

McGrath Foundation 2025 Scholarship Program – Cancer Nursing

The McGrath Foundation is focused on the sustainability and growth of cancer care nursing, and a commitment to workforce planning and development is crucial to ensure we are able to meet the national demand for cancer nurses.

The McGrath Foundation Scholarships – Cancer Nursing - are for Registered Nurses currently providing care to people with cancer who would like to expand their skills and knowledge and obtain a post-graduate qualification in cancer nursing. We are offering 15 individual scholarships to nurses to complete a Post-graduate Certificate in Cancer Nursing as part of the Master of Advanced Clinical Nursing – Cancer Nursing - offered by Monash University.

The Graduate Certificate in Advanced Clinical Nursing is designed to develop advanced practice knowledge and leadership in specialist practice including skills to plan, implement, coordinate and evaluate health care, as well as the ability to formulate policy for a diverse and multicultural society. For more information on the course and subjects, please visit the Monash University website: [NUR5016 - Cancer nursing 1 - Monash University](#) and [NUR5017 - Cancer nursing 2 - Monash University](#)

The McGrath Foundation scholarships for the Graduate Certificate in Advanced Clinical Nursing (part of the Master of Advanced Clinical Nursing (Course Code M6031)) commence in **February 2025**. Cancer Nursing 1 and Cancer Nursing 2, offered as part of the Scholarship program, can be completed as a stand-alone Graduate Certificate qualification or can be incorporated into an otherwise self-funded full Master's qualification should you choose to continue studying.

The subjects are completed online, and please take particular note that it requires a commitment of **approximately 25 hours study per week**. There is also a requirement for clinical skills assessments that will need to be **assessed by a Clinical Nurse Educator in your health service**. Please contact us if you have any queries about this.

All places in this course are Commonwealth Supported Places (CSP). The McGrath Foundation Scholarship – Cancer Nursing will cover the Student Contribution Amount and the Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF) on your behalf for the Graduate Certificate. Should you wish to continue studying towards a Post-graduate Diploma or Master's degree, both of these fees will be payable by you.

TO APPLY FOR A MCGRATH FOUNDATION 2025 SCHOLARSHIP, PLEASE CLICK ON THIS LINK TO COMPLETE AND SUBMIT THE FORM:

<https://forms.office.com/r/VAFqnvLVG9>

Scholarship applications close at 5pm on Monday 9th December 2024.

Please see the Frequently Asked Questions below for further information.

1. Who can apply for a McGrath Foundation Scholarship – Cancer Nursing?

Any Registered Nurse with concurrent employment (a minimum of 3 days/week) in a nursing role where they provide care to people with cancer can apply for a McGrath Foundation scholarship. The scholarships are advertised through a number of nurse networks and platforms.

2. What criteria are used to award McGrath Foundation scholarships?

Applicants from anywhere in Australia are encouraged to apply and will be assessed on the merit of their application. All applications will be carefully considered. Applications from nurses identifying as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander will be preferred.

3. Am I guaranteed a McGrath Cancer Care Nurse role if I am awarded a scholarship?

No, being awarded a scholarship does not guarantee employment in a McGrath-funded role. The purpose of the scholarships is to prepare our future workforce, so we encourage our scholarship recipients to apply for new and vacant positions as they become available.

4. What else can I do to prepare myself to become a McGrath Cancer Care Nurse?

We encourage you to engage in all professional development opportunities related to cancer nursing through forums such as Cancer Nurses Society of Australia; eviQ etc. We also encourage you to take some time to look at our website and to introduce yourself to McGrath Cancer Care nurses in your area.

5. How many scholarships will be awarded for 2025?

15 scholarships will be awarded in 2025.

6. When will I know the outcome of my application?

All applications will be reviewed in mid-December 2024. Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application after 16th December. Successful applicants will be asked to complete their enrolment with Monash University by end of January 2025 for the February 2025 term.

7. Are scholarship funds paid directly to the recipient?

No. McGrath Foundation will pay Monash University directly for your out-of-pocket tuition fees.

8. If my application for a McGrath Foundation Scholarship is unsuccessful, can I apply again next year?

Yes, we encourage you to apply next year for our 2026 McGrath Foundation Scholarship – Cancer Nursing.

For any other questions or further information please contact:

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