

## **Scholarships for Aboriginal people in NSW to attend the public health conference in Adelaide 2010**

The NSW Branch of the Public Health Association of Australia (PHAA) is offering scholarships to Aboriginal people to support attendance at our conference in Adelaide, 27-29 September 2010.

### **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. It is also an opportunity for you to consider presenting a paper or a poster. At the annual PHAA Conferences there is usually a one day 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, 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, travel costs, a small amount of cash to cover incidentals and one year's membership of PHAA.

If your employer is able to contribute that would mean more people could attend the conference.

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

**What does PHAA expect in return?**

A brief report describing your experiences and what you have learnt from attending the conference. Mentoring for the writing process will be available.

**What are the eligibility criteria?**

To be eligible you must be:

- Aboriginal person or Torres Strait Islander (according to the accepted definition)
- NSW resident working in NSW
- Working, researching or studying public health
- Consideration will be given to those who have submitted an abstract.

**How do I submit an application?**

Download and fill in the application form and send 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 non-Aboriginal PHAA members of the 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 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference**  
**Application Form**  
**APPLICATIONS CLOSE 23 APRIL 2010**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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? Yes/No

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

Why do you want to attend the PHAA 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference?

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