

## Franklin Women Carer's Travel Scholarship

The Franklin Women Carer's Travel Scholarship is to support health and medical researchers who also assume primary caring responsibilities for a family member. The includes the primary carer of one or more child under 5 years of age or unpaid caring responsibilities for family members who have a disability or chronic health condition. The scholarship (up to \$1500) is to assist the recipient to present their research at a conference by contributing to any additional caring costs incurred by their attendance. The funds can be used in whatever way is best for the recipient's personal circumstances, for example, to fund a companion to attend the conference or fund additional days of childcare or respite care. We hope this scholarship will assist talented researchers disseminate their findings and build career connections at a conference they might have otherwise found difficult to attend.

### Eligibility

To be eligible for the scholarship you must:

- Be currently employed or enrolled as a PhD student in the health and medical research field at a university or research institute in Australia (or on institute-approved parental leave).
- Be the primary carer of one or more children under 5 years of age or have other unpaid caring responsibilities for family members (i.e. with a disability or chronic/mental health condition or are frail elderly).
- Have a poster or oral abstract accepted for a national or international conference. You are still eligible to apply if you are waiting notification of acceptance, however funding will be awarded conditional to abstract acceptance.
- Have acquired funding to cover your personal conference travel and attendance costs (e.g. your conference registration, flights, accommodation and per-diem etc).
- Be a full or student member of Franklin Women at the time of applying.
- Have not previously received a Franklin Women carer's travel scholarship.
- Be happy to contribute to a Franklin Women blog or newsletter on conclusion of the travel.

### Application requirements

Your application must demonstrate your commitment to an academic health and medical research career, how the scholarship will support your attendance at the proposed conference and the impact this conference would have on your career progression. If applicable, you may want to comment on any other pre/post conference meetings that are aligned with your research/career aims.

**All applications must be submitted as one single file (named in the format: Surname\_2020\_Travel) via email to: [hello@franklinwomen.com.au](mailto:hello@franklinwomen.com.au)**

Each application must include:

- completed Carer's Travel Scholarship Application Form provided on the Franklin Women website [www.franklinwomen.com.au](http://www.franklinwomen.com.au)
- Curriculum vitae (maximum 4 pages) outlining your employment history, key publication and conference track record, contributions to the field and other relevant activities (noting career disruptions where relevant)
- Letter from your Head of School/Head of Research Group in support of your application and confirming your current position.
- Evidence of abstract acceptance or invitation to given a present.

## Closing Dates

Franklin Women offers two scholarships per year as detailed below. Please ensure you are applying for the scholarship round appropriate for the dates of your proposed travel. We accept applications where travel has occurred prior to award closing dates.

**Round 1:** For conference travel before 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020. Applications open 17<sup>th</sup> of February 2020 and close Friday 27<sup>th</sup> of March 2020 (close of business).

**Round 2:** For conference travel between 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020 and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020. Applications open 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020 and close Friday 7<sup>th</sup> of August 2020 (close of business).

## Application Evaluation

Applications will be forwarded to the Scholarship Review Committee and assessed using a pre-defined marking scheme against the following criteria:

1. Alignment of application with the purpose of the Carer's Travel Scholarship
2. The demonstrated value and/or impact of the conference on the applicants career progression and wider research program.
3. The applicants track record relative to opportunity
4. That all eligibility criteria and grant requirements outlined here are met.

Individual scores of The Travel Scholarship Review Committee will be collated and reviewed collectively to make final funding decision. The outcome will be communicated to all within one month after the close date for each application round.

## Reimbursement process

Franklin Women will directly transfer the award amount in the specified account, which is to be used by the successful applicant as specified in their application. The funds will be administered retrospectively should the date of conference travel be prior to notification.

## Obligations of Recipients

Where possible the successful recipients are to acknowledge the support of Franklin Women in their presentation. To help increase awareness of the award and challenges of unpaid caring responsibilities in research environment, Franklin Women will engage media to promote the successful recipient which would require provision of quotes from successful recipient and/or engagement with their organisations communication team. In alignment with the collective model of that Franklin Women successful recipients are to contribute to the Franklin Women blog or newsletter sharing their personal and professional experiences while away.

## Privacy Notice

The information supplied on a scholarship application is required by Franklin Women to assess candidates for this funding scheme. Franklin Women reserves the right to reverse or vary any decision made if it is found that the decision has been made based on incomplete or incorrect information supplied by the applicant. Franklin Women may publicise the names, areas of research and other relevant details of successful applicants. The information provided in the application will be provided to members of the Franklin Women NSW Peer Advisory Committee as part of the review process.

## Further Information

Further information, including application forms and guidelines can be obtained:

- From our website: <https://www.franklinwomen.com.au/scholarships/>