

# Applications

are invited for

## Training Scholarships for Indigenous Health Research

## National Health and Medical Research Council

### PURPOSE AND ELIGIBILITY

The Scholarships are awarded to provide support for research training or training leading to research areas of particular relevance to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health. These Scholarships will be held within Australia.

Those eligible to apply are Australian citizens or citizens with permanent Australian resident status and are currently residing in Australia. Applicants are to provide, where appropriate, evidence of resident status. Applicants whose most recent degree was attained overseas should consult the National Office of Overseas Recognition (NOOSR) Country Education Profile to determine the Australian equivalent of their qualifications. A letter from their administering institution confirming the equivalent qualification must be attached to the end of the application.

The successful applicants must enrol for a certificate, diploma, an undergraduate degree, or a postgraduate degree (such as PhD, or masters) at a fully accredited institution, which will enable the applicant to pursue research relevant to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health.

Those not eligible to apply are:

Applicants already in receipt of an Australian Postgraduate Award or equivalent Australian Government funded scholarship

**Only one application from each candidate will be accepted.**

### SELECTION PROCEDURES

**In awarding these scholarships, attention will be paid to previous qualifications and experience, with particular weight to be given to *prior knowledge and experience of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and health.***

### APPLICATIONS

All applications should be submitted on the special forms that, together with details of the salary stipends and conditions associated with NHMRC scholarship

and fellowship awards, are available from the NHMRC's web site or research administrative officers of universities, hospitals and other research institutions.

General information is available on the Internet on NHMRC's home page:

<http://www.nhmrc.gov.au>

Applications must be lodged with NHMRC electronically (see Instruction Booklet). In addition, the original single-sided A4 application must be submitted to NHMRC by the due date. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all referee reports are provided by the due date. Of particular importance is the statement from the proposed supervisor agreeing to host the Scholar, without which the application will be deemed ineligible.

### TENURE

The Scholarships are initially awarded for one year, but subject to satisfactory progress as judged by the host institution, may be renewed.

Normally the maximum period of the award will be three years if initial post-graduate degree enrolment is concurrent with commencement of the Scholarship.

Scholarship holders already enrolled for the post-graduate degree prior to commencement of the Scholarship will have the maximum period of the award reduced by the equivalent full time period of study undertaken prior to the commencement of the Scholarship.

### STIPEND AND ALLOWANCES

The stipend will be paid at the Australian Postgraduate Awards (APA) basic level or the NHMRC Priority or Medical/Dental stipend, depending on qualifications and current registration.

The APA basic stipend is currently \$19,231. The Allied Health Professionals will be paid at the NHMRC priority rate which is currently \$24,817. The NHMRC Medical/Dental Scholarship stipend is currently \$28,600 per annum.

An allowance of \$2000 p.a., towards the cost of consumables and travel to approved conferences is

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payable to the department where the Scholar is working.

*Applicants are advised to ensure that they know how their course fees will be covered before applying for the scholarship.*

## INFORMATION REQUIRED

Applicants are responsible for arranging that reports are provided by the intended supervisor (advisor or mentor for your research training), - **without which the application will be deemed ineligible**, an independent nominated referee. This referee is to have had no substantive professional or private contact with the applicant or to have had any previous or current collaboration with the applicant's recent or planned supervisors, but should be knowledgeable in the field of study. This referee should not be at the applicant's current institution.

The proposed supervisor is to attach to their report a brief CV incorporating the following:

Personal details: name, title, current position

Education: degrees/qualifications, year, institution

Experience: postgraduate professional and research positions held, awards and honours

Support: details of current and past (last 6 years) grants held.

Publications: list in chronological order all recent (last 5 years) authors, titles and complete citation of publications (of the supervisor) pertinent to the application.

**Referees should email their report to**  
[NHMRC.Referee.CARSS@health.gov.au](mailto:NHMRC.Referee.CARSS@health.gov.au)

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all referees reports are provided by the due date.

## CONDITIONS

The NHMRC Researcher Deed of Agreement and associated schedule shall apply and are to be read by the applicant. These are available from the appropriate institutional office on request or on the Internet on NHMRC's home page:

<http://www.nhmrc.gov.au>

Applicants are expected to have made prior arrangements with the Head of Department or Institution in which they propose to study.

Support will commence 1 January 2007. However, in exceptional circumstances only, consideration may be given to the deferment of commencement of the Scholarship for a maximum period of six months and to the extension of the Scholarship for a maximum of up to six months.

## REPORT ON SCHOLARSHIPS

On completion of the Scholarship, a Scholar shall furnish a copy of the summary section of his/her thesis together with a publication list as a report of the work performed during the tenure of the award. One year after completion of the Scholarship a Scholar shall provide a final brief summary detailing the publication list and current employment location and status.

Appropriate recognition for the assistance of Council should be included in publications resulting from work undertaken during the tenure of a scholarship, by stating that the author (or co-author) holds a National Health and Medical Research Council Training Scholarship for Indigenous Health Research, and quoting the Scholarship application I.D number.

All initial applications should be made on the special forms which are available, together with NHMRC Deed of Agreement and schedule for Scholarships, from the administrative officers of Universities, Hospitals and other research institutions or from the National Health and Medical Research Council web page :

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