



**BRIDGET CLAIRE MCCARTAN SCHOLARSHIP  
2026: ROUND 2, ANZBA ANNUAL  
SCIENTIFIC MEETING**

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, Round 2 of the scholarship program is now open.** This round offers **one** scholarship for a nurse to attend the ANZBA Annual Scientific Meeting in Brisbane, taking place from 15 - 18 September. Round 1 took place earlier this year and supported two nurses to attend the ANZBA Nursing Seminar in Melbourne on 1 - 2 May. **The remainder of these guidelines are relevant to Round 2 applications only.**

One scholarship valued up to \$2,250 is available. Funds are intended to contribute to the cost of registration for the ANZBA Annual Scientific Meeting.

Successful applicant is expected to attend:

- All scientific conference sessions
- The ANZBA Annual General Meeting – Wednesday 16th October 2026.

### **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).

Please note that preference will be given to applicants who have had a poster or paper accepted for presentation at the conference.

### **SELECTION**

Applications will be reviewed and scholarships awarded by Linda Quinn, Burns Advanced Clinical Nurse Consultant and Josephine Dannials, Acting Nurse Educator – Surgical Wards.

### **APPLICATION**

The application must:

- Include a short paragraph (200 words) detailing the applicant's interest in attending the ANZBA Annual Scientific Meeting.
- 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 2 July 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](mailto: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 \$2,250.
- 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.