



2026 Health Promotion Research Scholarship

Guidelines

March 2026

Creating a healthier WA together

What are the Health Promotion Research Scholarships?

Our Health Promotion Research Scholarships support postgraduate students completing a master's or PhD degree to help build the next generation of leaders driving health promotion across Western Australia.

We fund candidates to undertake postgraduate academic training in fields directly relevant to health promotion through approved tertiary institutions.

Before applying

Please take the following steps to ensure your request is prepared correctly:



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 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, criteria, funding conditions and employment details.



5. Review our [Knowledge Translation Guide](#) to help you prepare a clear knowledge translation plan.

Request process

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

Timeline

Key steps	Key dates
Funding request form submitted by the research/scholarships grants office	5pm (AWST), Tuesday 2 June 2026
Candidate interviews (if required)	July/August 2026
Announcement of successful candidates	October 2026

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

What are the salary and funding allocations?

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

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

Two (2) years of funding is available for a master's student. Three (3) years 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 GST component to the relevant organisation, provided it is registered for GST and holds an Australian Business Number (ABN).

Allowances

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

What's covered	Maximum request amount
Project costs	<p>You can request up to \$8,500 per year for equipment and consumable materials needed to complete your research.</p> <p>Your request must include a detailed budget breakdown of these costs for each year of the scholarship. Computer and large equipment purchases will generally will not be funded.</p>
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	<p>Full-time students can request up to \$1,500 per year for annual university and guild fees.</p>
Textbooks	<p>Up to \$500 per year can be allocated to the cost of textbooks.</p>
Thesis	<p>A funding contribution of up to \$800 is available for master's degrees and up to \$1,500 for PhD degrees to assist with thesis preparation (including printing) for examination.</p>
TOTAL:	The annual overall total must not exceed \$15,000

Terms and conditions

To be considered eligible for a Research Scholarship:

- The research component must align with at least one of our priority health areas outlined on pages 10 and 11 of our [strategic plan](#). We also encourage applications that show a clear approach to promoting health equity.
- Partnerships with key organisations must be established to support and inform the research and to help translate findings into policy and practice.
- Confirm an agreed period of time to be spent at a partner organisation during the scholarship to support consultation and collaboration. This residency must be confirmed by both parties when the request is submitted.
- A commitment to meeting with us and your partner organisation(s) to explore opportunities for translation and dissemination of findings. This includes delivering a presentation on the overall results at a Healthway-hosted or partner-hosted seminar.

Other criteria:

- Candidates must be Australian citizens or permanent residents and must reside in WA for the duration of the scholarship.
- Candidates must be planning to enrol full-time 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 candidate's administering organisation must have access to an Institutional Ethics Committee to ensure the project is approved in accordance with the relevant National Health and Medical Research Council ethics requirements.
- Candidates should hold a degree from a recognised university at upper second-class honours standard, a post-graduate diploma or a master's degree (MBBS or BSc are preferred). Candidates in their final year of study may apply for a scholarship to support further degree study.
- Candidates, their supervisors and department or institution are not eligible if they receive any direct or indirect support from organisations linked to harmful industries such as tobacco, vaping, gambling, unhealthy food and drink or alcohol.
- Requests for a part-time scholarship will only be considered where circumstances such as medical conditions or major family commitments prevent full-time study. Please notify us at the time of applying. Requests to convert from full-time to part-time after an award is made will only be permitted in cases of significant and unforeseen changes in circumstances.
- Scholarship holders may undertake up to eight (8) hours of paid employment per week with the permission from their institution and supervisors. Any work undertaken must not interfere with the study program.

What we won't fund:

- Candidates receiving another scholarship or salary to support a research project.
- Projects that focus on clinical or laboratory studies, or on trials of treatments or therapies for existing conditions or diseases.
- Research proposals that aim to evaluate existing services or policies, unless it is clearly demonstrated that the health promotion outcomes can be applied more broadly and influence the practices of organisations beyond the scope of the project.
- Research proposals limited to adapting or extending existing programs in a simplistic way will not be prioritised.
- We will not prioritise projects that build on existing Healthway-funded initiatives and do not show a clear need based on preliminary findings.



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