



SMART STROKES 2022 CONFERENCE

18-19 August 2022
UTS Aerial Function Centre, Sydney, NSW

SMART STROKES NURSING & ALLIED HEALTH SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

CLOSING DATE: MONDAY, 2 MAY 2022

Aim

This scholarship provides stroke nursing and allied health clinicians across Australasia with the opportunity to receive financial assistance to attend the two-day SMART STROKES 2022 Conference.

Who is eligible to apply?

SELECTION CRITERIA

Nursing and allied health clinicians in Australasia who demonstrate the following:

- Current employment within a speciality stroke unit and/or in a role working with stroke survivors and their families/ carers in either a specialist or generalist role, in an acute, subacute or community-based setting (recent employment greater than 6 months in duration is desirable);
- Describe your commitment to improving outcomes for those affected by stroke via engagement in professional development and/ or implementation of evidence-based practice
- Outline in detail your objectives for attending the conference and specify how these apply to your field of practice
- Describe how you will benefit from attending Smart Strokes and how you will share this with your team / fellow clinicians.
- Hold a current Authority to Practice (Registration) - if relevant to the profession.

Full-time post doctorate (PhD) candidates whose research relates to stroke may also be considered.

FUNDING FOR 2022

There are **five** scholarships available in 2022:

Full Delegate Scholarship – Registration valued at \$685 with the possibility of limited assistance with airfares/accommodation.

Registration fees for 2022:

Full Delegate Earlybird \$685.00

One Day Delegate Earlybird \$450.00

The Scholarship Review Committee will prioritise scholarship recipients based on but not limited to: selection criteria merit, completion of all requirements of the application process, oral or poster presenters at the conference and allocation of funds across States / Territories / Countries.

No funding will be considered for salary replacement purposes.

APPLICATION PROCESS

This is a competitive process so, please take some time with your application.

All applications must include:

- a) A 3 page (maximum) curriculum vitae (CV).
- b) A comprehensive written response to the selection criteria demonstrating a commitment to stroke management and service delivery.
- c) A copy of annual Authority to Practice (Registration) notice / receipt if relevant to the profession.

PhD candidates must include a letter from their University confirming full-time study.

NB If these aren't included, your application will not be considered

After an application has been submitted:

- A 'receipt notice' will be sent to the applicant.
- If no 'receipt notice' is forthcoming, this *may* indicate that the application has not been received by the Event Manager. **It is the applicant's responsibility to follow this up with the Event Manager.**
- The Scholarship Review Committee will convene within two weeks of the closing date.
- Within 10 working days of the Scholarship Review Committee meeting, email letters will be sent to all applicants notifying them of their application outcome.
- Please note that funding decisions are *final*.
- Please DO NOT register or pay for the conference before the committee meets to review the scholarship applications. Reimbursement of pre-paid registrations is not possible.
- Successful applicants need to register after receiving notification. Payment of their registration fee will be covered by the scholarship fund directly through the SMART STROKES Event Manager. Should you have been awarded more than the cost of registration, you may claim your remaining entitlement by providing travel or accommodation tax receipts. Tax receipts are required for reimbursements to be processed.
- If you are not successful in attaining scholarship but you still wish to attend the conference (at your own cost) you will be entitled to register at the Early Bird rate (even if this has closed). Please email the SMART STROKES Event Manager to make registration arrangements if Early Bird rates are no longer available online.
- Please do not include information about your travel costs to the conference, these will not be considered in the review process.
- This scholarship fund does not reimburse Hospitals, Area Health Services or Organisations.

LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

Should you have any questions not covered in this document, please contact Kayleigh on 02 9431 8600 or email smartstrokes@theassociationspecialists.com.au.
