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Dear Applicant

Thank you for your interest in applying for the Centaur Memorial Higher Degree Research 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](mailto:admin@centaurnursesfund.org.au)

You will be notified of the outcome of your application by the end of February of the following year. The successful recipient will be presented with the scholarship at the CMFN Annual General Meeting (March/April) where they will be invited to present their study to the members.

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

With best wishes,

*Judith*

**Dr Judith Dean Centaur Fellow**

Vice President and Chair of the Education Sub-committee

Centaur Memorial Fund for Nurses

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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 Higher Degree Research Scholarship of a **maximum of \$10,000** 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.

### **Eligibility**

To be eligible for the Centaur Scholarship the applicant must at the time of the application:

1. be a resident in Queensland;
2. hold an unconditional licence to practice as a nurse or midwife with the Nursing and Midwifery Board, Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA);
3. have successfully achieved their Confirmation of Candidature;
4. have successfully achieved Human Research Ethics Committee approval from an Australian university;
5. at March 1<sup>st</sup> next year, have a minimum of 12 months full time equivalent [i.e. 24 months if part-time] remaining in their candidature.
6. be a member of the Centaur Memorial Fund for Nurses (see Membership application form for details).

### **Assessment**

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

The Education 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.

Please submit by email, your completed application with supporting material as **ONE document**, to the email address below with:

**Subject Heading: "Centaur Scholarship application"**

**Attention:** Chair of Education Sub-committee, Centaur Memorial Fund for Nurses

Email your application to [admin@centaurnursesfund.org.au](mailto:admin@centaurnursesfund.org.au)



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**CENTAUR MEMORIAL FUND FOR NURSES  
HIGHER RESEARCH DEGREE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

*Please complete all details below:*

**SECTION 1: PERSONAL DETAILS**

|                    |   | Office Only Eligibility Checklist |
|--------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| Title              |   |                                   |
| Surname            |   |                                   |
| Given names        |   |                                   |
| Home Address       |   | <input type="checkbox"/>          |
| Email Address      |   |                                   |
| Place of work      |   |                                   |
| AHPRA Registration | No: <input type="checkbox"/>              | <input type="checkbox"/>          |
|                    | Expiration Date: <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>          |

**SECTION 2: DETAILS OF STUDY**

|  |   |                          |
|--|---|--------------------------|
| Working title of study                         |   |                          |
| University of enrolment                        |   |                          |
| Date of enrolment                              |   |                          |
| Enrolment status                               | Full time <input type="checkbox"/> Part time <input type="checkbox"/> |                          |
| Date of successful Confirmation of Candidature | _____/_____/_____   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Evidence of Confirmation                       | <i>Evidence of Confirmation to be attached to application</i>         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proposed date and year of completion           |   |                          |
|  | <i>Minimum of 12 months FTE / 24 months PTE remaining</i>             | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Human Research Ethics Committee approval       | <i>Evidence of HREC approval to be attached to application</i>        | <input type="checkbox"/> |



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| <p><b>Existing Scholarship supporting this study</b></p>   |  |  |
| <p><b>Existing Grants supporting this study</b><br/> <i>(Please provide Grant title, Funding Body, Amount, Investigator names)</i></p> |  |  |
| <p><b>Supervisor / Advisor Team</b></p>  |  |  |
| <p><b>Principal</b>      <i>Title &amp; Name</i></p>   |  |  |
| <p><i>Affiliation</i></p>  |  |  |
| <p><b>Associate 1</b>      <i>Title &amp; Name</i></p>   |  |  |
| <p><i>Affiliation</i></p>  |  |  |
| <p><b>Associate 2</b>      <i>Title &amp; Name</i></p>   |  |  |
| <p><i>Affiliation</i></p>  |  |  |

**SECTION 3: CURRICULUM VITAE (maximum 4 pages)**

Provide a brief CV that includes:

- History of academic studies and degree(s) achieved;
- Three most recent nursing and/or midwifery positions;
- List of previous awards, grants, or scholarships;
- List of publications;
- List of conference presentations / invited presentations.



## SECTION 4: SELECTION CRITERIA

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

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| <b>1. The significance/innovation of the research project in terms of advancing knowledge in nursing and/or midwifery. (Maximum 250 words)</b>   |
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| <b>2. The <u>potential impact</u> of the research findings to practice, policy, and future research. (Maximum 250 words)</b>   |
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| <b>3. A clear description of the research project. (Maximum 2,000 words) Include:</b><br>Background, Methods (purpose, design, objectives, recruitment and data collection, data analysis) |
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| <b>4. Outline your translation, dissemination, implementation plan.</b>  |
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| <b>5. Outline a proposed budget not exceeding \$10,000 with justification and rationale.</b>   |
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| <b>6. Statement of your commitment to a future career in nursing or midwifery in Queensland and plans for postdoctoral research (Maximum 250 words).</b>                                   |
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## **CONDITIONS OF THE SCHOLARSHIP**

1. The value of the Centaur Scholarship is up to **\$10,000** and is disbursed in three payments of **\$5,000, \$3,000, and \$2,000**.
  - 1.1. The **first payment \$5,000** is presented at the time of the announcement of the Award usually at the Annual General Meeting of the Fund.
  - 1.2. The **second payment of \$3,000** will be made the following year upon receipt of evidence of progress via the yearly progress report.
  - 1.3. The **final payment \$2,000** 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. The Scholarship may be suspended if a candidate defers their studies, and continuance will be subject to the decision of the Management Committee.
6. Publication and conference presentations related to the research should acknowledge the Centaur Memorial Fund for Nurses.
7. Recipients of the scholarship consent to their name and details of their research (e.g. Research title, aims and findings/outcomes/achievements) to be available to the CMFN for future promotions.
8. 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 another professional forum that may be negotiated by the Centaur Management Committee and the awardee.
9. 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.
10. Centaur Fellows are encouraged to use the post nominal of Centaur Fellow in their professional signature and publications where appropriate.
11. Recipients who fail to complete doctoral studies are not entitled to be known as a Centaur Fellow.
12. Centaur Fellows are encouraged to contribute to the ongoing work of the Fund. Such as ongoing membership, attending the Annual Commemorative Service, assisting with fund raising, and promoting the annual scholarship and Joy Croker Medals.



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## CHECKLIST BEFORE SUBMISSION

Please ensure that the following are completed prior to submission.

Applications sent without all documents will be returned to the applicant, an offer of resubmission will be dependent on advice from the CMFN Management Committee and the Expert panel.

Documents required to be sent with the application.

- Completed application form
- Applicants CV
- AHPRA registration number
- Evidence of successful completion of confirmation of candidature
- Evidence of HREC Approval
- CFMN Membership application or evidence of membership

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## APPLICANTS DECLARATION:

I .....declare that I **am a current CMFN member** and that 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.

**Applicant Signature** ..... **Date** .....

## PRINCIPAL SUPERVISOR / ADVISOR DECLARATION

I ..... confirm that I have **read and agree to the conditions of the scholarship** outlined above and that to the best of my knowledge (Applicants Name) ..... **meets the eligibility criteria** listed in this application.

**Principal Supervisor/Advisor Signature** ..... **Date** .....