

National Conference on Incontinence Scholarship Program 2024

Guidelines

Background

Funded under the National Continence Plan, a key initiative supported by the Department of Health, up to 10 scholarships will be offered to support health professionals to attend the 32nd National Conference on Incontinence on 22 - 25 May 2024 in Brisbane, Queensland.

The scholarships are open to registered nurses and physiotherapists working in continence care in regional and remote areas of Australia (RA2-RA5) as defined by the [Australian Statistical Geographical Classification – Remoteness Area](#).

Scholarship Program includes:

- Registration to the 32nd National Conference on Incontinence including the Conference Dinner and Clinical Workshops (subject to availability)
- Travel and accommodation costs* (conditions apply – see 3.2 for details).
- Entitled to state the following in their curriculum vitae:

Awarded the Continence Foundation of Australia 2024 National Conference on Incontinence Scholarship

1. Eligibility requirements

- 1.1. Applicants must be either a registered nurse or physiotherapist.
- 1.2. Applicants must be currently registered with their relevant professional registration board and supply proof with their application.
- 1.3. Applicants must be able to demonstrate an ongoing commitment to continence management and care although they are not required to be currently working solely in this area.

1.4. Applicants must work in a rural or remote setting as defined by the Australian Standard Geographical Classification – Remoteness Areas ([ASGC-RA](#)). Applications will be accepted from applicants working in the categories listed below:

- RA2 – Inner Regional Australia
- RA3 – Outer Regional Australia
- RA4 – Remote Australia
- RA5 – Very Remote Australia

To check your classification please visit:

<https://www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/health-workforce-locator/health-workforce-locator>

1.5. Must be a current member of the Continence Foundation of Australia (the Foundation)

1.6. Previous conference scholarship recipients are not eligible to apply for the 2023 scholarship program.

2. Application, selection and offer process

2.1. Application process

Applicants are required to complete the Scholarship Application Form at

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8V8QX3K>

Applications open 22nd January and close on 22nd February 2024.

2.2. Selection process

Applications are assessed by a selection panel comprised of representatives of the Scientific Committee. The selection panel will assess the written answers based on content, structure, originality and adherence to word length.

2.3. Offer process

Scholarship recipients will be announced on the Foundation's website

www.continence.org.au on 22nd March 2024. Successful applicants will be notified by email.

2.4. Unsuccessful applicants will be eligible to attend the conference at the Ultra Early Bird rate

3. Conditions of scholarship

3.1 The successful applicants will be required to:

- Attend the conference program including workshops. Please note that workshops have limited places and cannot be guaranteed until scholarship winners are announced. Due to high demand it is recommended that you register early for any workshops that you wish to attend. The Foundation will reimburse your registration fee if you are successful in receiving a scholarship.
- Submit a 300 word report/article by 28th June 2024 using a report template provided by the Foundation. This report will allow the scholarship recipient to describe the benefits to practice provided by one of the presentations they attended during the conference. The report may be published in the Australian and New Zealand Continence Journal, *Bridge* magazine and In the News (all publications of the Foundation).
- Assemble for certificate presentation and a group photograph with other scholarship recipients at NCOI 2024 (Date and time to be confirmed).

3.2 The scholarship program will cover the following travel and accommodation costs:

- Return economy air fares to and from Brisbane, Queensland.
- Accommodation for the duration of the conference. This has been booked for scholarship winners in a standard room at a hotel close by to the conference venue selected by the Foundation.
- Note: Meals and airport transfers are not included in the scholarship program and must be covered by the recipient.

4. Top scholarship applicant

The top scholarship recipient will have the opportunity to participate in a one to two day placement at a continence service or services located within easy access of the conference venue in Brisbane. The placement will provide the scholarship recipient with an opportunity to observe different continence services and develop networks with other clinicians. The placement will occur on Monday 20th and/or Tuesday 21st May 2024 (immediately prior to the conference). Accommodation to attend the clinical placement is included for the top applicant.

Please note that if you indicate you are unable to attend the placement, this **will not** impact on your application for the scholarship program.