



Do you or your Community want to improve Australian Health and/or wellbeing? Do you need help to make it happen? Why not apply for our Fellowship

The Rowan Nicks Russell Drysdale Fellowship in Australian Indigenous Health and Wellbeing ... may be able to assist

The **Fellowship** awards up to \$60,000 for a 12-month period, and provides support with the application and implementation processes, as required by the applicant.

The Fellowship is designed to support Indigenous individuals and/or communities wanting to make a contribution to the area of Australian Indigenous Health and Welfare. The Fellowship particularly aims to support Indigenous workers and the development of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders in Australian Indigenous Health & Welfare.

RNRD subscribes to the ideals of “nothing about us, without us” Australian Indigenous people are strongly encouraged to apply.

Fellowships could take the form of

- A salary for a 12-month period, whilst undertaking your program/project, OR
- A stipend or payment of course fees to undertake education or applied research activities.

The Fellowship is open to Australian citizens who have appropriate experience and wish to:

- Undertake projects/activities/programs OR
- Undertake further relevant education OR
- Undertake an applied research project

Closing date: Friday 15th JULY, 2022

For further information about the Fellowship and for application forms, our website is <https://nicksdrysdalefellowship.com.au/> OR contact Louise Lawler, School of Public Health, University of Sydney on 0418 251 864 or at louise.lawler@sydney.edu.au.

What is the Rowan Nicks Russell Drysdale Fellowship?

Since 2001, the Fellowship has offered people working in Indigenous health and welfare, funding and support, to plan and implement ideas that will improve health and or welfare for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders. It is a scholarship (or grant), that comes with the offer of support in obtaining and managing the activities proposed by the applicant.

How does it work?

We try to fund ideas that can be implemented and completed within 24 months (but preferably most of the work will be done in 12 months from commencement).

The proposal needs to outline:

The issue or situation being faced (the issue),

The ideas of what can be done to amend or improve this issue (the intervention),

How are you intending to implement, conduct and evaluate the intervention (the plan), and...

A proposed budget, up to but not exceeding \$60,000.

The Fellowship is awarded at the commencement of each calendar year.

What sort of things does the Fellowship fund?

The Fellowship looks to fund “grassroots” initiatives. By that we mean, issues and ideas that pertain to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait communities, that come from within a community, rather than being imposed. Past ideas include: a teacher undertaking Sexual Health Education to assist isolated students, an Aboriginal Health Worker supplying musical instruments and transport to facilitate producing and recording music as diversional therapy. Setting up and delivering a self-help program to change the behaviour of domestic violence perpetrators.

How do I apply?

Applications will open in May 2022 for funding that will be available for the year 2023. The Application form can be found on our website, on the Application page OR by contacting our Executive Officer.

How much money is available?

Up to and including \$60,000 for one year. There are generally not extensions to this and the work must be complete by the end of 2024. How the money is received and stored is up to the successful Applicants to arrange. If the funds are to be a private account, we suggest you consult a tax advisor prior to their receipt.

Our Logo:

Our logo symbolises the depths of knowledge, skill and support that can be brought around people and ideas to help them take root and grow. These can be of multiple different persuasions and forms – as indicated by different sizes and colours of circles of dots. Success is at the core, but we acknowledge the concentric rings of learning, experience, knowledge, tradition and custom that make up the support structure. The crossed implements overlaying the background... a surgical scalpel and paint brush... acknowledge the benefactor's tools of trade, and tools to aid this cause.