## University of Canberra Graduate Certificate Scholarship Program

* **Graduate Certificate in Health Research**
* **Graduate Certificate in Health Leadership and Management**

## Applicant Information 2021

## NOTE: All applicants must read and understand this information before applying or accepting an offer:

* The University of Canberra scholarship provides 50% of course fees to study the Graduate Certificate in Health Research or the Graduate Certificate in Health Leadership and Management. Additional costs incurred (e.g. remainder of course fees, amenities fees etc) are payable by the student.
* Scholarship applications are assessed by a selection committee comprised of representatives from the University of Canberra and ACT Health Directorate.
* Scholarship funded places are limited and allocated at the discretion of the selection committee.
* The decision of the selection committee is final and not appealable.
* Successful scholarship recipients will be notified in writing of their scholarship offer and must formally accept or decline the offer in writing.
* Following acceptance scholarship recipients are required to enrol in the relevant program of study through the University of Canberra [Apply Now](http://www.canberra.edu.au/future-students/apply-now) portal.
* Once accepted into the program of study by the University, students will receive a letter of offer and must complete the steps outlined in the letter to accept the offer of enrolment.
* Scholarship funding arrangements are between the student and the University of Canberra however scholarship funding is not paid directly to successful scholarship recipients. Recipients will receive an invoice for required payment from the University. This invoice will request payment of the remaining 50% of the course fees, in addition to other related costs that are payable by the student.
* To maintain scholarship funding for the duration of the program of study students must continue engagement with the University of Canberra, pass all units and complete the course within 2 years.
* Students must have the support of their current manager / supervisor to undertake the program of study.
* Employees of Canberra Health Services and ACT Health Directorate must complete the [ACT Public Service Studies Assistance Application Form](http://sharedservices/actgovt/HRforms/Study_Assistance_Application_distributed.pdf) for Approval as a Student and may be eligible to access [Study Leave](https://healthhub.act.gov.au/employment-resources/staff-development/support-further-study) for up to 4 hours study per week (pro-rata for part-time staff) during semester.
* Employees of Calvary Public Hospital Bruce should discuss study support options available with their supervisor.
* The courses require an estimated time commitment of 10 hours per week and students are expected to study in their personal time to meet this commitment.
* Students must not undertake any other post graduate study while completing the program of study.
* Students must notify the Nursing and Midwifery Office or Chief Allied Health Office if they defer or withdraw from the course, fail a unit of study, or are unable to continue for any reason.
* Scholarship funding is only provided to undertake a unit of study once. If a student fails a unit of study, they are responsible for full payment of course fees to re-sit that unit. Students may continue to access scholarship funding for any subsequent units of study that have not previously been attempted.
* Students who cease employment with Canberra Health Services, ACT Health Directorate or Calvary Public Hospital Bruce are no longer be eligible to receive scholarship funding.
* Students are not eligible to apply for additional funding through an alternate scholarship program for the same course.
* Research project(s) undertaken as part of the Graduate Certificate in Health Research must be relevant to the student’s work area or a specified organisational need.
* Students may be required to present learnings gained from the course or outcomes of research project(s) to members of their work area, team, branch, division or organisation.

## Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible to apply for scholarship funding applicants must:

* be a permanent or temporary Nursing, Midwifery, or Allied Health employee with ACT Health Directorate, Canberra Health Services and Calvary Public Hospital Bruce, with 12 or more consecutive months service;
* be an Australian citizen or permanent resident of Australia;
* be able to provide evidence of current registration for practitioners registered through the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA); **OR**
* where the applicant is from an allied health profession not registered through AHPRA, be able to provide one of the following:
  + a certified copy of their allied health qualification; or
  + a certified copy of their membership certificate of the relevant allied health professional association; or
  + evidence of their listing on the publicly available register of professionals for their allied health profession;
* have a minimum tertiary qualification of a Bachelor degree, or [equivalent graduate status](https://www.canberra.edu.au/future-students/apply-now/before-you-apply/admission-criteria) as determined by the University;
* meet admission requirements for the relevant program of study, as determined by the University of Canberra;
* have experience in research or quality improvement in Nursing, Midwifery or Allied Health;
* have identified the Graduate Certificate in Health research or the Graduate Certificate in Health Leadership and Management, or a similar postgraduate program, in their professional development planning;
* have support from their current supervisor / manager for work release for up to 4 hours study per week during semester (13 weeks / semester).

## Need More Information?

For more information please view University of Canberracourse information:

* + [Graduate Certificate in Health Research](https://www.canberra.edu.au/coursesandunits/course?course_cd=133JA)
  + [Graduate Certificate in Health Leadership and Management](https://www.canberra.edu.au/coursesandunits/course?course_cd=MGC601&version_number=1)

Or contact:

* + Nursing and Midwifery: [N-MScholarships@act.gov.au](mailto:N-MScholarships@act.gov.au) or Ph. 5124 4978
  + Allied Health: [alliedhealthscholarships@act.gov.au](mailto:alliedhealthscholarships@act.gov.au) or Ph. 5124 9451