

National Conference on Incontinence STAC Scholarship Program 2025

Guidelines

Background

Funded via Foundation's State and Territory Advisory Committees, scholarships will be offered to support registered health professionals to attend the 33rd National Conference on Incontinence on 7 -10 May 2025 in Hobart, Tasmania.

Scholarship Program includes:

- Reimbursement or registration to the 33rd National Conference on Incontinence.
- Reimbursement or part-reimbursement of travel and accommodation costs* (conditions apply – see 3.2 for details).
- Dollar values of reimbursement by each state include:
 - NSW: 3 scholarships at \$2000 each.
 - QLD/NT: 2 scholarships at \$2000 each
 - SA: 3 scholarships, 2 at \$2500 each, 1 at \$2000.
 - VIC/TAS: 3 scholarships at \$2000 each
 - WA: 2 scholarships at \$2500 each
- Entitled to state the following in their curriculum vitae:

*Awarded the Continenence Foundation of Australia 2025 National Conference on Incontinence
STAC Scholarship*

1. Eligibility requirements

- 1.1. Applicants must be a registered health professional.
- 1.2. Applicants must be currently registered with their relevant professional registration board and supply proof with their application.
- 1.3. Professionals seeking registration via training or placement may be considered with additional proof provided.

- 1.4. Applicants must be able to demonstrate an ongoing commitment to continence management and care although they are not required to be currently working **solely** in this area.
- 1.5. Must be a current financial member of the Continence Foundation of Australia (the Foundation)
- 1.6. Previous conference scholarship recipients are not eligible to apply for the 2025 scholarship program.

2. Application, selection and offer process

2.1. Application process

Applicants are required to complete the Scholarship Application Form at

Applications open 7th November and close on 7th February 2025.

2.2. Selection process

Applications are assessed by a selection panel comprised of representatives of each respective State's committee. The selection panel will assess the written answers based on content, structure, originality and adherence to word length. Other factors such as need and potential impact to continence practise and clientele may also be considered.

2.3. Offer process

Scholarship recipients will be announced on the Foundation's website www.continence.org.au on 24th February 2024. Successful applicants will be notified by email.

2.4. Unsuccessful applicants will be eligible to attend the conference at the Ultra Early Bird rate

3. Conditions of scholarship

3.1 The successful applicants will be required to:

- Scholarship values are determined by each state Committee and are paid as a reimbursement of costs incurred up to the dollar value as outlined in section 2.x
- Attend the conference program including any workshops. Please note that workshops have limited places and cannot be guaranteed until scholarship winners are announced. Due to high demand it is recommended that you register early for any workshops that you wish to attend. The Foundation will reimburse your registration fee if you are successful in receiving a scholarship.

- Submit a 300 word report/article by 28th June 2025 using a report template provided by the Foundation. This report will allow the scholarship recipient to describe the benefits to practice provided by one of the presentations they attended during the conference. The report may be published in the Australian and New Zealand Continence Journal, *Bridge* magazine and In the News (all publications of the Foundation).
- Assemble for certificate presentation and a group photograph with other scholarship recipients at NCOI 2025 (Date and time to be confirmed).

3.2 The scholarship program reimburse or partly reimburse the following travel and accommodation costs to the values outlined on page 1.

- Return economy air fares to and from Hobart, Tasmania.
- Accommodation for the duration of the conference including 6 May 2025.
- Note: Meals and airport transfers are not included in the scholarship program and must be covered by the recipient.