



APEG Nursing Professional Development Award

RATIONALE

To encourage and assist the professional development of nurses working in Paediatric Endocrinology

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This is an APEG funded award, initiated in 2011 in recognition of the work of the late Jenny Nairn (1959-2010). Jenny was an active APEG member and started working in 1991 as the first endocrinology nurse in the Department of Endocrinology at the Women's and Children's Hospital in Adelaide.

BACKGROUND

Paediatric Endocrine nursing requires expertise in the area of Paediatrics and Endocrinology.

Opportunities for nurses to advance their own expertise and professional development are limited in Australia, as there are no specific endocrine courses run by any of the state or national nursing bodies in this sub speciality area.

Recipients of this grant may choose to include, (but are not limited to) attendance at a national or international medical or nursing endocrine meeting, (eg American Paediatric Endocrine Nurses (PENS) meeting), or may use the grant to further their own education in other ways.

There are now a number of online modules and courses available (mostly from the UK) or you may like to visit other centres within Australia to expand your own experience/expertise.

If you would like to explore these opportunities further, or speak with a previous grant recipient, please contact the secretariat for information.

THE AWARD

The award is an amount up to but not exceeding \$10,000 (AUD)

DATE DUE FOR APPLICATION

27 April 2018

SUGGESTED OPPORTUNITIES (BUT NOT LIMITED TO):

- Travel grant to attend a recognised course such as the British Endocrine Society (BES) 3 day endocrine meeting <http://www.endocrinology.org/events/endocrine-nurse-update/>
- Contribute funding towards Nurse Practitioner training
- Professional development: including, but not limited to attendance at a major international meeting or visit to internationally recognised paediatric endocrine centre(s).
- Presentation of a poster/ other clinical research would be considered favourably but not mandatory at the next APEG ASM.

APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS

- A) A member of APEG.
- B) Permanent Resident or Citizen of Australia or New Zealand.
- C) A Registered nurse currently practicing in Australia or New Zealand



- D) The applicants have a significant percentage of their Fulltime/Part-time practice in Paediatric Endocrinology, have demonstrated a commitment to Paediatric Endocrine nurse training and have been in that role for a minimum of 12 months.
- E) A recommendation from Head of Department, (only 1 applicant per institution).
- F) The applicant needs to be committed to continue in the subspecialty area for at least a further 2 years if awarded the grant.

HOW TO APPLY

A 2-page A4 application + attachments listing the following is required by the award deadline, **no application will be accepted after this date**. Send by email to the APEG secretariat at info@apeg.org.au. See www.apeg.org.au

- A) Application (2 pages): Proposal for Award, including background on applicant's intent and training, proposed research/study/etc, and itemised budget
- B) A recent CV
- C) A letter of recommendation by the Head of Department

ASSESSMENT OF GRANT

Applications will be assessed by members of APEG council, an ENSA representative and an independent APEG member.

AWARDING OF GRANT

The grant will be awarded at the APEG ASM dinner in Newcastle, and anyone nominating for this is expected to be able to attend the meeting & the dinner.

OTHER

- A report should be filed to council within 3 months of completion of course/travel, and/or brief oral presentation at the APEG annual meeting.
- Once awarded, no individual can be re-awarded the grant.

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