

# ASHM Scholarships Program

ASHM Scholarship Program. We are pleased to announce a number of scholarship opportunities are available for the Indigenous Conference on HIV and Hepatitis Health Equity. Full or partial scholarships are available for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Health Worker or Practitioner and Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Sexual Health or BBV Health Promotion Officer/ Coordinators or people with lived experience of hepatitis B and/or hepatitis C and/or HIV.

**The deadline for submissions: 11:59pm (AEST) 18 June 2023**

*Please note that those who have not previously received a scholarship will be prioritised.*

Before applying please ensure you have read the selection criteria.

Applications are reviewed by three independent reviewers for each application according to the following scoring systems:

**1). Please explain your role in your organisation and why attending this conference is important to you (score 1-5). (Maximum 500 words)**

- Very good (score 5) – The person is clearly doing important work focused on enhancing the health of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people and they have done an excellent job at clearly articulating why attending this conference is important to them. This person also has an abstract accepted for presentation at the conference.
- Good (score 4) – The person is clearly doing work focused on enhancing the health of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people and they have done a good job at clearly articulating why attending this conference is important to them.
- Average (score 3) – The person is doing work focused on enhancing the health of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people, but they could have done a better job clearly highlighting why attending this conference is important to them.
- Below average (score 2) – It is not clear how much work this person is doing with respect to enhancing the health of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people, and they have could have done a better job clearly highlighting why attending this conference is important to them.
- Poor (score 1) – The person did not do a good job at clearly highlighting their role in their organization and what they are specifically doing to enhance for the health of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people. They did not do a very good job at clearly indicating why attending this conference is important to them.

**2). Why are you in need of a scholarship to attend the conference (score 1-5)? (Maximum 500 words)**

- Very good (score 5) – The person has very clearly articulated why they need a scholarship to attend the conference. It is very clear that there is no other way that

this person would be able to attend the conference if they did not have this funding to attend.

- Good (score 4) – The person has clearly articulated why they need a scholarship to attend the conference. There is no other way that this person would be able to attend the conference if they did not have this funding to attend.
- Average (score 3) – The person has articulated why they need a scholarship to attend the conference. It would be difficult for this person to attend the conference but may have other funding to attend.
- Below average (score 2) – The person has tried to articulate why they need a scholarship to attend the conference, but it is not clear why they need a scholarship or if they may have other funding to attend.
- Poor (score 1) – The person has not articulated why they need a scholarship to attend the conference. They did not do a very good job at indicating why attending this conference is important to them.

**3). Provide a brief outline, including examples, of how you will transfer the knowledge you learn at the conference to people in your community/practice and through your work (score 1-5). (Maximum 500 words)**

- Very good (score 5) – They have clearly highlighted a comprehensive plan for the sharing of information and knowledge that they will acquire when they return home to their setting. They have provided some very concrete examples of how they will return home and share the results of the conference with their community.
- Good (score 4) – They have highlighted a plan for the sharing of information and knowledge that they will acquire when they return home to their setting. They have provided an example of how they will return home and share the results of the conference with their community.
- Average (score 3) – They have suggested some ways that they will share the information with their community but provide little details in terms of a plan or any concrete examples for how they will actually achieve this.
- Below average (score 2) – They have not really suggested ways that they will share the information with their community, and do not provide details of a plan or any concrete examples for how they will achieve this.
- Poor (score 1) – They have not suggested ways that they will share the information with their community, and do not provide details of a plan or any concrete examples for how they will achieve this.

## Terms and Conditions

“Scholarship Conditions” means these conditions of nomination for the applicable Scholarship;

1. **Applications:** You must submit a completed Scholarship Application Form, agreeing to the Scholarship Conditions and all supporting documentation by the advertised closing date (or any later closing date subsequently advised to applicants by the Secretariat)
2. **Refused applications:** If Your Application is received after the closing date or does not meet the requirements set out in the scholarship conditions it will not be considered.
3. **Scholarships on offer:** ASHM may cancel any of the Scholarships on offer, whether or not advertised, or reduce their advertised inclusions. You will be advised of any cancellation or variation and where the advertised inclusions or other aspect of a Scholarship has been varied, you will be asked if you wish to continue with Your application.
4. **Multiple applications:** You are only eligible for one Scholarship per 24 month period, however you may apply for more than one Scholarship provided the applications are submitted for different conferences. Each application must be on a separate form.
5. **No transfer:** The Scholarship awarded is not transferable.
6. **Reviewing Scholarship Applications:** ASHM are responsible for the selection of the Reviewing Panel.
  - a) The Panel will assess applications based on the criteria set out on the application form.
  - b) The application will be reviewed by three independent reviewers for each application according to advertised scoring systems.
  - c) The decision of the reviewers will be final
7. **To be eligible you must:**
  - a) Be living and working in Australia AND
  - b) Be a First Nations Health Worker or Practitioner OR
  - c) Be an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Sexual Health or BBV Health Promotion Officer/ Coordinator AND
  - d) Identify as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person OR
  - e) Identify as a person with lived experience of hepatitis B and/or hepatitis C and/or HIV AND
  - f) Complete the application form truthfully, and agree to advise ASHM if you situation changes.
8. **Only apply for a scholarship if you do not have access to the following:**
  - a) Funds from a research grant to cover attendance at these listed conference.
  - b) Access to professional development funds available through your employer, such as health department, university funds and Training, Education & Study Leave (TESL) in your state.
  - c) Funding from a pharmaceutical organisation or other industry partner
  - d) Financial support from your employer

9. Reimbursements cannot and will not be provided for registrations that are already paid for by the recipient or their organisation. ASHM will pay for all scholarship registrations directly to fulfil the requirements of the grants.

**Scholarship Inclusions:**

10. Scholarships will particularly focus on enabling participation by people from regional and remote areas, and staff working in the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Sector.

11. **Scholarship Inclusions**

- a) Full attendance to the **Indigenous Peoples Conference – HIV and Hepatitis Health Equity**
- b) Optional One Day registration to the **International HIV Coinfection and Viral Hepatitis Elimination Conference (22 July 2023)** OR
- c) Optional One Day registration to the **International AIDS Society HIV Science Conference (23 July 2023)**
- d) Optional Full registration to the **International AIDS Society HIV Science Conference, 23 -26 July 2023 (available for VIC recipients only)**
- e) Travel Return economy class flights to Brisbane (as per availability booked by an ASHM representative as Best Fare of the day)
- f) Accommodation (at a hotel nominated by ASHM, for the duration of the two conferences only)

12. **Travel at own risk.** You accept that:

- a) You travel at your own risk and in Your own time;
- b) ASHM and your employer are in no way responsible for you or your conduct whilst you are at the conference; and
- c) You are solely responsible for your own health, safety and well-being while at the conference. This includes (but is not limited to) taking account of DFAT travel and health advice and arranging for any recommended inoculations and medication for Your proposed travel destination.

13. **Excluded Items;**

- a) ASHM will not cover the cost of a recipient's time.
- b) The recipient is responsible for any ground transport; all meals not included in the accommodation or conference package; additional accommodation nights; and any incidentals.
- c) The recipient is responsible for any travel visa or passport requirements including payment, and any fees incurred as a result of an incorrect visa or expired passport.
- d) **Insurance.** You must take out comprehensive travel and medical insurance recommended for overseas travel to the country or countries of destination. ASHM insurance is limited to cover the costs incurred on your behalf by ASHM. (In the event that ASHM needs to make a claim on my behalf I will provide all the necessary documentation to expedite the claim.)
- e) The recipient is may choose to upgrade their flight or extend their stay and agree to be responsible for any additional fees incurred.

- f) The recipient is responsible for any fees associated with changing flight and/or accommodation after booking, including missing the flight that has been booked.
  - g) If the recipient does not obtain a visa in time to travel, or cancel within 14 days of travel, the recipient will be responsible for any cancellation fees incurred.
14. **Reporting Back:** All scholarship recipients are required to complete an online survey regarding their scholarship and conference attendance within 2 weeks of their attendance.
- a) Clinical, nurse and pharmacist scholarship recipients agree to be available to provide a report back from the conference (according to specific guidelines). The nature of the report back will be negotiated with the recipient.
  - b) Copyright licence: You hereby grant a non-exclusive, royalty-free copyright licence to ASHM to exercise and sub-licence all rights of copyright (including rights to reproduce the work and communicate it to the public) in the final report and any other material produced by you that is funded by the Scholarship (with or without amendment) for any non-commercial purpose. This licence includes, without limiting its generality, permission to post the final report or parts of it on ASHM's website or make the report available to professional associations for dissemination for non-commercial purposes.
15. **Withdrawal from Scholarship.** You must immediately notify the ASHM Scholarship Team of any decision to withdraw from scholarship.'
16. **Failure to Comply.** If you fail to comply with any or all of these undertakings, ASHM have the right to;
- a) Disqualify you from future ASHM scholarships.
  - b) Seek to be financially reimbursed by you the recipient for part or all of the scholarship expenses incurred, including flights, registration and accommodation, per diem and any other costs associated with the scholarship
17. **Notification:** Applicants will be informed if they are successful or unsuccessful by email.
18. **Subject to change.** These Scholarship Conditions are subject to change at any time without prior notice.