



2016 IAHA National Forum & AGM - Professional Development Scholarships

Guidelines for Application

1. Introduction of Scholarships

- a. Indigenous Allied Health Australia (IAHA) and sponsors will provide funding for financial assistance to attend the 2016 National Forum & AGM for IAHA members.
- b. The IAHA National Forum & AGM - Professional Development Scholarships are designed to encourage and support IAHA full and associate members to attend the IAHA National Forum & AGM to be held in Canberra from 29 November – 2 December 2016.
- c. For students the scholarship will also assist in attending the HealthFusion Team Challenge 27 - 29 November 2016.
- d. These scholarships aim to:
 - Increase participation from IAHA members to attend our national forum;
 - Increase participation from IAHA members to attend the Annual General Meeting;
 - Support IAHA members and their professional development needs;
 - Support and encourage national networking with allied health and other related sectors specifically focusing on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and inter-professional working relationships.
- e. IAHA will grant a limited number of professional development scholarships to full and associate IAHA members. Scholarship recipients will receive up to a maximum of \$2,500 for travel, accommodation, and registration assistance based on the eligibility and assessment criteria.

2. Eligibility

- a. Scholarships will be available to current IAHA full and associate members endorsed by the Board of Directors prior to 1 July 2016.
- b. Scholarships are only available for financial assistance to attend the IAHA National Forum, HealthFusion Team Challenge & AGM in November/December 2016.
- c. Recipients of a 2015 IAHA Professional Development Scholarship that have failed to acquit their scholarships are ineligible for a 2016 IAHA Professional Development Scholarship.
- d. If there are more applicants than there are available scholarships, not all applicants who meet the eligibility and selection criteria will be offered a scholarship from this round.
- e. IAHA members who are in receipt of another government-funded scholarship for financial assistance to attend the 2016 IAHA National Forum will be ineligible for these scholarships.
- f. Applicants must be 18 years of age or over to be eligible for a 2016 IAHA Professional Development Scholarship.
- g. No late applications will be accepted.

3. Selection

Applications will be assessed and ranked using the following criteria:

- Eligibility of the applicant as stated above;
- Scholarships are limited, priority will be given to full IAHA members and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander associate IAHA members although all associate members are encouraged to apply;
- Rationale outlining how the scholarship will benefit you professionally and personally;
- Applicants must address all criteria in the application form.
- Agreement to provide the report and acquittal post the event
- If scholarship is sponsored by an external source there may be a requirement for additional reporting and/or criteria such as remote/rural locations.
- Agree to the terms and conditions.

4. Application Process

- a. Members must apply in writing to IAHA completing the application form supplied.
- b. Applicants will be required to provide a written statement addressing:
 - How the scholarship will benefit the applicant in their professional and personal development;
 - Clearly identifying your location of residence and region you work/study within;
 - How the applicant will share their learning and experiences gained at the forum with others working in allied health and/or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities;

Scholarships to associate members will also be required to provide:

- A brief statement of the applicant's work based around Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health i.e., research, initiatives, employment.
- c. The closing date for applications is 5 August 2016.
 - d. Applications can be submitted online at

<http://iaha.com.au/2016-scholarship-form/> or

Email: amanda@iaha.com.au or

Mail addressed to:
Forum Coordinator
Indigenous Allied Health Australia Ltd
PO Box 323, Deakin West ACT 2600

5. Schedule

- a. There will be one round of scholarships offered in 2016.
- b. An IAHA Forum Committee will be appointed to administer this scholarship process. The members of this group will be drawn from the IAHA Board of Directors and Secretariat.
- c. The IAHA Forum Committee will be responsible for assessing scholarship applications against the eligibility and selection criteria and making recommendations to IAHA on applicants that may be granted. The IAHA Forum Committee recommendations will be final.
- d. IAHA will be responsible for the final selection of scholarship recipients (and deciding on the number of scholarships to be given and the amount of the scholarship pending remoteness and location of applicant). IAHA's decision will be final.

- e. IAHA will notify successful applicants in writing. Recipients must advise their acceptance of the scholarship and agree to all the terms and conditions in writing within the timeframe provided.
- f. IAHA will notify unsuccessful applicants in writing.
- g. If an applicant forfeits or declines a scholarship offer, that place will be offered to another applicant.
- h. Applications received after the closing date will not be eligible or considered.

6. Scholarship requirements

- a. Scholarship recipients will be notified and travel forms will be sent by 22 August 2016.
- b. Scholarship recipients will be required to attend **both the Forum and the AGM**. Failure to attend will result in ineligibility for future scholarships and/or recovery of funds.
- c. Successful applicants will be required to return their travel documents to the IAHA office by 9 September 2016. Failure to return the travel documents by this date will result in forfeiture of the scholarship.
- d. All travel, accommodation and registration will be booked and paid for by IAHA using awarded scholarship funds, upon receipt of completed travel documents submitted by successful applicants. Any funds remaining after travel, accommodation and registration costs are met can be provided to the recipient to cover incidental costs.
- e. Scholarship applicants are encouraged to seek advice from the Australian Taxation Office, Accountant and /or Centerlink about any impact the granting of a scholarship may have on their financial situation.

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