

## Child and Youth Health SIG Scholarship 2026

### CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

*The Child and Youth Health Special Interest Group (SIG) of the Public Health Association of Australia (PHAA) is committed to ensuring the health of children and young people are prioritized within PHAA. The SIG provides support and advocacy on issues related to children and young people – advancing equity is a priority. This scholarship is focused on promoting research or practice which can contribute policy relevant outcomes for children and young people.*

The Child and Youth Health SIG of the Public Health Association of Australia (PHAA) is currently calling for applications from **student or early career research (ECR) members** of the SIG for the 2026 Child and Youth Health SIG Scholarship. The scholarship covers **\$500** towards conference-related expenses (e.g., registration, travel, accommodation) or professional development. The conference can include any of the [PHAA affiliated conferences](#) or national/international child and youth health conferences in 2026 (retrospective attendance will be considered).

#### Eligibility criteria

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1. Identify as a student or ECR (<10 years post PhD, excluding any career disruptions)
2. A member of the PHAA and of the Child and Youth Health SIG, or the intent to join.
3. Not a previous recipient of a Child and Youth Health SIG scholarship.
4. Not a member of the Child and Youth Health SIG committee.
5. No access to financial support through your employment or a scholarship to attend the conference/PD.
6. Your research or professional development is related to the health of children and/or young people.

#### Applicants are requested to complete the application form addressing the following:

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- Eligibility criteria.
- Describe how your research or professional development relates to child and adolescent health (500 words)
  - Research: Brief outline of your current work, approach and expected impact. A submitted/accepted conference abstract is desirable.
  - Professional development: Summary of PD and relevance to research or practice within child and adolescent health.
- Describe how attending the conference or professional development will benefit your research or practice and how you will promote the work of the CYH SIG. (300 words)
- Describe your work and/or study experience related to child and/or adolescent health (max 500 words).
- List key achievements (e.g. awards, scholarships, leadership roles, community service, etc) (300 words)
- Describe how you will promote the PHAA Child and Youth Health Special Interest Group (300 words)

#### Selection criteria

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Applications that meet eligibility criteria will be assessed as follows:

- Application quality – well-written, thoughtfully outlined research or professional development plan. (4 points)
- Relevance of the research/ professional development to Child and Adolescent Health. (4 points)
- Benefit of involvement in the conference/ professional development to your research/practice. (2 points)
- Relevance of work with current issues with potential public health benefits for children/ young people. (4 points)
- Demonstrated excellence and potential combined with financial need. (4 points)
- Creativity and relevance of proposed contribution to the SIG. (2 points)

A maximum score of 25 is possible. Every application will be assessed by at least 2 assessors.

Please email inquiries or completed applications to [jaameeta.kurji@thekids.org.au](mailto:jaameeta.kurji@thekids.org.au). **Applications Close: 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026.** Applications are competitive and will be judged by a panel drawn from the Child and Youth Health SIG. The successful applicant will be notified 15<sup>th</sup> May 2026.