

Guidelines for Application: IAHA Professional Development Scholarship for IAHA Leadership Program Alumni

About the Support

Indigenous Allied Health Australia (IAHA) aims to support the continuing professional, cultural and personal development of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander allied health workforce. IAHA are pleased to offer this advanced leadership opportunity for graduates of the IAHA Leadership Program (2022, 2023, and 2024).

Graduates of the IAHA Leadership Program can apply for a scholarship to participate in either of the following major international First Nations conferences:

- Lowitja Institute's 4th International Indigenous Health and Wellbeing Conference,
- The World Indigenous Peoples' Conference on Education (WIPCE) 2025

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 scholarship includes conference registration, flights from the closest airport and accommodation only. All other expenses including meals, transfers and related costs will be the responsibility of the recipient and should be considered prior to application.

Eligibility

- a) Scholarships will be available to IAHA Full Members, as endorsed by the Board of Directors, who are graduates of the IAHA Leadership Program.
- a) Professional Development Opportunities in scope include; participation in Lowitja Institute's 4th International Indigenous Health and Wellbeing Conference, and the World Indigenous Peoples' Conference on Education (WIPCE) 2025.
- b) Recipients of previous IAHA Professional Development Support and/or Scholarships who have failed to submit their report to IAHA are ineligible to apply.
- c) Recipients acknowledge that the scholarship will not cover meals, incidentals, travel to the nearest airport and return (including hire car if needed)
- d) Recipients are eligible to travel overseas and are able to cover passport and visa expenses.
- e) Applicants must address all criteria in the application form.

Selection

Selection for the professional development scholarships is a competitive process. In addition to meeting the eligibility criteria and agreeing to the requirements of the scholarship opportunity, responses will be assessed based on how applicants demonstrate they will benefit both culturally and professionally from the scholarship.

- a) The selection process is managed by the IAHA Secretariat and decisions made are final and not subject to any appeals process.
- 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 and unsuccessful applicants in writing.
- d) Recipients must advise their acceptance of the scholarship and agree to all the terms and conditions in writing within the timeframe provided.
- 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.

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 (up to 500 words each):
 - How the scholarship will benefit the applicant in their professional, cultural and personal development.
 - Clearly identifying their location of residence and region they work/study within and their future aspirations within their career, profession or workplace.
 - 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, including giving back to IAHA.
- c) Applications are to be submitted online at completion of the application form.

Contact Details

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