

Scholarship Application Form Postgraduate/Higher Degree (Masters, PhD, other)

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Lowitja O'Donoghue Foundation Nursing Scholarships Program Application

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Postgraduate/Higher Degree Scholarship (Masters, PhD, or related discipline)

ABOUT LOWITJA O'DONOGHUE FOUNDATION

Lowitja O'Donoghue Foundation was established on 1 August 2022 to honour the 90th birthday of Dr Lowitja O'Donoghue AC CBE DSG, and carries forward Dr O'Donoghue's legacy of courageous Aboriginal leadership and her vision of empowering Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to create meaningful change.

Our scholarship program pays respect to Dr O'Donoghue's extraordinary lifetime of work in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health, as a trailblazer who opened doors, and kept them open, creating opportunities for generations to follow in her footsteps and embrace a future of possibilities.

Dr O'Donoghue is widely recognised as, "the greatest Aboriginal leader of the modern era... the rock who steadied us in the storm" – Noel Pearson

Dr Lowitja O'Donoghue died on 4 February 2024, aged 91 years, on Kurna Country in Adelaide, South Australia.

ABOUT LOWITJA INSTITUTE

Lowitja Institute is Australia's only national Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community controlled health research institute. Lowitja Institute proudly carries the name of its founding chairperson and co-patron, Yankunytjatjara woman the late Dr Lowitja O'Donoghue AC CBE DSG.

For over 20 years, the Institute has worked for the health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people through high-impact quality research, knowledge exchange, and by supporting a new generation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health researchers.

Lowitja Institute is dedicated to embedding cultural and social determinants into health systems across the country. We ensure our policies, research and practice is culturally safe which contributes to closing the gap in health outcomes for our peoples.

Lowitja O'Donoghue Foundation Nursing Scholarships 2025

Lowitja O'Donoghue Foundation is offering Postgraduate/Higher Degree Scholarships to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students who are committed to furthering a career in nursing.

Scholarship value

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The Postgraduate/Higher Degree Scholarship value is up to \$40,000 for full-time study, up to a maximum of 2 years.

Eligibility criteria

Lowitja Institute will only consider applications that satisfy all eligibility requirements:

- Applicants must be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent; identify as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person; is recognised as such by their community.
- Applicants must be currently enrolled in a full-time Postgraduate/Higher Degree Nursing course provided by an accredited Australian registered training organisation and must provide written confirmation of enrolment.
- Applicants must be intending to commence study at entry level in the academic year that this scholarship round offers.
- Applicants must not have defaulted on a previously awarded scholarship or bursary.
- Applicants must not have a criminal record for any serious offence in Australia and overseas.
- Applicants must demonstrate how the course focus will impact and benefit Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and wellbeing priorities and aligns with the Lowitja O'Donoghue Foundation's purpose and beliefs.

You must confirm that all statements above are true and correct. *

Yes

Privacy

We pledge to respect and uphold your rights to privacy protection under the [Australian Privacy Principles](#) (APPs) as established under the *Privacy Act 1988* and amended by the *Privacy Amendment (Enhancing Privacy Protection) Act 2012*. To view our privacy statement, go to <https://www.lowitja.org.au/privacy-policy/>

Contact Details

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Applicant Details

Applicant *

Title First Name Last Name

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Make sure you provide the same name that is listed in official documentation.

Date of Birth *

Must be a date.

Phone number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

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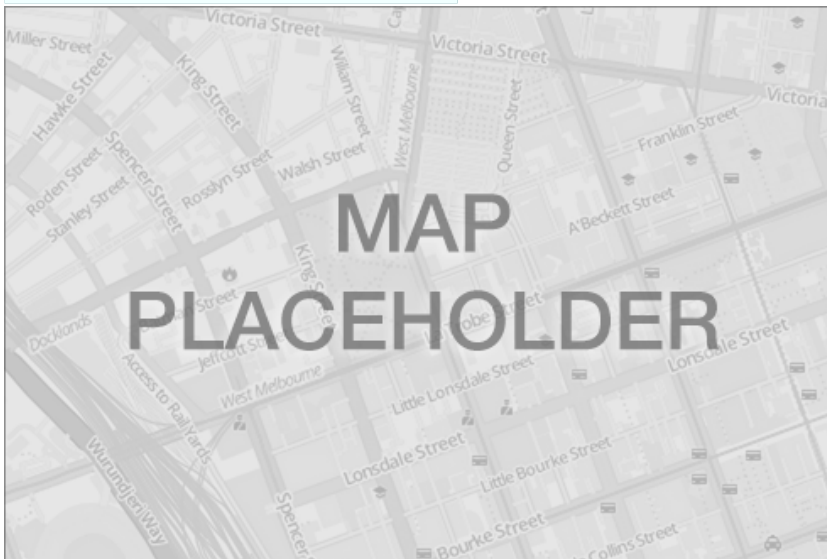
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Email *

Must be an email address.

Address

Address



Do you identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander? *

- Yes, Aboriginal
- Yes, Torres Strait Islander
- Yes, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
- No

Confirmation of Aboriginality or Torres Strait Islander descent: *

Attach a file:

The confirmation must include the common seal and be signed by an incorporated Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisation or the chairperson of an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Council in whose area the person lives or has previously lived.

Enrolment Details

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Name of Australian University *

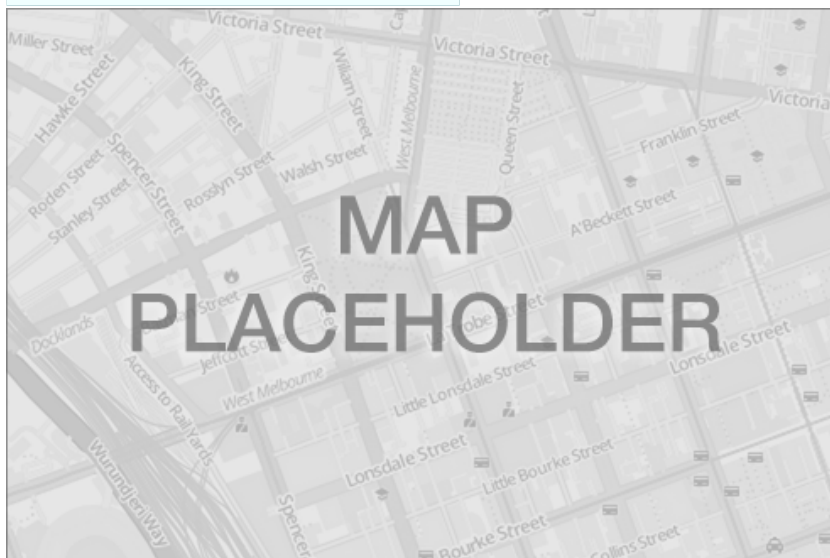
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Faculty or school location *

Address *

Address



Type of postgraduate/higher degree (i.e. Masters, PhD, or related discipline) *

- Masters
 PhD

No more than 1 choice may be selected

Commencement Date *

Must be a date.

Proposed Completion Date *

Must be a date.

Please provide confirmation of enrolment in your chosen course including prerequisite degree qualifications. *

Attach a file:

A minimum of 1 file must be attached.

Other Financial Support

Have you applied for or received any other financial support for your chosen course? * *

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- Yes, I have applied for other financial support
- Yes, I have been granted other financial support
- No, I do not have other financial support

No more than one choice must be selected.

Please provide details of other financial support you are receiving and attach evidence (if applicable) *

Attach a file:

A minimum of 1 file must be attached.

Lowitja O'Donoghue Foundation – our purpose and beliefs

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We aspire to become Australia's leading provider of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander-designed and delivered leadership programs, along with other transformational education opportunities, to empower the next generation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders to lead with, and for their communities.

Foundation beliefs

Our beliefs are anchored in the values that defined Dr O'Donoghue's own life and legacy.

- We believe in **self-determination** and that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples should have control over our own lives empowering us to pursue our economic, social, and cultural development in accordance with our own values and beliefs.
- We believe in **equity** and that none of us is truly equal until all of us are. We welcome and build respectful relationships with and for all.
- We believe that **education** is grounded in truth-telling, and through deeply listening to the lived experiences of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders we can nurture, encourage, strengthen, and inspire future generations of leadership.
- We believe in **empowerment** of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, enabling us to create meaningful change for ourselves and our communities. This is achieved through mutual understanding, cooperation, and partnership, building on the legacy of those leaders who came before us.
- We believe in standing up and being counted, ensuring the voices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are spoken and heard. Our next generation's **voices** are the change-makers and decision makers of today.
- We believe in bold **action** now, with courage and selflessness, to create lasting change for today and tomorrow.

Commitment to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health

The late Dr Lowitja O'Donoghue AC CBE DSG believed that,

"... as a matter of priority, there needs to be Aboriginal participation at all levels of health service – policy, administration and practice."

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Outline your past, present and future commitment to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health. *

Word count:

Must be no more than 250 words.

Lowitja O'Donoghue Foundation beliefs

Lowitja O'Donoghue Foundation is underpinned by our beliefs.

Select how you can demonstrate ONE of the Lowitja O'Donoghue Foundation beliefs. *

- Self-Determination
- Equity
- Education
- Empowerment
- Voice
- Action

Describe how your aspirations align with your chosen Belief and articulate how this alignment supports your goals *

Word count:

Must be no more than 250 words.

Selection Criteria

* indicates a required field

Why would it be important to you to become a recipient of a scholarship awarded in honour of the legacy of the late Dr Lowitja O'Donoghue? *

Word count:

Must be no more than 250 words.

How will this scholarship help you make future impact through your contribution to the fields of nursing and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health, and to the broader community? *

Word count:

Must be no more than 250 words.

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Please describe any academic or professional achievements relevant to your nursing career. How have these experiences prepared you for postgraduate studies? *

Word count:

Must be no more than 250 words.

How will Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and wellbeing benefit from your completion of the chosen degree? *

Word count:

Must be no more than 250 words.

Describe how the financial support through the scholarship will assist you to complete your studies. *

Word count:

Must be no more than 250 words.

Support letter/written reference

Please attach an academic reference letter from an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander professional referee with brief comments against the selection criteria. *

Attach a file:

Application Declaration

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I declare that the information supplied in this application is true and correct. I have original copies of all submitted documents and I understand that Lowitja Institute may request sighting of the original documents for the purpose of verification. I acknowledge that all documents submitted will become the property of Lowitja Institute and, as such, will not be returned to me. *

- Yes
 No

I understand that the information collected in this application form will enable Lowitja Institute to assess my application and, if my application is successful, create a legally binding Scholarship Agreement. I also understand that if I do not complete all relevant sections of this application or fail to supply all supporting documentation my application will not proceed. *

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- Yes
- No

I understand that it is a serious offence under the Criminal Code of the Australian Commonwealth to give misleading or false information and I acknowledge that Lowitja Institute reserves the right to reverse any decision made about my scholarship application funding if it is found that I have provided misleading or false information. *

- Yes
- No

Name *

Title	First Name	Last Name
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Date *

Must be a date.