

Frequently Asked Questions

Q1. What will the Deeble Institute for Health Policy Research Scholarship Program offer participants?

The Program will offer a range of benefits to Scholarship recipients including:

- The experience of working alongside staff at the peak national health body, the Australian Healthcare and Hospitals Association (AHHA).
- Support to establish connections with policymakers and practitioners working in their field of research
- Training in 'how to write for policymakers'
- Mentoring and guidance to produce a Health Policy Issues Brief that engages a multi-knowledge audience in an important area of national health service or health policy topic.

Q2. Am I eligible to apply?

Deeble Scholars have a demonstrated record of strong academic performance, including excellent writing skills and sound research capability. Generally, they will be in their year of a PhD program (research) or will have completed a Masters in Public Policy.

Early career researchers are encouraged to apply.

Research proposals eligible for consideration for the Jeff Cheverton Scholarship must be in one of the following fields:

- Primary health
- Mental health
- Aged care
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health
- LGBTQI health

Research proposals eligible for consideration for the HEAL Scholarship must be in the field of health and climate. Preference will be given to members of the HEAL Network.

Q3. How long is the Scholarship Program?

Each Scholarship will be for a period of 6 weeks and Scholars must complete a full draft of their briefs within that period. Scholarships are generally taken up in the summer academic break following granting of the award; starting from January / February each year. However, this is negotiable.

Q4. Are the Scholarships available every year?

There will be 3-6 scholarships available each year. Final numbers will be at the discretion of the Chief Executive, AHHA.

Q5. Where are the Scholarships located?

Scholars will be based in at the Australian Healthcare and Hospitals Association in Canberra for the duration of the Scholarship. Alternative arrangements to work from your home University will be considered.

Q7. How much is the Scholarship?

Each scholarship is valued at \$2,500.

Q6. Who funds the Scholarships?

The Deeble Institute for Health Policy Research Scholarships Program would not be possible without the support and guidance of Sponsor Organisations including:

- Australian Healthcare and Hospitals Association (AHHA)
- Brisbane North Primary Health Network (Jeff Cheverton Memorial Scholarship)
- Western Melbourne Primary Health Network (Jeff Cheverton Memorial Scholarship)
- HESTA (Deeble Summer Research Scholarship)
- The Healthy Environment and Lives Network (HEAL Scholarship)

Q8. Does the Scholarship cover travel and accommodation?

We are not able to provide any assistance (financial or otherwise) with travel or accommodation in relation to the Scholarship.

Q9. How do I apply?

To apply you must:

- Read the Program Summary
- Complete an application form
- Address all eligibility and merit criteria
- Submit your application

Q10. Can I apply for more than one scholarship category?

Yes, however no more than one scholarship will be awarded to any one candidate.

Q11. What is the selection process?

Candidates will be ranked by a selection panel. Referees may be contacted. Shortlisted candidates may be contacted for a telephone interview.

Q12. Can I use my Health Policy Issues Brief as the basis for a peer reviewed journal article or as part of my thesis?

Yes. Scholars are required to acknowledge the support of the Deeble Institute for Health Policy Research and relevant sponsoring organisations in any subsequent publications or in other material resulting from the research.

Q13. Is my participation in the program considered a career disruption by the NHMRC?

The Deeble Institute for Health Policy Research Scholarships Program does not meet the definition of a career disruption for purposes of eligibility for NHMRC Funding Schemes. However, opportunities made available to Deeble Institute for Health Policy Research Scholars are assessed “relative to opportunity”, in accordance with NHMRC policy. Assessment criteria descriptors make specific reference to policy activities, which suggests that receiving a Health Policy Research Scholarship could add value to your track record.

Further information on career disruptions and the NHRMC assessment criteria can be found on the NHMRC website.

Q14. Where can I find more information?

Further information is available on the Deeble Institute for Health Policy Research Scholarships Program website and in the Program Summary. If you still have questions, please contact:

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