

PHAA Victoria Branch Scholarships 2025

The Public Health Association Australia (PHAA) Victorian branch is once again proud to announce three scholarships which have been generously sponsored by VicHealth.

Three substantial scholarships will support one year's PHAA membership and a conference package (registration, travel & accommodation*) to a PHAA conference of your choice in 2025.

The scholarships are:

1. A student scholarship
2. An early-mid career cadetship
3. A conference scholarship

Applications for all scholarships:

Close: Thursday, 14 March 2025

Email to: VIC@phaa.net.au

Scholarships

1. PHAA Victoria Student Scholarship:

Awarded to a public health student (undergraduate or MPH) who has demonstrated outstanding academic performance and/or demonstrated a meaningful contribution to public health (for example, through volunteer experience), and is not in a position to self-fund attendance at a PHAA conference.

Scholarship:

1 year PHAA membership and scholarship to attend* a PHAA conference in 2025.

Eligibility:

To be eligible for this scholarship, you must be a student enrolled in a program listed on the following catalogue:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1SOtIVNjAJ9_bnV2Hq8py7iuoQjvOKgezRLfze7E1N9E/edit?gid=1578331462#gid=1578331462

Alternatively, if your course is not listed on that link, then it must have the following CRICOS Fields of Education

Field of Education:

Broad Field:	06 - Health	▼	i
Narrow Field:	0613 - Public Health	▼	i

The detailed field can include 0600, 0601, 0603, 0605, 0607, 0609, 0611, 0613, 0615, 0617, 0619, or 0699.

Australian Department of Education CRICOS website:
<https://cricos.education.gov.au/course/CourseSearch.aspx>

The university that you are enrolled in does not need to be in Victoria, but you as a current public health student must be a resident of Victoria.

Criteria:

Nominees will be a current public health student in Victoria who demonstrates:

- High academic achievement (demonstrated with transcript if available)
- A commitment to support and promote public health in Victoria (for example, through volunteer experience)
- A genuine need of financial support to attend a conference

Students can be self-nominated, or by course convenors/ academic supervisors.

Application process:

- Please describe what you hope to gain, or how you think you would benefit from becoming a PHAA member, and attending a PHAA conference.
- You may submit this in writing (1-2 pages), or in video format (approximately 5 mins).
- Please include a referee that can be contacted by PHAA

Reporting and evaluation

- Each awardee will be asked to prepare a short reflection for PHAA's Intouch public health blog on their experience gained from the scholarship and associated opportunities.

2. Early-mid career public health advocacy cadetship:

This award would recognise the leadership potential and achievements of an early-mid career PHAA member.

Cadetship:

- 1 year PHAA membership and scholarship to attend* a PHAA conference in 2025
- Media training, provided by PHAA
- Mentoring by a senior leader in public health

Criteria:

Nominees will be an early-mid career public health professional in Victoria and current PHAA member who demonstrates:

- A significant contribution to public health (for example, through research, health promotion, health services delivery or administration)
- A genuine commitment to support and promote the public health sector in Victoria (for example, through volunteer experience)
- Emerging leadership and advocacy skills (relative to their level of experience) in their particular public health field

Nominees for this award must have been working in the public health field for a period of no longer than ten years (excluding career interruptions).

Application process:

- Describe in writing how you think you would benefit from becoming a PHAA member, and attending a PHAA conference. In addition, please explain what you hope to gain from the experience of being mentored in public health advocacy (1-2 pages)
- Provide your CV
- Include a referee that can be contacted by PHAA

Reporting and conditions of cadetship

The awardee will be asked to prepare a short reflection on their experience gained from the scholarship and associated opportunities. This may be included in PHAA's Intouch public health blog.

The awardee is expected to participate in key activities of the Prevention Campaign sub-committee of the Vic Branch.

3. PHAA conference scholarship:

Nominees will be PHAA members who require financial support in order to attend* a PHAA conference of their choice.

Scholarship:

Financial support to attend* any PHAA conference in 2025.

Criteria:

Applicants must and meet all the following criteria:

- Be individuals (not an organisation)
- Be a Victorian resident
- Be a current financial individual PHAA member (i.e. those with full, associate, student or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander memberships). Individuals cannot apply under the agency/organisation PHAA membership of their workplace
- Not receiving any financial support from their workplace/institution to attend
- Currently studying or employed in public health

Application process

- 250 words on why you would like to attend the Conference that you nominate and what you hope to gain from the experience.

Reporting and evaluation

- Each awardee will be asked to prepare a short reflection for PHAA's Intouch public health blog on their experience gained from the scholarship and associated opportunities.

*In-person conference attendance in 2025 to be confirmed. Travel & Accommodation costs will be covered for in-person conferences only. Total is capped at \$2500. If a conference becomes fully virtual, then only the registration cost will be covered by the scholarship. In this case, funds for travel & accommodation will not be provided to the scholarship recipient.

Judging process for all scholarships

A panel formed by the PHAA Vic Branch Committee will assess the applications. Applications will be assessed against the criteria as listed above for each respective Scholarship. The Committee's decision is final and scholarship/s will be made available at the discretion of the PHAA Vic Branch.