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GENCA Dianne Jones Scholarship

The Gastroenterological Nurses College of Australia (GENCA) is committed to promoting excellence through the professional development of its members.

The Scholarship is being offered to gastroenterological (GE) nurses to support their higher educational development at tertiary level.

Purpose

The purpose of the scholarships is to provide (GE) nurses with an opportunity to enhance and advance their professional development by increasing their knowledge.

Scholarships being offered

- One Australian scholarship to the value of $10,000.
- Or (if more than one applicant)
  - Two Australian scholarships to the value of $5,000 each.

The scholarships must be taken between 1 January and 31 December in the year awarded.

Who can apply?

- Nurses employed in Gastroenterology Nursing

Eligibility criteria

Applicants must:

- be registered or enrolled with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia and have a current Annual Practising Certificate
- a current financial member of GENCA with a minimum membership of 3 years.
- Currently and predominately employed to provide clinical care and/or management within a gastroenterology setting.
- have consolidated knowledge and experience
- in their application, show they seek to develop knowledge, skills and abilities:
  - within the area of gastroenterology
  - for leadership development
  - for professional development.

Priority will be given to applications that:

- demonstrate the enhancement of gastroenterology nursing practice
- demonstrate the ability to advance gastroenterology nursing practice
- demonstrate how new learning can be implemented into the gastroenterology nursing workplace
- demonstrate how a scholarship will further develop the vision and leadership of the applicant
- align with current health priorities (eg national and state health strategies).
Scholarship recipients will be required to write a report to the GENCA Board on the learning gained from their study and how they can be (or have been) implemented into their workplace. The Board may make the report available for publication in the J GENCA to promote the Dianne Jones Scholarship in the future.

Exemptions

Outside the scope of the scholarship funding is:

- research proposals
- conference or congress attendance
- participation in formal courses
- personal care items
- personal computers and associated equipment
- Clothing.

The process

Applicants should:

- Register to undertake the tertiary study at the University of choice
- Provide proof of registration and acceptance from the university with the application including student registration number, course title and code, commencement date and completion date and course cost.
- Submit the scholarship application form (available from www.genca.org) along with applicant Details, Scholarship Proposal, and Curriculum Vitae to the board of GENCA via the GENCA Office

Upon receipt of the Application Form, scholarship proposal and curriculum Vitae the GENCA Board will officially table all applications. The board will determine the successful applicant/s and give final authorisation to proceed with the scholarship enabling the funds to be paid to the university prior to the deadline for Semester one.

Scholarships recipient must complete the study as planned and approved. Failure to complete each module of the course will see the recipient responsible for returning the funding to GENCA. GENCA require proof of successful completion of each Module prior to further funding being reimbursed.

What to include

Applications must include:

- a scholarship proposal
- a completed application form
- current Practicing Certificate Number
- current curriculum vitae
  - qualifications
  - broad Gastroenterological nursing experience
Submit

Please email or mail the original application to:

Dianne Jones Scholarship Application
GENCA
PO Box 7345
Beaumaris
Victoria 3193

Or admin@genca.org

For further information contact:

Melinda Caspersz
Phone: 1300 788 155

Scholarship funds

Applicants are informed that:

> no additional funds will be allocated over and above the authorised grant
> scholarship monies are not to be used as salary
> it is the expectation of GENCA that the study will be completed in its entirety within the specified timeframe and within the monies allocated
> If, due to circumstances beyond the scholarship recipient’s control, the course is prematurely terminated, GENCA will expect to negotiate the pro-rata return of some scholarship funds based on time completed and costs already incurred
> GENCA reserves the right to request return of scholarship funds in cases where the funds have been misappropriated

Obligations of recipient

Scholarship recipients are expected to:

> plan, organise and confirm all study arrangements
> provide Annual Practicing Certificate

Scholarship recipients may also be required to:

> present the outcomes of their study to a forum organised by GENCA
> act as a mentor to future scholarship applicants and assist in the development of their applications

Scholarship recipients will be required to notify GENCA if they are for any reason unable to complete the planned and approved study.

The decision of the selection committee is final and no further correspondence will be entered into.
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**Form 1 – Application Form**

**Applicant Details – Please print clearly**

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Surname: ____________________________

First name: ____________________________

**Contact Details**

Home address: ____________________________

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Home phone: ____________________________  Fax: ____________________________

Work place and address: ____________________________

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Work phone: ____________________________  Fax: ____________________________

Mobile phone: ____________________________

Email address: ____________________________

Current position Title (RN/RM/EN): ____________________________

GENCA Membership Number: ____________

Number of years as a GENCA Member: ____________
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GENCA – Checklist

- Completed application form □
- Copy of current Annual Practising Certificate provided □
- Proposal addresses all key criteria in the Proposal Guidelines □
- Applicant details (Form 1) completed, signed and dated by applicant □
- Curriculum Vitae which demonstrates:
  > Current work experience
  > Broad Gastroenterology nursing experience
  > University Application number
  > University, course details
  > Details of commencement & completion of course and course costs

APPLICATIONS CLOSE TUESDAY 31ST JANUARY 2015 at 5.00pm.