Cerebral Palsy Alliance Professor Henry J Cowan Memorial Scholarships
Faculty of Health Sciences Scholarship

The Scholarship supports students to pursue their studies and to encourage their future career in the field of disability.

Scholarship value and duration
$1,500 one-off payment.

Eligibility criteria
- Open to Australian citizens, New Zealand citizens or Australian permanent residents who are available to undertake a final fieldwork placement with the Cerebral Palsy Alliance.
- Open to current students of the University of Sydney Faculty of Health Sciences who are enrolled full-time in either of the courses of: Occupational Therapy, Speech Pathology and Physiotherapy.
- Applicants must demonstrate an interest in the field of disability & paediatrics, and have strong academic and/or practical achievement in the paediatric study components, satisfactory academic achievement, and pass in all practical units prior to final practicums.
- An interest in cerebral palsy is desirable and in pursuing a career in the field of disability.
- Students enrolled in the Master of Occupational Therapy or Bachelor of Applied Science (Occupational Therapy) must contact the Work Integrated Learning OT academic, for a letter confirming that a placement at Cerebral Palsy Alliance would meet their placement requirements.

For more information
- Student Administration Services
- T 1800 SYD UNI (1800 793 864)
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Background
Cerebral Palsy Alliance and The University of Sydney through the Faculty of Health Sciences established a memorandum of understanding to acknowledge their shared vision for a viable, well-supported infrastructure of services for people with a disability in New South Wales and collaborative research endeavours.

As part of this agreement Cerebral Palsy Alliance established scholarships for allied health students in the Faculty of Health Sciences. These Scholarships honouring the memory and generous bequest of Professor Cowan, a distinguished member of the University of Sydney academic staff in the Faculty of Architecture.

Funds are to be used to support professional development, fees, textbooks or practicum expenses.

Selection criteria
- A personal statement that demonstrates:
  i. evidence of interest in paediatrics, disability and cerebral palsy,
  ii. achievements in the field of paediatrics or disability,
  iii. interest in pursuing a career in the field of disability, and
  iv. achievements in previous clinical placements.
- Curriculum Vitae (CV).
- Evidence of high achievement from a recent clinical placement such as a referee check from a recent clinical supervisor or a copy of a recent clinical supervisor feedback form.
- Demonstrated professionalism throughout previous practical placements.

Payment schedule
- Payment will be made in one instalment on completion of the clinical placement.
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Terms and Conditions

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The Scholarships will support up to three students to the amount of $1,500 per student to pursue their studies and to encourage their future career in the field of disability.

These are the Professor Henry J Cowan Memorial Scholarships, honouring the memory and generous bequest of Professor Cowan who was a distinguished member of the University of Sydney academic staff in the Faculty of Architecture.

Description of the Award

A maximum of $1,500 will be awarded for each student. A total of $4,500 will be available for one successful applicant from each of the disciplines of Speech Pathology, Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy. Funds are to be used to support professional development, fees, textbooks or practicum expenses.

It is an expectation of the Award that the student will consent to one of their final practicums being provided at Cerebral Palsy Alliance, and that the successful applicant will participate in the evaluation of the scholarship and in any longitudinal study of recruitment or career marketing of allied health professionals to Cerebral Palsy Alliance. The successful applicants will be requested to provide their contact details and general employment details on graduation, and for up to two years post-graduation.

In addition, it is an expectation of the Award that within one month of placement completion, the successful students will upon request, provide a 500 word report and feedback of their placement experience at Cerebral Palsy Alliance.

Eligibility

- Students of The University of Sydney Faculty of Health Sciences enrolled full time in the courses of Occupational Therapy, Speech Pathology and Physiotherapy,
- who are Australian citizens, New Zealand citizens or Australian permanent residents,
- who are available to undertake one of their final fieldwork placements with the Cerebral Palsy Alliance (the Scholarship will be awarded to undergraduate students in the 3rd year of their course for use in the 4th year of their studies or GEM students in the 1st year of their course for use in the 2nd year of their studies),
- with a demonstrated interest in the field of disability and paediatrics. A particular interest in cerebral palsy would also be desirable,
- an interest in pursuing a career in the field of disability, and
- with a strong academic and/or practical achievement in paediatric components of their studies. Students must have a satisfactory academic achievement and pass all practical units prior to their final practicums.