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## 15<sup>th</sup> Australasian Viral Hepatitis Conference Scholarship Application Guidelines

### Eligibility and Conditions

#### To be eligible you:

- Are able attend the conference in person from 6 to 8 August 2025 in Naarm (Melbourne), Victoria
- Live in Australia
- Have lived experience of hepatitis B and/or hepatitis C and/or be from an affected community or priority population and/or as a volunteer or peer of a non-government community hepatitis and/or peer based organisation

#### Priority will be given to those who:

- Do not have access to other sources of funding to attend the conference.
- Have not been to the conference before.

#### Optional:

- Scholarship awardees will be encouraged to 'buddy' with community representatives
- Scholarship awardees will be invited to a 'meet and greet' with other community representatives

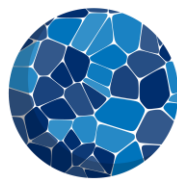
### How to apply & Selection criteria

#### Questions (response maximum 200 words for each question – must be submitted via the online application)

1. Describe what viral hepatitis (hepatitis B or hepatitis C) means to you? This could be about your volunteering or work in the sector, your personal interest.
2. Think about a community that you are a part of or working with, discuss one barrier that people affected by viral hepatitis face, this could be barrier to health care or other aspects of life?
3. What do you hope to learn at the conference?
4. Provide a brief outline, including examples, of how you will transfer the knowledge you learn at the conference to your community?
5. Confirm that you will share a reflection after the conference. This can be a written piece or a video/audio recording.
6. Advise if you are affiliated with an community hepatitis organisation and/or peer based organisation

Applications are reviewed for each application according to the following scoring systems:

1. **Describe what hepatitis means to you? This could be about your volunteering or work in the sector, your personal interest.**
  - Very good (score 5) – The description was authentic, well-articulated, and it is clear that the applicant has a strong interest and motivation about viral hepatitis.
  - Good (score 4) – The applicant has done a good job describing the relationship.
  - Average (score 3) – The applicant has outlined some of the relationship
  - Below average (score 2) – The applicant has some description about the relationship
  - Poor (score 1) – The person has named what they believe to be the relationship



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2. **Think about a community that you are a part of or working with, discuss one barrier that people affected by viral hepatitis face, this could be barrier to health care or other aspects of life?**
  - Very good (score 5) – The barrier was well chosen, well-articulated, and it is very clear that the applicant has taken considerable effort to highlight a barrier that is faced.
  - Good (score 4) – The applicant has done a good job choosing and describing a barrier.
  - Average (score 3) – The applicant has outlined a barrier faced
  - Below average (score 2) – The applicant has some description about a barrier
  - Poor (score 1) – The person has named what they believe to be a barrier
3. **What do you hope to learn at the conference?**
  - Very good (score 5) – The applicant has clearly outlined and articulated well what they would like to learn and their objectives for attending the conference
  - Good (score 4) – The applicant has described what they would like to learn and has a good idea of what their objectives for the conference are
  - Average (score 3) – The applicant has some idea of what they would like to learn
  - Below average (score 2) – The applicant has not really explained what they would like to achieve from their attendance
  - Poor (score 1) – The applicant has not indicated what they would like to learn
4. **Provide a brief outline, including examples, of how you will transfer what you learn at the conference to your community?**
  - Very good (score 5) – The applicant has clearly highlighted a good plan for the sharing of information and knowledge. They have provided concrete examples of how they will share conference learnings with their community.
  - Good (score 4) – The applicant has highlighted a plan for the sharing of information and knowledge. They have provided an example of how they will share conference learnings with their community.
  - Average (score 3) – The applicant has suggested some ways that they will share information with their community
  - Below average (score 2) – The person has not really suggested ways that they will share the information with their community
  - Poor (score 1) – The applicant has not suggested ways that they will share the information with their community
5. **Confirm that you will share a reflection after the conference. This can be a written piece or a video/audio recording.**
6. **Advise if you are affiliated with any community hepatitis organisation and/or peer based organisation**

### Terms and Conditions:

- All applicants must provide accurate information and advise ASHM if their situation changes. Withholding or giving false information may result in the withdrawal of the application.
- All scholarship holders will be expected to share a personal reflection of the conference with ASHM within 1 month from the conclusion of the conference.
- Applications will be reviewed by a panel that includes community representatives.
- No extensions for applications will be provided
- Panel decisions are final