

# Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Scholarship Criteria and Application Form for the Preventative Health Conference 2024 OR Communicable Diseases and Immunisation Conference 2024 OR Australian Public Health Conference 2024

With the aim of building the advocacy skills and capacity of our members, PHAA (WA Branch) is pleased to offer a scholarship to attend either the <u>Preventative Health</u> <u>Conference 2024</u> OR <u>Communicable Diseases and Immunisation Conference 2024</u> or <u>Australian Public Health Conference 2024</u> (applicant can select which conference). Applicants must be from an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander background and have a strong interest in public health. <u>Applicants do not need to be a PHAA member to be eligible</u>.

## Applications Close: 5pm MONDAY 25 MARCH 2024 Applications received after this date will not be considered.

The total dollar value of the scholarship will cover the cost of registration. PHAA will purchase the registration on your behalf. A 12-month membership to PHAA will be provided to the successful applicant.

## **Eligibility Criteria**

Applicants must be:

- 1. living in Western Australia.
- 2. Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander.
- 3. available to attend the conference if their application is successful.
- 4. be working in a relevant public health field OR a current student or trainee in a relevant public health field.
- 5. have no access to financial support through your employment or a full scholarship to attend the conference.

## How to apply

- 1. Please complete the form provided in writing or by video, ensuring you answer all questions.
- 2. Email completed form or video along to <u>wa@phaa.net.au</u> by **5pm MONDAY 25** MARCH 2024

## Assessment of applications

- 1. A selection panel from the PHAA WA Branch Committee and/or Expert Advisory Group will assess all applications received.
- 2. Applicants will be notified of the outcome by Monday 1 April 2024.

#### Student or trainee applicants

- Eligible student or trainee applicants include:
  - Students (third year or fulltime equivalent) in a relevant undergraduate public health degree
  - Current Higher Degree Research (Masters or PhD) students in public health
  - Trainees in relevant public health fields e.g. WA Aboriginal Traineeship Program, Fellowship of the Australian Faculty of Public Health Medicine, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Worker training, Aboriginal Health Training

If you are unsure of your eligibility, please contact <u>wa@phaa.net.au</u> to clarify.

You do not have to be a current PHAA member to apply.

#### Scholarship conditions

- Successful applicants are asked to write a 500-word article or video to highlight the most interesting points of the Conference and provide a photo to be included in the *Intouch in* WA newsletter and to feature on the PHAA website. PHAA WA will provide assistance with writing if requested.
- PHAA will purchase registration on your behalf.

#### Additional information

- The scholarship will fund only the base level registration for conference attendance. Scholarship recipients wishing to attend other workshops or extra events may do so by paying for this out of their own funds. To do this, contact the conference secretariat at <u>events@phaa.net.au</u>.
- The National Office will register you for the conference on your behalf and will send you an email confirmation once processed.
- The scholarship recipient is able to choose if they wish to attend the Preventative Health Conference 2024 OR Communicable Diseases and Immunisation Conference 2024 or Australian Public Health Conference 2024. They must nominate their preference on their application form. For more details about either conference, please visit the <u>PHAA</u> <u>website</u>.

#### Selection process

- Up to two awardee(s) will be decided based on:
  - Anticipated benefits of attending the conference
  - Contribution to public health through public health practice, voluntary work, community-based activities, research or PHAA committees or events

Preference will be given to applicants who have not previously been awarded a PHAA conference scholarship.

#### Application process

Please email a completed Application Form (see below) or a video (up to five minutes) to the PHAA WA Branch (wa@phaa.net.au) on or before 5pm Monday 25 March 2024.

If you have questions on the application process, please contact us at the above email address.



# Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Public Health Conference Scholarship Application Form 2024

### **Applicant details**

Name	
Phone	
Email	
Address	
Current degree/training program (if relevant)	
Institute / Organisation	

#### Please tick to confirm the following statements to demonstrate your eligibility.

I am a resident of Western Australia.

I am currently working OR a student or trainee in a relevant public health field.

I do not have access to financial support through employment or other scholarships to attend the conference.

I am Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander.

\*Maximum of 300 words per question.

If you are unsure of any of the question, please email wa@phaa.net.au for clarification

Please describe your current work and/or study experience in public health.

Please describe any other relevant experience in public health (i.e. volunteering, previous employment, etc.).

Please outline how your attendance at a PHAA Conference will benefit your studies and/or your future work.

Please nominate if you wish to attend the Preventative Health Conference 2024 OR Communicable Diseases and Immunisation Conference 2024 or Australian Public Health Conference 2024 and why.

### Declaration by scholarship applicant

I declare that the information given on this application form is accurate and complete.

Scholarship applicant

Name: Signature: Date: