

Jane Bell Scholarship Guide

AWARD DETAILS & SELECTION CRITERIA

Introduction

The Royal Melbourne Graduate Nurses' Association (RMGNA) established the Jane Bell Scholarship to commemorate the life of Miss Jane Bell O.B.E and her important contributions to nursing and nursing education during her term as Lady Superintendent of the Royal Melbourne Hospital (1910-1934).

Jane Bell was a visionary for the advancement of the nursing profession. She recognised the importance of education for nurses throughout their professional lives and demonstrated extraordinary leadership qualities during her long and dedicated nursing career. Almost a century after their initiation, the relevance of many of Miss Bell's innovations continue for contemporary nursing practice.

Purpose of the Award

It is expected that the successful applicant/s will use the award to enhance the body of nursing knowledge and/or directly impact upon patient care outcomes through further education, a study tour or research.

If undertaking further study this must be completed at an Australian University or other approved Educational Institution.

Selection Criteria

The Jane Bell Scholarship is awarded biennially to a Registered Nurse who trained at The Royal Melbourne Hospital or is a present employee of Melbourne Health. The applicant must have at least three (3) years of post-registration experience in nursing and be a citizen or permanent resident of Australia.

The value of the Scholarship is \$10 000 which may be awarded to one applicant or shared among awardees if more than one worthy application is received (at the discretion of the RMGNA Committee).

Applications will be judged on the following:

- Meeting the criteria of the award
- Quality of the proposal
- Relevance of the study program, research or project to the nursing profession and/or patient outcomes, especially in a Melbourne Health setting
- Alignment with the goals, objectives, and values of the RMGNA
- Potential to improve patient outcomes
- If there are multiple applicants, you may be asked to attend an interview to assist with the final decision of who is to receive the scholarship.

Conditions of the Award

The tenure of the scholarship is expected to commence within one (1) year of the announcement of the award and be completed within three (3) years of commencement.

The successful applicant is expected to remain in an appropriate area of nursing within Australia for a period of not less than 12 months on completion of tenure. In the case of a current employee it is anticipated that this will be within the Royal Melbourne Hospital.

Prior to the receipt of scholarship monies, the recipient must agree to a date and forum for reporting the outcomes of their scholarship to the Royal Melbourne Graduate Nurses Association.

Reporting options available to the successful applicant are to:

- Submit a written report to the RMGNA at the conclusion of the research,
- Provide a brief summary article of the Research Project or Study Tour outcomes for the RMGNA Newsletter, or
- Provide a presentation of the Research Project or Study Tour outcomes, at an appropriate RMGNA meeting.

Additionally, the successful candidate is asked to duly acknowledge the RMGNA and Jane Bell Scholarship in any presentations or publications that arise from the endeavours the scholarship supports.

The RMGNA committee reserves the right to seek repayment of scholarship monies in the event the recipient does not comply with these conditions.

Required documentation

All applicants are required to provide the following:

- A cover letter
 - Curriculum Vitae
 - A completed application form that includes:
 - project or study tour details (& ethics approval if appropriate) – Section C of application form
- OR
- A course/program description and enrolment confirmation if undertaking postgraduate study

Email completed applications and all relevant documents to:

The President

The Royal Melbourne Graduate Nurses' Association

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