



The College of Nursing



NURSING AND HEALTH SERVICES
RESEARCH CONSORTIUM

The College – Consortium Fund

Print-out application form

A research grant of **up to \$30,000** is available to registered nurses and midwives to conduct a research project that aims to **improve access, equity, quality and outcomes in health care**. Applications from research collectives and multidisciplinary groups are encouraged.

Eligibility Criteria Checklist

- The **chief or lead investigator** must be a nurse or midwife residing in Australia who is a current financial member of The College of Nursing.
- The project must be consistent with the aims of the award and able to produce new knowledge for nursing and midwifery practice.
- The grant must not be used to provide personal support for study, salary replacement, conference attendance, or for the purchase of equipment.

Documents Required Checklist

- 1. Fully completed application form (Sections 1 & 2).
- 2. Agreement to terms and conditions of award (Section 3).
- 3. Curriculum vitae of lead applicant and supporting documents (Section 4).
- 4. Letter from the relevant Head of Department indicating approval for project.
- 5. Evidence of application to and/or approval from relevant ethics committee(s).

Selection

The Scholarships Committee of the College of Nursing will undertake assessment of applications within one (1) month of the closing date. The Committee's decision will be final. Applications are competitive and the College reserves the right to withdraw the award should conditions not be satisfied, or to award less than the full amount in any year. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted. The successful applicant(s) will be notified in writing, and will be presented with the Scholarship formally at The College Annual Oration and Investiture.

Applications will close at 5pm on the 31st August

Post your application to:

Scholarships Committee
The College of Nursing
Locked Bag 3030
Burwood NSW 1805

The College – Consortium Fund

Please ensure this cover sheet is attached to the front of your application

Project title

Chief or lead investigator details

Preferred title: _____ First name: _____ Last name: _____

Qualifications: _____

Employer: _____

Position held: _____

Full mailing address: _____

Phone: Home _____ Work _____ Mobile _____

Fax: _____ Email: _____

Are you a current financial member of The College of Nursing? If yes, we will check your current details

 Yes No

Co-investigator details

Please add any additional investigators on a separate sheet

Preferred title: _____ First name: _____ Last name: _____

Qualifications: _____

Employer: _____

Position held: _____

Full mailing address: _____

Phone: Home _____ Work _____ Mobile _____

Fax: _____ Email: _____

Are you a current financial member of The College of Nursing? If yes, we will check your current details

 Yes No

If no, would you like further information sent to you about the College of Nursing?

 Yes No

SECTION 1 Organisational involvement

Where will this study be conducted?

Has approval been obtained from the above organization/institution for the conduct of this project?

Yes *Please attach evidence of approval*

No

Is ethics approval required (under NHMRC guidelines) for this project?

Yes

No *Please explain why*

Has an ethics application been submitted for this project?

Yes *Please attach evidence of submission*

No *Please explain why*

Duration of project

Anticipated or actual date of project commencement _____

Expected duration of project _____

Expected date of submission of project report to College _____

Individual and/or Organisation to whom grant is to be paid

Name _____

Position _____

Full postal address _____

Contacts for grant administrators (if applicable) _____

SECTION 3 Terms and conditions of award

- The research fund is offered in support of a range of nursing, midwifery and health services research which will produce new knowledge for practice.
- The proposed aims, methods and intended outcomes of the project must be clearly documented.
- Funds will be allocated to projects that clearly demonstrate the capacity of the project to contribute to one or more of the following aims:
 - improve access and equity in healthcare;
 - positively impact upon the quality of care or;
 - improve the outcomes of healthcare.
- The fund is valued at \$30,000 and will be offered every second year. The College reserves the right to withdraw the award in any year, or to award less than the full amount.
- The fund will not be awarded to individuals or groups for study support, salary replacement, conference attendance, or for the purchase of equipment.
- Applications will be called every second year during May/June and will be advertised in the College journal *nursing.aust* and the College's website www.nursing.edu.au
- Applications should be received on the nominated forms and address all points outlined in the template.
- Evidence of approval to conduct the project at the nominated organisation must accompany the application.
- Evidence of ethical approval for the project (if required) must be forwarded to the College.
- The successful applicant(s) must use funds within two years of receipt.
- Recipients are required to submit an outcomes or progress report, as well as a financial report to the College at the conclusion of this period outlining how the research funds were used and detailing the outcomes of the project.
- The College is to be acknowledged in any publication or presentation resulting from funding support and reserves the right to publish the project report in *nursing.aust*.
- Any unused funds are to be returned to The College.

I agree to the terms and conditions of the College–Consortium Fund.

Name: _____

Signature of Chief investigator: _____ Date: _____

SECTION 4 Attachments

Please attach the following documents to your application:

4.1 Curriculum vitae of lead applicant

4.2 Supporting documents

4.2.1 Evidence of approval to conduct the project at the nominated organisation

4.2.2 Evidence of submission or approval for the project from relevant ethics committee (if required)

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