

MELANIE ROBINSON MIDWIFERY SCHOLARSHIP

FUNDED ANNUALLY BY THE Bundaberg Health Services Foundation

in memory of devoted nurse and midwife who passed away tragically in February
2016

PROSPECTUS AND CONDITIONS OF SCHOLARSHIP 2022

1.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

The Bundaberg Health Services Foundation, in honour of nurse and midwife Melanie Robinson, is providing \$1,000 for the provision of training to midwifery staff at Bundaberg Hospital.

In this ongoing commitment for staff training the scholarship will be offered each year to one (1) successful midwifery nursing staff only at the Registered Nursing, Enrolled Nursing and CNC level who are currently employed at the Bundaberg Hospital and who are required to remain in the employment of the Wide Bay Hospital and Health Service for two (2) years after completion of the studies. The scholarship is to be utilised for up to a two-year period for further studies at a recognised Australian tertiary institution, TAFE or recognised professional nursing organisation course to attain additional qualifications in the midwifery nursing speciality. It also can be used for professional development courses.

2.0 TENURE

The Scholarship is only open to midwives who are working in a maternity (including ante-natal and post-natal) environment at Bundaberg Hospital to further enhance their work practice and gain further qualifications in an area of midwifery or neo-natal practice. The successful recipient will be expected to take up the studies by July 2022 or January 2023, if they haven't already undertaken study (Payments can be made for enrolment in the current calendar year, however no retrospective payments will be made prior to this). Should the successful applicant's course not require the full \$1,000 the Foundation will retain the deficit for other training purposes.

3.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of the Scholarship is to encourage Registered, Enrolled Nurses and CNC to continue their midwifery professional development through an accredited course. The Foundation wishes to support an applicant who is working directly with clients and whose work and clinical knowledge base will be enhanced to provide the clients of Bundaberg Hospital Family Unit and Antenatal areas optimal nursing care within a clinical speciality.

4.0 THE SCHOLARSHIP

The Scholarship will contribute substantially towards the tuition, books and charges related to appropriate continual professional nursing studies.

- The selection committee's decision is final, and no correspondence will be entered into with applicants.
- The Bundaberg Health Services Foundation reserves the right to not present a Scholarship if, in their judgement, the applicants do not meet the criteria.
- The Scholarship is personal to the awardees and cannot therefore either be transferred to another, or cashed in, in the event of inability to continue the training for any reason.
- All applicants will be advised in writing of the outcome of their application.
- Successful applicants offered a Scholarship, will receive a scholarship offer package by post which includes:
 - a letter of offer
 - terms and obligations of the Scholarship
 - an acceptance offer form - to be signed and returned to the Bundaberg Health Services Foundation Manager to demonstrate agreement with the terms and obligations of the Scholarship.
- The successful applicant will be required to notify the Manager of the Bundaberg Health Services Foundation in writing, and within fourteen (14) days, of any variation to the Continuing Professional Development program for which funding has been awarded.
- The applicant will be required to participate in promotional material or media opportunities to raise awareness about the Melanie Robinson Midwifery Scholarship and attend the Nursing Scholarship Presentation.
- Payment will be made directly to the successful applicant on documented evidence from the relevant institution of enrolment and costs involved. Funding will not be provided for:
 - overseas study
 - purchase of equipment (e.g., computers or software)
 - loss of income or wages
 - internet fees or phone calls
 - no retrospective payments will be made
- The scholarship will be up to two years and is subject to the scholar's satisfactory progress. The successful applicant will be expected to submit a copy of their semester results for the duration of the Scholarship to the Manager of the Bundaberg Health Services Foundation. They will also be required to remain in the employment of the Wide Bay Hospital and Health Service for two (2) years after completion of the Scholarship.

5.0 SELECTION

The scholarship will be awarded on merit by a selection committee appointed by the Bundaberg Health Services Foundation to the person who best meets the qualifications and criteria set out below:

- Registered Nurse, or an Enrolled Nurse, or a Clinical Nurse Consultant.
- Permanent Employee in the Wide Bay Hospital and Health Service and a commitment to continue working at the Wide Bay Hospital and Health Service for two (2) years after completion of the Scholarship.
- Provision of an up-to-date Curriculum Vitae.
- Support letter from current line Manager.
- Evidence of relevant professional development activities over the past five years that demonstrate their commitment to their own professional development.
- Proposed continuing professional development program including start and completion date.
- Demonstrated relationship between the proposed Continuing Professional Development Program and the current area of clinical practice, which will benefit clients with the Wide Bay Hospital and Health Service.
- Proposed budget for the Continuing Professional Development Program including registration or course fees, travel (i.e. real costs of fuel/fares), accommodation (excluding meals) and text books.

6.0 TERMINATION OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

The Bundaberg Health Services Foundation may terminate a Scholarship if:

- a) The study is not being carried out with competence and diligence; or if satisfactory progress is not being made; or if required reporting on the studies is not occurring.
- b) The applicant causes the study or the studies to continue past the two-year time frame.
- c) The applicant terminates their employment with Wide Bay Hospital and Health Service.

Upon the termination, monies already paid to the successful applicant not duly expended or committed shall be returned.

7.0 APPLICATION

Applicants must complete the attached application form and attach the following documentation

- Evidence of being a permanent Employee in the Wide Bay Hospital and Health Service and your current position.
- Provision of an up-to-date Curriculum Vitae.
- Two professional referees (one of whom is your current line manager relevant to your studies and a WBHHS employee.)

Please forward your completed application to:

The Manager
Bundaberg Health Services Foundation
PO Box 588 or bhs-foundation@health.qld.gov.au
Bundaberg Qld 4670

Or hand deliver to the Foundation office (D129) in the old nurses building
opposite Infection Control.

If you require further information or assistance, please contact the
Foundation Manager 4150 2863 or Email bhs-foundation@health.qld.gov.au

APPLICATIONS MUST ARRIVE BEFORE 3pm 28th April, 2022

LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

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Name _____

Address _____

Email home _____

Email work _____

Phone _____ mobile _____

Please answer the following questions and attach.

1. Please outline the study you intend to undertake and demonstrate the relationship between the proposed study and the current area of clinical practice which will benefit patients within the Wide Bay Hospital and Health.
2. Provide details of the start and completion date and university or institution.
3. Outline your relevant professional development activities over the past five years that demonstrates your commitment to your own professional development.
4. Outline how you propose to spend the scholarship funds. Examples of eligible cost includes registration or course fees, travel (i.e. real costs of fuel/fares), accommodation (excluding meals) and text books.

Please attach the following documents

- Provision of an up-to-date Curriculum Vitae.
- Letter of support from your current line manager

Signature of Applicant

Date