



Health Promotion Research **2025 Health Promotion Research Scholarship**

Guidelines

March 2025

Creating a healthier WA together

What are the Health Promotion Research Scholarships?

Our Health Promotion Research Scholarships funds postgraduate students studying for a master's or PhD degree. They are designed to increase the number of experienced and trained practitioners, and researchers working in health promotion in Western Australia (WA).

We will assist candidates in obtaining formal academic training for postgraduate degrees in a field directly relevant to health promotion, through an approved tertiary institution.

Before applying



1. Please contact us before developing your request on 133 777 or email research@healthway.wa.gov.au.



2. Review the Terms and Conditions on page 5 and 6 of these guidelines.



3. Read our **Strategic Plan 2024-2029: Creating a healthier Western Australia together**. Your request must address one of our priority health areas.



4. Review our **Health Promotion Research Scholarships FAQs** to familiarise yourself with the assessment process, assessment criteria, funding conditions and employment details.



5. Review our **Knowledge Translation Guide** to ensure you can submit a clear plan for knowledge translation.

Request process

- ✓ Candidates must first complete a Health Promotion Scholarships Funding Request Form (word template), which is available on our [website](#).
- ✓ Your research or scholarships grants office (at your administering institution) must submit your request via the [Lotterywest Healthway Grants Portal](#) (portal) on your behalf by the closing date.
- ✓ Requests submitted by the candidate or emailed directly to us will not be accepted.

Timeline

Key steps	Key dates
Funding request form submitted by the research/scholarships grants office via the portal	5pm (AWST), Friday 13 June 2025
Candidate interviews (if required)	July/August 2025
Announcement of successful candidates	October 2025*

* Please note that these dates are an estimate and subject to change

Salary and financial details

Stipend*	\$45,000 per annum
Allowances	\$15,000 per annum

*These figures are non-taxable for full-time scholarships.

Two years (2) of funding is available for a master's student.

Three years (3) of funding is available for a PhD student.

Goods and Services Tax

The stipend levels and allowances are exclusive of Goods and Services Tax (GST). We will pay the supported organisation the GST liability if the organisation is registered for GST purposes with an Australian Business Number (ABN).

Allowances

Up to \$15,000 per annum will be allocated to the institution for each scholarship. See what's covered below:

What's covered	Maximum request amount
Project costs	You can request up to \$8,500 per year for equipment and consumable materials needed to complete your research. Your request must include a detailed budget breakdown of these costs for each year of the scholarship. Purchasing of computers and large equipment generally will not be funded.
Travel for conferences/courses	<p>You can use up to \$3,000 per year to attend a conference, course or meeting that is relevant to your area of research, provided it has been approved in writing by your supervisor.</p> <p>This allowance covers attendance in Australia and overseas. International conferences are limited to one overseas trip throughout the duration of your scholarship. The funding can be used to contribute to one economy return airfare per year, accommodation and/or conference registration fees. The funding cannot be used to purchase food.</p> <p>You cannot request more than \$3,000 in any one year for travel related to conferences or courses.</p>
University fees	Full-time students can request up to \$1,500 per year for annual university and guild fees.
Textbooks	Up to \$500 per year can be allocated to the cost of textbooks.
Thesis	A funding contribution of up to \$800 is available for a master's degree and \$1,500 for PhD degrees to assist with thesis preparation (including printing) for examination.
TOTAL:	The annual overall total must not exceed \$15,000

Terms and conditions

Research Scholarship requests must demonstrate the following:

- The research must be aligned to at least one of our **priority health areas** listed on pages 10 and 11 of our strategic plan.
- Partnerships with key collaborating organisations must be established to support and inform the research and help translate the findings into policy and practice.
- Provide confirmation of an arrangement to spend an agreed amount of time at a partner organisation during the scholarship to enhance consultation and collaboration. Both parties must confirm and agree to the residency upon submission of the request.
- A commitment to meet with us and your partner agency(s) to explore opportunities to translate and disseminate the findings. This includes delivering a presentation on the overall findings at Healthway or other agency-hosted seminar(s).

Other criteria:

- Candidates must have Australian Citizenship or permanent resident status AND must reside in WA for the duration of the scholarship.
- Candidates must be planning to enrol as a full-time student in a master's degree or PhD at a WA tertiary institution.
- An experienced supervisor(s) must be appointed to support the candidate with the research component of the training.
- The candidates administering organisations must have access to an Institutional Ethics Committee to ensure that any project is approved by the Committee in accordance with the relevant National Health and Medical Research Council Ethics program, as appropriate.
- Candidates should have a degree from a recognised university, upper second-class honours standard, a post-graduate diploma or a master's degree (an MBBS or BSc are preferred). Note, candidates in their final year of studies may apply for a scholarship to support study for a further degree.
- Candidates and their nominated supervisor(s), department and institution who are receiving any support either directly or indirectly from funding bodies associated with the following harmful industries are not eligible to apply for a scholarship: tobacco, e-cigarette or other novel tobacco product companies or their related foundations, commercial gambling, unhealthy food and drink and alcohol.

- Requests for a part-time scholarship will only be considered if it's demonstrated that circumstances such as medical conditions or major family commitments preclude full-time study. Please notify us at the time of applying for a scholarship. Requests to convert to a part-time scholarship after being awarded a full-time scholarship are only permitted following significant changes in circumstances that were unforeseen at the time of applying for the scholarship.
- Scholarship holders may undertake up to eight (8) hours of paid employment per week, with permission from their institution and supervisors. Any work undertaken must not interfere with a scholarship holder's study program.

What we won't fund:

- Candidates receiving another scholarship or salary towards a research project.
- Candidates, research groups, institutions receiving any support either directly or indirectly from the following funding bodies associated with the following harmful industries are not eligible to apply:
 - tobacco, e-cigarette or other novel tobacco product companies or their related foundations
 - commercial gambling
 - unhealthy food and drink
 - alcohol.
- Projects that focus on clinical or laboratory studies, or trials of treatments or therapies for existing conditions or diseases.
- Research proposals that aim to evaluate existing services or policies will only be considered if it can be demonstrated that the health promotion outcomes can be applied more broadly and will influence the practices of other organisations that are outside the scope of this research project.
- Research proposals limited to adapting or extending existing programs in a simplistic manner will not be prioritised.
- Research projects that build on existing Healthway-funded initiatives and fail to demonstrate a need through preliminary findings will not be prioritised.



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