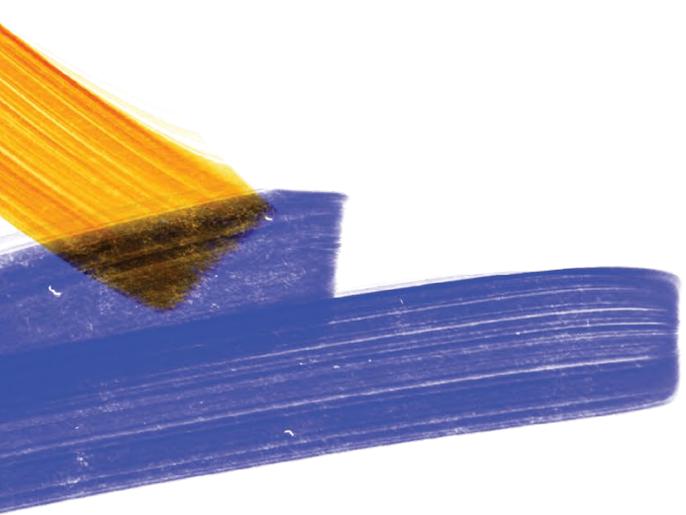


**BRIDGET CLAIRE MCCARTAN SCHOLARSHIP
2026: ROUND 1, ANZBA NURSING SEMINAR**

Guidelines for applicants



The Bridget Claire McCartan Scholarship was established in memory of Bridget, a nurse on the Newland Ward at the Women's and Children's Hospital. Bridget had a special interest in burns nursing, so her family established a scholarship in her name to enable nurses with a similar interest to attend Australian and New Zealand Burns Association (ANZBA) seminars and conferences.

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITY

In 2026, two rounds of scholarships will be available. Round 1 will offer two scholarships for nurses to attend the ANZBA Nursing Seminar in Melbourne on May 1 and 2, while Round 2 (to be advertised mid-2026) will offer two scholarships for nurses to attend the ANZBA Annual Scientific Meeting in Brisbane from September 15 to 18. **The remainder of these guidelines are relevant to Round 1 applications only.**

Two scholarships valued up to \$1000 each are available. Funds are intended to contribute to the cost of registration for the ANZBA nursing seminar, economy flights from Adelaide to Melbourne (return) and accommodation (all meals and additional expenses must be covered by the applicant). If the applicant intends to extend travel for personal reasons, accommodation costs beyond that required for undertaking the Fellowship activity will be at the expense of the applicant. Furthermore, if the personal portion of the trip is greater than the portion spent on the Fellowship activity, the applicant will be expected to cover 50% of the cost of flights.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for the Bridget Claire McCartan Scholarship Round 1, applicants must:

- Be a current ANZBA,
- Be a registered nurse employed by the Women's and Children's Health Network, and
- Not have other financial support or sponsorship to attend the seminar (applicants must declare if other sponsorship has been applied for, as the scholarship will not be granted if other funding has been received).

SELECTION

Applications will be reviewed and scholarships awarded by Linda Quinn, Burns Advanced Clinical Nurse Consultant and Maddie Coventry, Ward Educator, Newland Ward.

APPLICATION

The application must:

- Include a short paragraph (200 words) detailing the applicant's interest in attending the ANZBA Nursing Seminar.
- Follow the guidelines and be written clearly and concisely,
- Include a letter of support from the applicant's line manager.

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

CLOSING DATE: 5pm (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.

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 WCH Foundation agrees to pay the Scholarship direct to the Fellow in accordance with this agreement, and up to the maximum value of \$1,200.
- 5.2 The parties agree that the amount of the Scholarship is inclusive of any GST payable and the Fellow agrees to pay all taxes, duties and government charges in connection with the performance of this Agreement.
- 5.3 The Fellow must provide the WCH Foundation relevant tax invoices before the WCH Foundation is obliged to pay any amount under this Agreement.

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. PASSPORTS, VISAS AND INSURANCE

The Fellow will be responsible for obtaining all necessary passports, visas, travel insurance, health and accident insurance etc. as required prior to taking up the Scholarship. The WCH Foundation will not be liable for losses resulting from cancellation.

10. 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.

11. VARIATIONS

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