



## **Members Professional Development Scholarship for 2022 IAHA Leadership Program Graduate Alumni Guidelines for Application**

### **About the Support**

Indigenous Allied Health Australia aims to support the continuing professional development of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander allied health workforce. The graduates of the IAHA Leadership Program (2022 Cohort) Member Professional Development Support and/or Scholarship is for IAHA members who have graduated from the 2022 Leadership Program and wish to undertake a professional development opportunity. This is inclusive ONLY to: the Healing Our Spirit Worldwide (HOSW) Conference in Canada, and the LOWITJA Conference in Cairns.

Please note this support and/or scholarship cannot be used to attend the IAHA National Conference or any other conference/event other than the two listed above.

The value of the Professional Support and/or Scholarships will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

### **Eligibility**

- a) Support and/or Scholarships will be available to IAHA Full Members endorsed by the Board of Directors who are graduates of the 2022 IAHA Leadership Program.
- b) Professional Development Opportunities in scope include; attendance to the Healing our Spirit Worldwide Conference in Canada (Sept 2023) and the LOWITJA Conference in Cairns (June 2023).
- c) Recipients of previous IAHA Professional Development Support and/or Scholarships who have failed to submit their report to IAHA are ineligible to apply.
- d) Recipients will be required to spend monies within 12 months of receipt of the scholarship.
- e) Recipients agree that the scholarship will not or may not cover: food, incidentals, travel to the nearest airport and return (including hire car if needed), payment for your passport and Visas

## Selection

Applications will be assessed and ranked using the following criteria:

- Eligibility of the applicant as stated above.
- 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/activity.
- If the scholarship is sponsored by an external source, agreement to comply with additional reporting and/or criteria (such as remote/rural locations) if required; and
- Agree to the terms and conditions.

## Application Process

- a) Members must apply in writing to IAHA by completing the application form supplied on our website
- 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 from this opportunity with others working in allied health and/or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.
- c) Applications are to be submitted online at completion of application form.

## Schedule

- a) Scholarship recipients will be selected by the IAHA Leadership
- b) In accordance with the IAHA Conflict of Interest policy any member applying for a scholarship must declare any conflict of interest.
- c) 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.
- d) IAHA will notify unsuccessful applicants in writing.
- e) If an applicant forfeits or declines a scholarship offer, that place may be offered to another applicant.
- f) Applications received after the closing date (where applicable) will not be eligible or considered.

## Use and Payment of Scholarship Monies

The scholarship is a contribution towards the cost of undertaking the stated professional development opportunities. The use of scholarship funds is at the discretion of the scholar in accordance with the scholarship Terms of Conditions. Scholars will need to provide expenditure receipts to IAHA. The scholarship funds can be used towards covering the costs to undertake the national or international opportunity.

- a) Expenditure of scholarship monies shall be in accordance with the application and guidelines of the scholarship.
- b) Monies must be spent within 12 months of receipt of scholarship.
- c) No payment is made until the scholarship holder provides IAHA with documentary evidence of the details and focus of the professional development.
- d) The scholarship money is only paid into a bank account in the scholarship holder's personal name. The exception is if the account is held jointly with a spouse.
- e) Payments will only be made to a third party if necessary for conference registrations.
- f) Scholarship payment will be made (to recipient or other party if required) once the Acceptance of Offer and all required documentation has been returned and accepted.
- g) All money is for the chosen and selected Professional development opportunity.
- h) The scholarship is to be used in full in accordance to the recipients' application description
- i) Applicant understands and agrees that the opportunity may require shared accommodation
- j) To refund IAHA due to last minute airfare/accommodation cancellations. This is the responsibility of the scholarship holder, not IAHA.