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International Scholarships for Pacific Island Nations Nurses

The Australian College of Nursing (ACN) is further strengthening its links with the nursing profession in the Pacific with a new scholarship program.

ACN CEO, Adjunct Professor Kylie Ward FACN, said today that the ACN Foundation is offering two international scholarships for nursing leaders from Pacific Island Nations to participate in ACN's Institute of Leadership Nurse Executive Program.

"ACN has been working closely with our Pacific Islands nursing colleagues for more than five years," Adjunct Professor Ward said.

"We have been providing Graduate Certificates with the assistance of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) and the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS).

"These new scholarships – worth \$15,000 each – will build even closer links between the nursing profession in Australia and nurses from the 16 Pacific Island Nations," Adjunct Professor Ward said.

ACN is working closely with Pacific Islands nursing groups to encourage applications.

Applications close on 11.59pm AEST, Tuesday 25 July 2023.

All applicants seeking to participate in this program are required to meet the selection criteria by providing a statement of up to 500 words on each of the following:

- Your personal vision on how to transform healthcare and influence government in your country;
- What you would like to achieve from attending the Nurse Executive Leadership program; and
- A self-assessment against the capabilities outlined in ACN's Nurse Executive Capability Framework, including demonstrated outcomes, achievements, and your ability to lead and influence.

Scholarship application form is available [here](#).

Further information on the Pacific Island Nations Nurses Scholarships is available at [here](#).

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Notes to Editors:

The Australian College of Nursing (ACN) is the national professional organisation for all nurses and its aim is to ensure that the Australian community receives quality nursing care now and in the future. ACN is a membership organisation with members in all states and territories, health care settings and nursing specialties. ACN is also the Australian member of the International Council of Nurses headquartered in Geneva in collaboration with the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation (ANMF). An organisation not afraid to challenge industry issues affecting the nursing profession or Australia's health care, ACN is a well-connected and educated national body that drives change with people of influence to enhance the delivery of health services to the Australian community. ACN's membership includes nurses in roles of influence, including senior nurses, organisational leaders, academics, and researchers.

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CEO - Adjunct Professor Kylie Ward FACN - Bio

Kylie Ward. Policy Reformer. Nurse. For-Purpose Leader. Equality Warrior. Adjunct Professor. Transformation Specialist.

Kylie is the CEO of Australian College of Nursing. She has led a program of transformation at ACN, which has now become Australia's beacon for Nurse Leadership.

Kylie holds honorary academic appointments with seven leading Australian universities and in 2017, Kylie won Telstra Businesswoman of the Year in ACT for Purpose and Social Enterprise.

She is a major policy influencer, advocate for women, children and equality.