

Scholarships Terms and Conditions

International Childhood Trauma Conference 1–6 August 2027 Participation Scholarships

The below Terms and Conditions relate to:

1. **First Nations ICTC 2027 Participation Scholarships offered by Australian Childhood Foundation**
 2. **People with Lived and living Experience of Childhood Trauma ICTC 2027 Participation Scholarships offered by Australian Childhood Foundation**
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1. Purpose

1. The First Nations Participation Scholarships are established to support people who identify as First Nations in attending the **International Childhood Trauma Conference (ICTC) 2026**, held from **1–6 August 2027**.

The scholarships aim to:

- a. Improve access and representation of First Nations voices
- b. Support culturally informed learning and knowledge exchange
- c. Strengthen community-led responses to childhood trauma

2. The People with Lived and living Experience of Childhood Trauma Participation Scholarships are established to support people who have lived and living experience of childhood trauma in attending the **International Childhood Trauma Conference (ICTC) 2026**, held from **1–6 August 2027**.

The scholarships aim to:

- a. Improve access and representation of the voices of people who have lived and living experience of childhood trauma
 - b. Support lived and lived experience-informed learning and knowledge exchange
 - c. Strengthen lived and lived experience-led responses to childhood trauma
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2. Eligibility Criteria

1. The First Nations Participation Scholarships applicants must:
 - a. Identify as a First Nations person (Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander)
 - b. Demonstrate financial need or limited access to professional development opportunities
 - c. Have a clear interest in trauma-informed practice, healing, or community wellbeing
 - d. Be able to attend the conference for its full duration

Priority may be given to:

- a. Community leaders, Elders, or cultural practitioners
- b. Individuals working in health, education, social services, or community organisations
- c. Applicants from remote or underserved communities
- d. Early-career practitioners or students with strong community ties

2. The People with Lived and living Experience of Childhood Trauma Participation Scholarships applicants must:
 - a. Identify as a person with lived and living experience of childhood trauma (Please note: you do not need to describe the abuse and/or neglect you experienced)
 - b. Demonstrate financial need or limited access to professional development opportunities
 - c. Have a clear interest in trauma-informed practice, healing, or community wellbeing
 - d. Be able to attend the conference for its full duration

Priority may be given to:

- a. Individuals working in health, education, social services, or community organisations
- b. Applicants from remote or underserved communities
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3. Scholarship Coverage

The ICTC Scholarship Program covers the cost of Conference registration only. Scholarship recipients will need to fund all other cost including travel and accommodation if required.

4. Application Process

Applicants are required to:

- Complete the Scholarship EOI application forms – The can be found via the below links:
 - a. [First Nations ICTC 2027 Participation Scholarships Application](#)
 - b. [People with Lived and living Experience of Childhood Trauma ICTC 2027 Participation Scholarships Application](#)
- Provide supporting documentation where requested (e.g., brief CV, references, proof of community affiliation if appropriate)
- Submit applications by the stated deadline: **31 January 2026**

Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

5. Selection Process

- Applications will be reviewed by a selection panel, which may include First Nations representatives
- Selection is based on:
 - Demonstrated need
 - Community impact and leadership
 - Alignment with conference themes
- Decisions are final and not subject to appeal

Successful applicants will be notified by **26 February 2027**.

6. Cultural Respect and Safety

The ICTC Scholarship Programs grounded in respect for First Nations cultures, knowledge systems, and self-determination and the voices of those with lived and living experience of childhood trauma.

All recipients and participants are expected to:

- Respect cultural protocols and diversity of First Nations groups
 - Engage in ways that are culturally safe, inclusive, and respectful
 - Support a learning environment that values lived experience and community knowledge
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7. Recipient Responsibilities

Recipients agree to:

- Attend all or most conference sessions where reasonably possible
 - Participate respectfully and constructively
 - Comply with the conference code of conduct
 - Share learnings with their community or organisation where appropriate
 - Provide feedback or a short reflection/report following the conference (if requested)
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8. Withdrawal, Cancellation, and Substitution

- Recipients must notify organisers via ictc@arinexgroup.com as soon as possible if unable to attend
 - The organisers reserve the right to reallocate the scholarship
 - Scholarships may be withdrawn if:
 - False or misleading information was provided
 - The recipient fails to meet participation expectations
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9. Use of Funds

Scholarship registrations must only be used by the successful applicants.

Misuse of Scholarship registrations may result in:

- Repayment requirements
 - Ineligibility for future opportunities
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10. Privacy and Confidentiality

- Personal and cultural information will be handled with sensitivity and confidentiality
 - Information will only be used for program administration unless explicit consent is provided
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11. Publicity and Storytelling

Recipients may be invited (voluntarily) to:

- Share their experiences through stories, interviews, or testimonials

- Participate in conference communications highlighting First Nations voices

Cultural protocols and consent will always be respected.

12. Liability

- Organisers are not liable for personal injury, loss, or damage during travel or attendance
 - Recipients are encouraged to arrange appropriate insurance (travel, health, etc.)
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13. Amendments

The conference organisers reserve the right to amend these Terms and Conditions. Applicants will be notified of any significant changes.

14. Complaints and Appeals

The ICTC 2027 Scholarship Program provides a fair and transparent process for complaints and appeals. Complaints about program administration or conduct must be submitted in writing to ictc@arinexgroup.com within 10 business days of applicants being notified of whether they have been successful. Complaints will be acknowledged and resolved within set timeframes. Appeals relate specifically to scholarship decisions and are only considered on limited grounds such as process errors or missing information; they must also be lodged within 10 business days of applicants being notified of whether they have been successful with supporting evidence. Appeals are reviewed independently, with outcomes provided within 20 business days, and all appeal decisions are final. All matters are handled confidentially in accordance with privacy requirements.
