

# Program Summary

**Health Policy Research Scholarships Program**

**Deeble Institute for Health Policy Research  
Australian Healthcare and Hospitals Association**

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The Deeble Institute for Health Policy Research Scholarships Program aims to strengthen the health services research - policy interface by contributing to an evidence informed workforce and a policy literate academic sector.

Working alongside staff at the peak national health body, the Australian Healthcare and Hospitals Association (AHHA), scholarship recipients will be supported to establish connections with policymakers and practitioners working in their field of research and to produce an Issues Brief that engages health policy leaders in an area of national health policy significance.

### Jeff Cheverton Memorial Scholarship

The Jeff Cheverton Memorial Scholarship has been established by the Australian Healthcare and Hospitals Association (AHHA), together with Brisbane North Primary Health Network and North Western Melbourne Primary Health Network, to honour the memory of Jeff Cheverton, who demonstrated excellence in health leadership until his untimely death in March 2017. This scholarship supports scholars to specifically develop an issues brief on a topic relevant to primary health, mental health, aged care, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health, or LGBTQI health.

### Deeble Summer Research Scholarship

The Deeble Summer Research Scholarship program is an exceptional research opportunity for outstanding PhD candidates and Early Career Researchers with a background in Health Service research. This scholarship is supported by Hesta, and is designed to provide recipients with a unique opportunity to gain a better understanding of how to make academic research relevant to policymakers and practitioners.

## Eligibility

You must have a demonstrated record of strong academic performance, including excellent writing skills and sound research capability. In general, you will have completed at least one year of a PhD program (research). Early career researchers, no more than 5 years post-PhD, are also welcome to apply.

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

- primary health
- mental health
- aged care
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health
- LGBTQI health.

## What does the Scholarship Program offer?

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## Professional Development

The Deeble Institute for Health Policy Research Scholarship Program offers the opportunity to participate in the broader work of both the Deeble Institute for Health Policy Institute and AHHA, which may include meetings with senior policymakers, health services providers and academics, visits to government departments and Policy Think Tanks.

## Supervision and Mentoring

Scholars will be supervised by AHHA senior staff and will receive support from a mentor who will provide guidance and advice during the scholarship.

## Expected Outcomes

Scholars are expected to write an Issues brief (no more than 5,000 words).

**Deeble Summer Research Scholars** will write on a topic relevant to health services research.

**Jeff Cheverton Memorial Scholars** will write specifically on primary health, mental health, aged care, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health, or LGBTQI health.

The Issues brief will:

- clearly outline the policy issue under consideration
  - provide a thorough overview of the background to the policy issue and/or overview of the policy context
  - outline some policy options/ directions/initiatives
  - be objective (non-partisan), and easy to read
- be suitable for online publication by the AHHA in a timely manner (must be completed within the calendar year in which the scholarship is undertaken).

## Duration of the Scholarships

Each Scholarship will be for a period of 6 weeks and scholars must complete their briefs within that period. Scholarships are generally taken up in the summer academic break following granting of the award; starting from January each year.

## Location

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 may be considered.

## Stipend

Each scholarship is valued at \$2500.

Payment to scholars is made in two amounts – 50% at commencement of scholarship and 50% on

completion of the scholarship and publication of the Issues Brief. **Note that if a paper is deemed not suitable for publication, at the discretion of the sponsoring organisations, the scholar may be deemed ineligible for the final payment.**

## Number of Scholarships available

There will be 4 – 6 scholarships available each year. Final numbers will be at the discretion of the Chief Executive, AHHA.

## Application Timeline

The Deeble Institute for Health Policy Research Scholarship Program application process will run over a number of months.

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| <b>October 2018</b>  | Applications open Monday 1 October at 9.00 am (AEST).                                     |
| <b>November 2018</b> | Applications close Sunday 4 November at 11.55 pm (AEST).                                  |
| <b>November 2018</b> | Deeble Institute to make offers to successful candidates.<br>Candidates to accept offers. |
| <b>January 2019</b>  | Successful candidates to commence Scholarships in Canberra.                               |

## Application

Below is an outline of the sections candidates will be asked to complete in their application. Applications must include the following:

- Scholarship application cover sheet
- Academic transcripts for undergraduate and postgraduate study (certified)
- Curriculum Vitae (4 page limit). Must include at a minimum standard data; education, current employment, diversity information, work experience, other research awards previously held, a list of published works.
- Research proposal (1,000-word limit) including an outline of the proposed research topic, anticipated outcomes of the proposed research, intended audience/s, and a brief bibliography.
- A brief discussion (250 words) on how you will benefit from the scholarship and the opportunity to work with AHHA, and in the case of the Jeff Cheverton Memorial Scholarship,, Brisbane North PHN and North Western Melbourne PHN.
- Two academic referee reports.

## The Deeble Institute for Health Policy Research

The Deeble Institute for Health Policy Research is an initiative of the AHHA. At the Institute, we believe that the best health policies are made when policymakers, practitioners and researchers work together. Our main aim is to build and strengthen the connections between these people and organisations. We do that by undertaking collaborative academic research, doing research commissioned by policy departments and conducting high-quality, independent research synthesis.

Key activities include:

- **Partnerships:** connecting Health Policy makers, practitioners and academics.
- **Research:** conducting high-quality, independent research synthesis, and policy and practice based research
- **Health Policy Briefs:** short, easy to read, objective publications for policymakers that synthesise and interpret the evidence in an area of health policy.
- **Scholarships:** supporting training and work experience in a health policy knowledge translation organization.
- **Workshops / Think Tanks:** Key stakeholder engagement; identifying policy issues and gaps in current knowledge and proposing realistic solutions.

## The Australian Healthcare and Hospitals Association

The Australian Healthcare and Hospitals Association (AHHA) is the independent peak membership body and advocate for the Australian healthcare system and a national voice for universally accessible, high quality healthcare in Australia. The AHHA is uniquely positioned to facilitate collaboration between clinicians, academics, policy makers, administrators and politicians.

Key activities include:

- Maintaining a highly visible policy development program utilising the diverse expertise of members
- Promoting and advancing the implementation of innovative policies which are accepted and well-resourced by governments
- Advocating for and representing members on matters of interest or concern to them
- Maintaining international and national networks of people working in healthcare organisations, creating a stimulating environment for learning through analysis, review, sharing and development of health policy and practice
- Publishing relevant and current information on health industry research, innovations, policies, news and events
- Providing, through partnerships, exclusive training programs for health service professionals
- Operating a consultancy business to support the ongoing provision of high quality membership products and services

## Sponsor Organisations

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

### Jeff Cheverton Memorial Scholarship

- Brisbane North Primary Health Network
- Western Melbourne Primary Health Network

## Deeble Summer Scholarship

- HESTA: An Industry Super Fund

The relationship between the Scholar and the sponsoring organisations will not be one of employer and employee and no employee benefits will arise for the Scholar.

Scholars are required to acknowledge the support of the AHHA, HESTA, Brisbane North PHN and North Western Melbourne PHN (as appropriate) in any subsequent publications or in other material resulting from the research.

### Further Information

For Further Information please contact:

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