

## **Scholarships for Aboriginal people in NSW to attend the public health conference in Brisbane 2011**

The NSW Branch of the Public Health Association of Australia (PHAA) is offering scholarships to Aboriginal people to support attendance at our conference in Brisbane, 26-28 September 2011.

### **What is the PHAA?**

The PHAA is an organisation made up of public health professionals and provides a forum for the exchange of ideas, knowledge and information on public health. The Association is involved in advocacy for public health. For more information see <http://www.phaa.net.au>.

### **What is the NSW Branch?**

Each state has its own PHAA branch which advocates for the adoption of PHAA policies and applies PHAA policies to local issues. It also holds seminars and workshops.

### **What would you get out of the PHAA annual conference?**

The conference is an excellent opportunity to learn about new developments in public health in Australia and to network and swap ideas with Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal researchers, practitioners and policy makers from around the country. At the annual PHAA Conferences there is usually a workshop held by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Special Interest Group.

### **What is the purpose of the scholarship?**

- Networking and sharing of experiences and stories
- Educational opportunity
- Stimulating interest in public health and PHAA
- Raising awareness of the range of activities and career opportunities in public health
- Translating evidence into practice

### **Who would benefit?**

Anyone who is currently working in or studying public health or a related field such as drug and alcohol, nutrition, mental health, health promotion, prisoner health, women's health, oral health). For example, you could be an Aboriginal Health Worker, nurse, doctor, allied health professional, researcher, project officer or student working or studying in areas such as: smoking/tobacco cessation, maternal and child health, chronic disease or otitis media.

### **What does the scholarship provide?**

A maximum amount for each grant has not been set however as funding is limited and PHAA wants to support as many workers/researchers as possible to attend the Conference. PHAA may pay the overall costs of attending the Conference such as accommodation, conference registration, conference dinner, bus/train transfers to and from the airport, and one year's membership of PHAA. Taxi fares will not be reimbursed.

If your employer is able to contribute that would mean more people could be awarded a scholarship.

Candidates will be met and welcomed at the conference by the Branch Committee members.

### **What does PHAA expect in return?**

- During the conference: Attend the full conference and the Aboriginal and Torres Islander Special Interest Group workshop (which will be held during the conference).
- After the conference: By 9 November 2011, provide a brief report describing what you have learned from the conference and how you will apply what you learned in your current role. The PHAA NSW Branch will send you a form closer to the conference.

### **What are the eligibility criteria?**

To be eligible you must be:

- Someone who identifies as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander within his/her community
- A NSW resident who is working, researching or studying public health in NSW
- Consideration will be given to those who have submitted an abstract.
- People from rural areas are encouraged to apply.

### **How do I submit an application?**

Download and fill in the application form from the PHAA website

<http://www.phaa.net.au/nsw.php> and send it to the contact below. You will need to explain why you want to attend the conference.

### **What is the application process?**

Applications will be assessed by a scholarship committee of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and non-indigenous PHAA members of the PHAA NSW Branch.

The scholarship is made available at the discretion of the PHAA NSW Branch, depending on available funds. The decision of the scholarship committee is final, but where possible the committee will provide feedback to the interested applicants.

### **Who can I contact for more information?**

Jess Stewart on (p) 9391 9770; (m) 0403 062 345; (e) [jstew@doh.health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:jstew@doh.health.nsw.gov.au) or  
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## ABORIGINAL scholarship for PHAA 41st Annual Conference Application form

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE 30 JUNE 2011**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Current employer \_\_\_\_\_

Current job \_\_\_\_\_

Describe your work/occupation: what do you do? \_\_\_\_\_

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Are you Aboriginal? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you Torres Strait Islander? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander? \_\_\_\_\_

Is your employer able to contribute to the costs of the conference? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, approximately how much? \_\_\_\_\_

What has your contribution been to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health? \_\_\_\_\_

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Why do you want to attend the PHAA 41<sup>st</sup> Conference? \_\_\_\_\_

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How will you contribute to your team/workplace after the PHAA 41st Conference?

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***Applications close 30 June 2011***

***No late applications will be considered***