

Mental Health Scholarship Scheme 2013

Guidelines for Applicants

These guidelines will assist you through the Queensland Health Mental Health Scholarship Scheme application process. Please read these guidelines carefully to ensure that you understand the scholarship benefits, application processes, terms and conditions.

The Mental Health Scholarship Scheme has been developed to enhance the capability of the mental health workforce in Queensland Health. It targets mental health care professionals who wish to develop mental health competencies through post graduate studies that will enhance their personal and their service's delivery of recovery oriented consumer focussed services, and increase staff confidence, job satisfaction and opportunities for career development.

Eligibility for Scholarship

You are eligible to apply for this scholarship if you are:

- **a permanent, temporary contract or casual health professional currently** working in Queensland Health Mental Health Services. Successful applicants must maintain their employment status during the period of the scholarship
- an Australian citizen or a permanent resident of Australia
- completing formal tertiary postgraduate study in advanced mental health clinical practice
- able to meet the university admission requirements of the postgraduate programme in which you are proposing to enrol
- not in receipt of a scholarship from any other source.

How to Apply:

- Complete the Mental Health Scholarship application form available on the Learning Centre website: <http://qheps.health.qld.gov.au/qcmhl> from 3 September 2012.
- Closing date for applications is **26 October 2012**.

Forward your application to:

The Mental Health Scholarship Coordinator
Qld Centre for Mental Health Learning
Locked Bag 500
SUMNER PARK BC QLD 4074

All applicants will receive a confirmation email once their application has been received. If you do not receive this email, your application will not have been received.

Written advice on the outcome of your application (including reasons if you are unsuccessful) will be sent to you within six weeks of the closing date.

Merit Selection Process

A selection panel will be convened in order to short-list and make recommendations to the Executive Director, Mental Health Branch for the award of scholarships.

Applications must be fully completed for consideration by the Scholarship Selection Panel. Awarding of scholarships will be based on:

- responses to the assessment criteria
- the relevance of the course to advancing clinical skills and knowledge
- level of qualifications and professional development history
- geographic location and local service need
- area of specialty
- employment status including length of temporary contract and your intention to continue to work in mental health services, if relevant.

Priority will be given to:

The following list of priorities has been identified for 2013 based on areas of future service growth and the skill needs of the workforce to support this growth. However, these priorities will not be the only criteria on which applications are assessed. Everyone is encouraged to apply for a scholarship even if your work / study area is not listed below.

Allied Health	Nursing	Specialist Mental Health Areas
Central Queensland	Central Queensland	Indigenous Mental Health
Gold Coast	Gold Coast	Child & Youth Mental Health
Wide Bay	Wide Bay	
Darling Downs	Mackay	
Cairns and Hinterland		

Financial Assistance

All scholarship recipients will receive up to **\$1,000** per subject for study completed in 2013.

To obtain the scholarship recipients are required to complete the scholarship claim form and attach:

- a copy of the semester results
- evidence of course fee payment for the semester, e.g. original tax invoice receipt for fees paid in full; or evidence of FEE-HELP deferment.

This application is then to be forwarded to the Mental Health Scholarship Coordinator. Claims for each semester must be finalised within six months of completion of the subject. Claims submitted outside of this timeframe will not be considered.

Scholarship holders may negotiate with their line manager to access leave for course requirements.

Terms and Conditions

- Recipients must forward a signed copy of the Acceptance of Terms and Conditions of the scholarship to the Mental Health Scholarship Coordinator once they have formally enrolled and been accepted into their nominated course of study.
- Recipients shall comply with the conditions of the Scholarship.
- Scholarships are available for postgraduate study completed in 2013. Scholarships will not be retrospective e.g. for study completed before this date.
- All recipients are required to immediately notify the Mental Health Scholarship Coordinator in writing of any change of circumstance e.g.:
 - upon withdrawing from the postgraduate study program
 - non-completion of a subject
 - failure to pass a subject
 - upon a change in employment status.
- The scholarship will be terminated if the recipient, during the term of the scholarship, ceases to be employed by Queensland Health.
- Recipients who have withdrawn from the scholarship scheme may re-apply for a scholarship at a later stage.
- Recipients must not be in receipt of a scholarship from another source.
- Recipients agree to participate in any evaluation activities regarding the effectiveness or outcomes of the scholarship scheme.
- Recipients shall notify the Mental Health Scholarship Coordinator of changes in their circumstances which may affect their eligibility to receive/continue with the scholarship.
- Course results will remain confidential.

Further Information

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