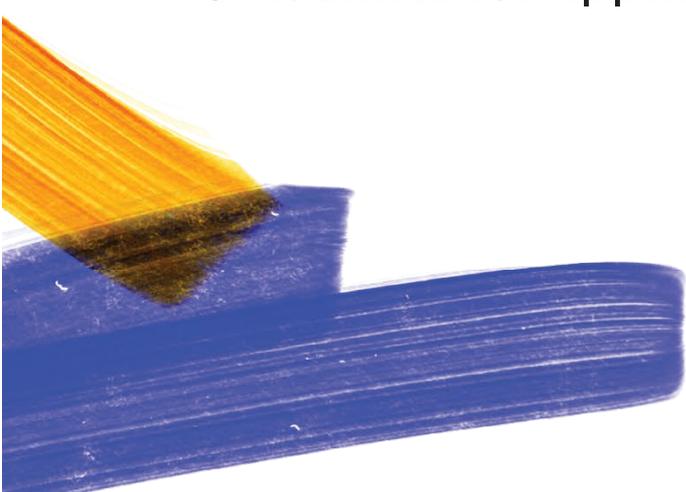




**MATTHEW SCRIVER PAEDIATRIC  
INTENSIVE CARE UNIT (PICU)  
SCHOLARSHIP 2026**

Guidelines for applicants



Matthew's parents established the Matthew Scriver PICU Nurses Scholarship in their son's memory in 2006. This year, the Scholarship has been expanded to include allied health professionals working in the Paediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU).

The Scholarship supports initiatives by nurses and allied health professionals working in the Women's and Children's Hospital (WCH) Paediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU), either as PICU appointed nurses, or nurses appointed in other areas of the Women's and Children's Health Network (WCHN) who are working with children and their families who are admitted to PICU. All types of projects may be supported, although the Scholarship favours quality projects focused on an aspect(s) of the holistic and/or psychosocial care of children and their families who are admitted as long stay PICU patients.

The Matthew Scriver PICU Nurses Scholarship stipend is \$5,000 to cover project costs. It is strongly encouraged that the awardee seeks opportunities to publish their project findings in an academic publication, or present at a grand round, research seminar or academic conference as appropriate.

### **ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES**

Projects which will be supported must be:

- clearly related to family-centred care in the PICU setting;
- able to be completed within 12 months of commencement;
- focused on aspect(s) of the holistic and/or psychosocial care of children and their families admitted as long stay PICU patients.

Suitable types of projects include:

- small research projects;
- clinical audit projects;
- projects which review and/or develop clinical guidelines and protocols;
- projects which develop and/or assess clinical practice in PICU;
- significant literature review projects which inform clinical practice and standard.

*Other project types may be considered provided appropriate justification is provided by the applicant.*

### **ELIGIBILITY**

To be eligible for the Matthew Scriver PICU Scholarship, applicants must:

- be a member of WCHN nursing staff or an allied health professional;
- work with PICU patients and in the PICU space as a part of their core duties at the WCH;
- willing to publish and/or present the project findings;

Current Matthew Scriver PICU Scholarship holders who have not yet received their final payment upon submission of the final report to the WCH Foundation, are not eligible to apply.

Preference may be given to suitable applications from nursing staff who have recently completed the WCH Certificate in Paediatric Critical Care Nursing or equivalent.

### **SELECTION**

The Mathew Scriver PICU Scholarship Selection Committee (consisting of the Nursing Service Director of PICU at WCHN, a research team member from the WCH Foundation, and, if needed, an additional expert in medical research from outside the Division of Paediatric Critical Care) will undertake the review and selection process.

Applications will be assessed according to the following criteria:

- the academic merit of the proposed project;
- the abilities and skills of the applicant;
- the feasibility of the project to be successfully completed within 12 months; and
- the referee report.

## **APPLICATION**

The application must:

- follow the guidelines and be written clearly and concisely,
- include all supporting documentation (referee report and research site endorsement form).

**Applications must be submitted via [SmartyGrants](#) by the specified closing date to be eligible for consideration by the selection panel. Late and/or incomplete applications will not be considered.**

**CLOSING DATE: 5:00pm (ACDT) Thursday 26 March 2026.**

## CONDITIONS

Successful applicants (the 'Awardee') and WCHN are required to sign a letter of agreement with the WCH Foundation agreeing to the following conditions:

### 1. UNDERTAKING THE SCHOLARSHIP ACTIVITY

- 1.1 The Awardee agrees to spend the Scholarship funds and undertake the Scholarship activities in accordance with the application and the guidelines and conditions of the award.
- 1.2 The Awardee agrees to spend the Scholarship funds for the sole purpose of undertaking the Scholarship activity.

### 2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Any publication or presentation by the Awardee describing the work/research which has been supported wholly or partly by the Scholarship shall make due acknowledgment of such support. Copies of any publications or reports are to be submitted to the WCH Foundation by email to [research@wchfoundation.org.au](mailto:research@wchfoundation.org.au).

### 3. EMPLOYMENT DURING AND AFTER THE SCHOLARSHIP

The Awardee should continue to work and/or study at the WCHN for the duration of the Scholarship activities. The WCH Foundation reserves the right to cancel or terminate the Scholarship if the Awardee changes employment or vocation.

### 4. REPORTING

The Awardee agrees to provide the WCH Foundation with a written report within six weeks of completion of the Scholarship activity.

### 5. PAYMENT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

- 5.1 The Scholarship will be paid in two payments of \$2500, the first upon the signing of a letter of agreement, and the second upon receipt of the final report.
- 5.2 The WCH Foundation will make the payments directly to the Awardees nominated account.
- 5.3 The Scholarship does not guarantee protected research time within the Awardees current position at WCHN. Rather it is intended to act as an acknowledgement of the time spent outside of the Awardees usual position working on the project.
- 5.4 The parties agree that the amount of the Scholarship is inclusive of any GST payable and the Awardee agrees to pay all taxes, duties and government charges in connection with the performance of this Agreement (if applicable).

### 6. REPAYMENT

If any of the Scholarship funds have been spent other than in accordance with this Agreement or on expiration or termination of this Agreement is additional to the requirements of the Scholarship Activity, the Awardee agrees to repay that amount to the WCH Foundation unless the WCH Foundation agrees in writing otherwise.

### 7. NOTICES

The Awardee agrees to promptly notify the WCH Foundation of anything reasonably likely to affect the performance of the Scholarship Activity, including any actual, perceived or potential conflict of interest which could affect the Awardee's performance of this Agreement, and to take action to resolve the conflict.

### 8. APPROVALS

The Awardee is responsible for ensuring they have sought the necessary organisational approvals for undertaking the Scholarship Activity.

### 9. TERMINATION

The WCH Foundation may suspend or terminate the Scholarship by notice where it reasonably believes the Scholar:

- (a) has breached this agreement,

(b) has provided false or misleading information in their application for this Scholarship,  
and/or

(c) is guilty of misconduct.

**10. VARIATIONS**

This Agreement, including the Scholarship activity, may only be varied by the parties' written agreement.