The Public Health Association of Australia invites public health students to take part in the National Public Health Student Think Tank Competition. The National Public Health Student Think Tank Competition is a chance for students to showcase their innovation and enthusiasm for the field of public health, and will be judged accordingly. The prompt is broad, allowing students to address a need of their choosing, and encouraging them to be innovative in their response. We are looking for creative, original ideas which demonstrate the student’s future mindedness in the field of public health. We encourage all students at a tertiary level with a passion for public health to apply. This includes undergraduate, postgraduate, part-time, full-time and those studying remotely. We encourage Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and LGBTQ students to apply.

The competition comprises two phases:

**Phase 1:** Students are invited to submit a written response of no more than 750 words to address the following prompt: **What do you see as a major challenge facing the public’s health in the next 50 years and how would you recommend it be addressed?**

**Phase 2:** Four shortlisted entries will be invited to develop their response into a presentation of no more than 7 minutes, to be presented in a national live webinar.

The winner will be invited to present their response at the Australian Public Health Conference 2019 in Adelaide.

**PRIZES:**

The winner will be invited to present at the Australian Public Health Conference (17-19 September 2019 in Adelaide, SA), providing an opportunity to showcase their innovation, engage with established professionals and learn from the work of others. This includes full registration to attend the conference and remittance up to the value of $1700 towards flights to Adelaide and four nights’ accommodation in Adelaide during the Conference. The winner will also receive a one year student membership to the Public Health Association of Australia. Membership allows the winner to remain engaged with the field, through updates, events, professional development opportunities and more.

The three runners up who present their ideas in the live webinar will also receive a one year student membership to the Public Health Association of Australia.
HOW TO ENTER

To enter the National Public Health Student Think Tank Competition, please fill out the entry form addressing the prompt: **What do you see as a major challenge facing the public’s health in the next 50 years and how would you recommend it be addressed?**

The guidelines for entry are:

- Your response to the prompt must be **no more than 750 words**. Please note that this does not include in-text citations or reference list.
- Your submission must be submitted as a word document and be accompanied by the entry submission form (available from PHAA website).
- You must appropriately provide a reference to any sources you have used to support your response. All referencing to be done in APA 6th Edition. Any plagiarism will not be tolerated and the entry will be immediately disqualified.

Responses will be judged against a set of predefined criteria, including demonstrated understanding of public health principles, quality of critical thinking, innovation, feasibility, appreciation for the capability of public health leadership, and quality of communication.

ELIGIBILITY

- You must be studying within an Australian Tertiary institution. This includes undergraduate, postgraduate, part-time, full-time and those studying remotely. It is not a requirement that your current study is in public health, however you will need to demonstrate your understanding of the core principles of public health in your response.
- You must complete all areas of the entry submission form.
- Please email your entry submission form and written response to SYPPH@phaa.net.au by **4.59pm on Friday 28 June 2019. Late submissions will not be accepted.**
- You must be available and willing to present your response in a live webinar on **Thursday 8 August at 5pm AEST**, if your application is shortlisted.
- You must be available to present your response at the Australian Public Health Conference 2019 (17-19 September in Adelaide) if you are selected as the winner.

SUBMISSION DATES

- The closing date for phase 1 (written responses) is **4.59pm on Friday 28 June 2019**
- Shortlisted contestants will be notified by Monday 22 July 2019.
- Shortlisted contestants will be required to present their response at a live webinar which will take place **Thursday 8 August at 5pm AEST**. Further details about this will be provided to those who are shortlisted.
- The winner will be required to present at the Australian Public Health Conference 2019, 17-19 September in Adelaide.
TERMS and CONDITIONS – Public Health Association of Australia (PHAA) National Public Health Student Think Tank Competition

By submitting your entry, you acknowledge that you are entering into the PHAA National Public Health Competition and you:

1. Have the rightful power and authority to provide your entry and enter the competition in the name in which it is submitted
2. Warrant that your entry is your unpublished and original work
3. Grant PHAA the right to reproduce, distribute and communicate the essay in printer or electronic medium for judging and promotional purposes of PHAA through all state and territory PHAA branches.
4. Agree that PHAA may contact the institution where you are enrolled to verify your enrolment status.
5. Agree that in no event will PHAA be liable to you or any person in contract or tort (including without limitation and negligence) or otherwise resulting from PHAA’s use of your entry, including if Your Entry is the winning entry of the Competition, during and after the Competition Period.
6. PHAA reserves the right to request the prize winner(s) to provide proof of identity and proof of residency at the nominated prize delivery address, in order to claim their prize. Proof of identification, residency and entry considered suitable for verification is at the discretion of PHAA. In the event that the prize winner cannot provide suitable proof, the prize winner will forfeit the prize in whole and no substitute will be offered.
7. PHAA reserves the right, in its absolute discretion, at any time before the awarding of a prize to cancel or vary the terms and conditions of the Competition or to vary or cancel the award of a prize including, without limitation, circumstances where in PHAA’s opinion (which it shall form in its absolute discretion): a. prize winner does not satisfy the Competition entry requirements; or b. PHAA cannot conduct the Competition or award a prize for any reason beyond its control.
8. A decision of PHAA in relation to the conduct of the Competition is binding and conclusive and no correspondence will be entered into.
9. No responsibility will be taken by PHAA for any changes in dates, times or cancellations or other arrangements that may prevent a prize winner from winning a prize.
10. If you are unable to present your response in the live webinar on Thursday 8 August at 5pm AEST, you are required to give notice no later than 5.00pm AEST Friday 2 August 2019 and you agree that your submission will be forfeited to the next ranking entry.
11. If you are unable to present at the Australian Public Health Conference 2019 (17-19 September 2019 in Adelaide, SA), you are required to give notice no later than 5.00pm AEST Friday 17 August 2019, and agree that the full prize will be forfeited to the next ranking entry.
12. Prizes are non-transferrable. Existing PHAA members will have an additional year added to their membership provided that they will meet student membership eligibility at the time of renewal. Should the winner not meet the student membership eligibility requirements, they will be reimbursed for membership purchase up to the amount of student membership.
13. Flights and accommodation will be booked by PHAA at your request, or your booking reimbursed to the value of $1700. Amounts exceeding $1700 are at the expense of the recipient. Costs of flights and accommodation only will be covered; should expenditure total less than $1700 the remaining amount is not redeemable.
14. No incidental costs will be covered during your attendance of the Australian Public Health Conference 2019 for the purpose of presenting.
15. Entrants enter the Competition at their sole risk. With the exception of liability which cannot be excluded by law, PHAA shall not be liable for any loss or damage which is suffered (including but not limited to indirect or consequential loss) or for personal injury suffered or sustained as a result of taking a prize or entering the Competition.

16. The PHAA is partially funded by the Department of Health and is subject to reporting requirements. The collection, use and disclosure of entrants’ personal information collected in connection with this Competition is governed by the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 (NSW). PHAA is committed to protecting the privacy of entrants. By entering this competition, you agree to PHAA, using and disclosing your personal information for the purposes of conducting and promoting this Competition (including, but not limited to, determining and notifying winners), and for the information to be used so the PHAA can comply with its reporting requirements to the Department of Health.