

The Griffith Health Group Primary Carer's Travel Scholarship

The scholarship is open to early and mid-career academics who have had a poster presentation or abstract accepted for a national or international meeting or conference; or are involved with field work projects.

A major requirement of academics is that they undertake research-related travel. Academics are expected to attend and present their work at interstate and international conferences regularly, and certain disciplines involve extensive fieldwork, sometimes in remote locations. This travel costs both time and money, with academics at times even choosing to fund their own travel due to the intense pressure for career advancement through research and publication. For academics with significant carer responsibilities, time spent away from home is often difficult and expensive to organise.

Who can apply? A primary carer for;

- one or more children under the age of 16 years.
- a partner or family member with a disability.

Use of funds

The purpose of the scholarship is to assist the recipient with domestic or international travel to conferences / meetings / field work by contributing to costs associated with the care of their dependents.

The funds can be used in whatever way is deemed most suitable to the recipient's personal circumstances. Examples:

- To fund a carer to look after your child/dependent person when they attend with you.
- To fund additional childcare while the recipient is away.
- To cover the cost of your child/dependent person and a companion to travel with you.

Eligibility options

Applicants must:

- Be employed as an academic staff member in a position that involves research within the Griffith Health Group.
- Be employed on a continuing or fixed-term basis.
- Be employed part time or full time. Casual staff are not eligible.
- Have a poster or oral abstract accepted for a national or international conference or
- Be able to provide field trip project objectives, itinerary and outcome documentation

- Some or all the funding must have already been acquired to conduct your field trip or to attend the conference (as the purpose of this grant is to cover caring costs for children/ dependent person).

Funding Value

\$3000

Application

As part of the application, you need to outline the scope of your research project and how you plan to use the funds, and provide evidence of the costs involved.

If your application is for a research field trip, the research project must be one intended to lead to publication of a peer-reviewed journal article, book chapter or book. You can specify in your application the type of publication you are aiming for and how it is related to your research project.

- Note: Staff are expected to review the appropriateness and hazards / safety risks associated with taking children on fieldtrip projects or to conferences. Refer to the [Children in the Workplace Policy](#).

Field Trip Risk Assessment to be completed.

Field trip leaders must demonstrate the management of risks while in the field. A Risk Assessment must be completed and attached as part of this application process. Field Trip leaders are required to assess risks associated with the fieldtrip, and ensure that appropriate control measures are implemented to eliminate or reduce the risk as far as reasonably practicable of injury or illness to students, staff or visitors (including children attending off campus sites).

Previous recipients of this grant may not apply again.

Previous unsuccessful applicants may reapply.

Outcomes

Successful recipients must use the scholarship funding for the approved conference or field trip on which the original application was made. Change of scope requests must be submitted and approved by the Travel Scholarship panel.

An End of Scholarship Report must be submitted to the Travel Scholarship panel on the value and outcomes of receipting the Scholarship. The report must outline how funds were spent and outcomes of the conference or field trip (no more than 1 page).