funds

ACT Health has complete discretion to determine distribution of funds awarded to successful applicants. The availability of funding is dependent upon the funding allocation.

Terms and Conditions

An amount of up to \$3000 will be awarded to cover costs of conference, course registration or innovation project.

The Nursing and Midwifery Office will also consider scholarships to encourage nurses and midwives across the ACT to implement innovative projects that will drive improvements in areas of the public health system. Nurses and midwives are at the forefront of healthcare delivery and are in the best position to drive innovation and excellence in care.

The aim of the innovation scholarship is to:

- enhance nursing and midwifery to provide high quality, appropriate, safe services
- support care that is coordinated and responsive to individual needs
- enhance cultures of staff wellbeing to support nursing and midwifery practice and improve service delivery and patient care
- apply new models of care and approaches, to strengthen nursing and midwifery practice

Professional Development Scholarships are awarded to nurses and midwives who have been employed by ACT Health for a minimum of two (2) years.

Applicants are required to complete the Nursing and Midwifery Professional Development Scholarship application form online and attach a recommendation from your CNC/Supervisor. You will be required to enter the details of your Director of Nursing/Midwifery to provide an electronic endorsement for our application. Once the application is endorsed by your Director of Nursing/Midwifery the application will be forwarded to the Executive Director of Nursing/Midwifery for consideration and endorsement.

Each application will be assessed on merit by the Nursing & Midwifery Scholarship Team according to the attached ranking scale. Incomplete applications will not be considered. The decision is final, and no further correspondence will be entered into.

Successful conference applicants will be required to acknowledge the sponsorship of the ACT Health Nursing and Midwifery Office in their conference presentation. All successful conference and innovation scholarship applicants are required to their present conference papers/posters and projects to colleagues and highlight experiences arising from the conference or the project. The forum for presentations will be the monthly meeting hosted by Synergy: The Research Centre for Nursing and Midwifery Practice or Divisional meetings.

2021 Professional Development Scholarship Application Ranking

Rank 2: All other applicants ranked in order of total selection criteria score. Funding will be allocated to highest scoring applicants first, according to available funds.

		Score
Application Complete and meets Criteria		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO, application will not be considered
1: Equity-Applications will be prioritised	Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent	Verified <input type="checkbox"/> Confirmation of Aboriginality (COA) Letter of support Community Reference
2. Years of ACT Health service	> 10 years 6 – 10 years 1 – 5 years < 1 year	<input type="checkbox"/> 15 <input type="checkbox"/> 10 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Not eligible
3. Previous Scholarship Funding	None Travel/Professional Development Scholarship Funding only Scholarship Funding more than 3 years ago	<input type="checkbox"/> 15 <input type="checkbox"/> 10 <input type="checkbox"/> 5
4. Application score	Excellent Good Satisfactory	<input type="checkbox"/> 15 <input type="checkbox"/> 10 <input type="checkbox"/> 5
TOTAL		Click here to enter total