The Australian College of Nursing (ACN) Grants and Awards

ACN funds and administers a number of grants that are available to members and fellows of ACN. This funding has been made available to ACN from benefactors, some of whom have nominated selection criteria for their awards.

Emerging Nurse Leader (ENL) Program

The ENL Program identifies five pre-registration nursing students annually who have demonstrated a commitment to leadership in nursing through their involvement in student and community activities, student representation and/or other involvement in the advancement of the nursing profession.

ACN supports ENL participants through a three year program of personal and professional development.

Eligibility: Must be an undergraduate nurse and in your second year of study; open to ACN members and non-members.

The College Consortium Fund – up to $30,000

The research grant is available to registered nurses and midwives to conduct a research project that aims to improve access, equity, quality and outcomes in health care. Applications from research collectives and multidisciplinary groups are encouraged.

Eligibility: Chief or lead investigator must be a member of ACN.

The Sul Stuart-Fraser Scholarship – 2 x $5,750

This scholarship is open to registered nurses wishing to undertake postgraduate studies in perioperative nursing. Two scholarships are awarded annually for enrolment in ACN’s Graduate Certificate in Perioperative Nursing.

Eligibility: Must be a member of ACN.

Annie M Sage Memorial Scholarship – $10,000

Postgraduate research studies in nursing at an Australian university.

Eligibility: Must be a member of ACN.

Florence Nightingale Memorial Scholarship – $10,000

Doctoral or postdoctoral studies at an Australian higher education institution.

Eligibility: Must be a member of ACN.

New South Wales Nurses Research Grant – $10,000

Postgraduate studies in (clinical) nursing at an Australian university.

Eligibility: Must be an ACN member and a nurse practicing in NSW.

Margaret Y Winning Queensland Nursing Scholarship – $10,000

Postgraduate community nursing studies at Queensland University of Technology only.

Eligibility: Must be a member of ACN.

Bequest Fund for Research – $10,000

Postgraduate research studies in nursing at an Australian university.

Eligibility: Must be an ACN member and a nurse practicing in Victoria.

Myrtle Ivy Quicke Memorial Grant – $10,000

Doctoral or postdoctoral studies in nursing at an Australian university.

Eligibility: Must be a member of ACN.

ACN Research Grant – $10,000

PhD, postdoctorate or research studies at an Australian university, hospital or health care facility affiliated with a university.

Eligibility: Must be a member of ACN.
McGrath Foundation Scholarship – 3 x $5,750
Three scholarships are awarded for enrolment in ACN’s Graduate Certificate in Breast Cancer Nursing.
Eligibility: Open to ACN members and non-members.

McGrath Foundation Scholarship: Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander – $5,750
A scholarship awarded to a registered nurse of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent for enrolment in ACN’s Graduate Certificate in Breast Cancer Nursing.
Eligibility: Open to ACN members and non-members.

Joyce Wickham Memorial Grant – $5,000
Doctoral studies in nursing at an Australian university.
Eligibility: Must be an ACN member.

Centaur Nurses Memorial Education Trust – $5,000
Postgraduate research studies in nursing at an Australian university.
Eligibility: Must be an ACN member and a registered nurse practicing in Victoria.

ACN Scholarship Grant – 2 x $5,000
Postgraduate or honours studies at an Australian higher education institution.
Eligibility: Must be a member of ACN.

The ‘Ollie’ Nurse Practitioner Scholarship – $5,000
Offered in collaboration with the Australian College of Nurse Practitioners (ACNP) to an authorised or endorsed nurse practitioner for the purpose of growing the body of knowledge on the nurse practitioner role in Australia. The scholarship is named in memory of Olwyn Johnston who was appointed as the first practicing nurse practitioner in NSW and Australia in 2001.
Eligibility: Must be a member of either ACN or ACNP.

Patricia Slater Award
This award is presented each year to a registered nurse who is within the first three years of graduating from an undergraduate nursing course. The prize is full conference registration, travel and accommodation to attend the ACN conference.
Eligibility: Must be a member of ACN.

Laura Saunderson Fund
Funding for continuing education for nurses working in aged care within Western Australia.
Eligibility: Open to ACN members and non-members and must be working in aged care in Western Australia.

Rural Nursing and Midwifery Faculty Grant – $2,000
Offered to a member of the Rural Nursing and Midwifery Faculty to undertake research or a continuing professional development activity.
Eligibility: Must be a member of ACN’s Rural Nursing and Midwifery Faculty.

The Maylean Jessie Cordia Memorial Scholarship – $800
In collaboration with the Cordia family, this scholarship offers a registered or enrolled nurse an opportunity to further his or her professional development in a chosen specialty area of nursing.
Eligibility: Must be a member of ACN.

Edie Smith Memorial Scholarship – approximately $700
The purpose of this scholarship is to support an enrolled nurse member of ACN’s Rural Nursing and Midwifery Faculty to attend the ACN Community and Primary Health Care Nursing Conference. Funding consists of one full registration.
Eligibility: Must be a member of ACN’s Rural Nursing and Midwifery Faculty.

Awards nominated by educators by ACN

Eric Murray Quiet Achiever Award – $1,000
This award will allow nurse educators or staff to nominate a current or recent ACN student who is a ‘quiet achiever’. The award will assist with academic or community work that is judged beneficial to the nursing profession and public.
Eligibility: Open to ACN members and non-members.

St John of God Hospital (Burwood & Richmond) Quiet Achiever & Emerging Leader Awards – 2 x $500
Advanced Diploma of Nursing (Enrolled Nursing) – Mental Health Stream
Awards are presented to two students undertaking the mental health specialty in ACN’s Advanced Diploma of Nursing (Enrolled Nursing) program.
Eligibility: Open to ACN members and non-members.