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Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your interest in applying for the Centaur Memorial Scholarship. Please find below the application form, criteria for selection and conditions relating to the Scholarship.

The Committee requires your application to be emailed **as one document**. Your application is evaluated by an Expert Panel that makes recommendations for the award of the Centaur Scholarship. The Panel's decisions, which include rankings for each application, are forwarded to the Centaur Management Committee. Applications close on the first business day in October each year.

You will expect to receive an email confirmation of the submission of your application within 10 working days of your submission. If you do not receive this email, please advise via admin@centaurnursesfund.org.au

You will be notified of the outcome of your application by the end of February.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions about your application or the conditions of the award.

With best wishes,

Sue

Susan M De Vries
Hon. Treasurer
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The Centaur Memorial Fund for Nurses Philosophy

The Centaur Memorial Fund for Nurses is dedicated to preserving and maintaining a living Memorial Scholarship in honour and remembrance of nurses who served in the Australian Defence Forces at home and abroad. The Scholarship is dedicated to the promotion and continuing development of knowledge and scholarship in the nursing and midwifery professions.

CENTAUR SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The Centaur Postgraduate Scholarship 2020 to a maximum of \$5,000 is awarded annually to a Queensland nurse or midwife who is undertaking a Professional Doctorate or a Doctor of Philosophy in nursing or midwifery or a related discipline. The Centaur Memorial Fund for Nurses Committee has made the decision for the 2020 Scholarship to be reduced from \$15,000 to \$5000 to ensure the continued viability of the Scholarship for future recipients. The Committee regrets any distress this may cause on applicants.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the Centaur Scholarship the applicant must:

- be a resident in Queensland
- hold an unconditional licence to practice as a nurse or midwife in Australia
- have successfully achieved their Confirmation of Candidature.
- at the 1st March next year, have a minimum of 12 months full time equivalent [ie 24 months if part-time] remaining in your candidature

Assessment

Please provide all of the information requested in the application form, and address each criterion listed as one document.

A subcommittee of the Management Committee of the Fund initially completes a desk audit of all applications to determine eligibility. Complete applications will be evaluated by an expert panel of senior academics selected from nursing or midwifery programs from Queensland universities. The Panel's recommendations will be forwarded to the Management Committee who makes the final decision.

Please note: the Committee's decision is final and discussion will not be entered into with any applicant.

Important dates:

Applications close on the **first business day of October each year**. The Scholarship winner will be announced at the Annual General Meeting of the management Committee held in April each year.



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Please submit by email your completed application with supporting material as **ONE document** to the email address below with **the Subject Heading: "Centaur Scholarship application"**

The Honorary Secretary

Centaur Memorial Fund for Nurses

Email your application to admin@centaurnursesfund.org.au

**CENTAUR MEMORIAL FUND FOR NURSES
POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Please complete all details below:

Section 1: Personal details

Title.....

Surname.....

Given names.....

Email Address.....

AHPRA - Nursing and Midwifery registration number.....

Place of work.....

Section 2: Details of study

Working title of study

University enrolled

Enrolment status (full time / part time)

Date of successful Confirmation of Candidature

Ethics approval number.....

Proposed date/year of completion.....

Name and title of your supervisors

Supervisor 1.....

Supervisor 2.....



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Section 3: Curriculum Vitae (maximum 2 pages)

Provide a brief CV that should include;

- History of academic studies and degree(s) achieved
- Previous awards, grants, or scholarships
- Three most recent nursing and/or midwifery positions
- List of most recent publications (if any)
- Recent conference papers presented

Section 4: SELECTION CRITERIA

In addition to Sections 1, 2 and 3 above, please address each of the following criteria.

1. Provide evidence of AHPRA registration as a nurse or midwife.
2. Provide evidence of successful confirmation of candidature at an Australian university to undertake a PhD or Professional Doctorate in nursing, midwifery or a related discipline.
3. Provide evidence of Ethics Committee approval from the university and any other participating organisation(s).
4. The significance of the research project in terms of advancing knowledge in nursing and/or midwifery.
5. The potential contribution of the research to the nursing or midwifery body of knowledge. In particular, what will be the clinical impact of your study?
6. A clear description of the research project in no more than 2,000 words.
7. Outline your dissemination plan.
8. Outline a proposed budget not exceeding \$5,000 with justification and rationale.
9. Statement of your commitment to a future career in nursing or midwifery in Queensland (maximum of half a page).



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CONDITIONS OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

- The value of the Centaur Scholarship is up to \$5,000, and is disbursed in three payments of \$2,000, \$2,000 and \$1,000. The first payment is presented at the time of the announcement of the Award usually at the Annual General Meeting of the Fund.
- The second payment of \$2,000 will be made the following year upon receipt of evidence of progress via the yearly progress report. The final payment will be made upon the successful conferment of the PhD/professional doctorate and accepted final project report. Payment is contingent upon the provision of this evidence.
- The successful applicant is required to provide evidence to substantiate major expenditure during the term of the Scholarship, in accordance with the budget submitted at the time of application.
- For auditing purposes expenditure must be substantiated by a Statutory Declaration and itemised in broad categories such as: living expenses; university fees; data collection equipment; teaching or clinical time relief; travel; conference registration; books; and other supplies incurred for your research and in line with your budget.
- The Scholarship is terminated in the event of cessation of the student's candidature, in which case any unspent monies should be returned to the Fund.
- The Scholarship may be suspended if a candidate defers their studies, and continuance will be subject to the decision of the Management Committee.
- Publication and conference presentations related to the research should acknowledge the Centaur Memorial Fund for Nurses.
- On completion of the PhD/professional doctorate the successful applicant may be asked to present a summary of their research at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Centaur Memorial Fund for Nurses or other professional forum that may be negotiated by the Centaur Management Committee and the awardee.
- On being awarded a PhD/professional doctorate and the Committee's acceptance of the final report the Scholarship recipient may use the post nominal of Centaur Fellow.
- Centaur Fellows are encouraged to contribute to the ongoing work of the Fund.



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Recipients who fail to complete doctoral studies are not entitled to be known as a Centaur Fellow.

Declaration:

I have read and agree to the conditions of the scholarship outlined above if I am successful in being awarded the Centaur Memorial Fund for Nurses Scholarship.

Signature Date