The Beth Spence Scholarship

The purpose of the Beth Spence Scholarship is to provide support for a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) candidate within the Sydney Nursing School at the University of Sydney. It aims to improve the integration of care for individuals and families at times of vulnerability.

**Scholarship value and duration**

$26,000 tenable for up to 3 years.

**Eligibility criteria**

- Open to Australian citizens or permanent residents who satisfy the general eligibility criteria for the PhD at Sydney Nursing School
- Hold a current Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) registration as a registered nurse or midwife
- Are currently enrolled PhD candidates (or apply as a PhD candidate in conjunction with the Beth Spence Scholarship Application) in the Sydney Nursing School
- Candidates in their final full-time equivalent year (1 year full-time or 2 years part-time) of PhD candidature are not eligible to apply.

**For more information**

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**Background**

The Seashells Foundation Endowment is generously awarding The Beth Spence Scholarship to provide a valuable opportunity for an experienced registered nurse or midwife to undertake PhD research at full-time capacity in the area of integration or coordination of care.

**Selection criteria**

All applications will be assessed by a scholarship assessment committee appointed by the Dean. Applications are assessed on:

- Curriculum vitae highlighting evidence of research potential (e.g. professional experience, scholarly and conference publications within the last five years)
- Most recent research proposal (as used for PhD application / probation)
- Explanation of alignment with perspective on care coordination: A statement demonstrating how PhD experience contributes to the development and understanding of the identified perspective on ‘coordination of care’ (maximum 500 words).

**Ongoing eligibility**

- Condition for continuous payment for three years is subject to satisfactory progress of candidature
- Suspension is allowed for two research periods (one semester) only.
- The scholarship will provide support to the value of AUD $26,000 (tax exempt) per annum for the first year, with an annual increment of $500 per annum for a maximum of three years’ candidature (subject to satisfactory progress), and
- may be used to complement a Research Training Program stipend

**Payment schedule**

- Payment will be made as a fortnightly stipend.
Termination

The scholarship will be terminated if the recipient:

- withdraws from the agreed upon degree program;
- enrols part-time without prior approval;
- fails to meet the required Annual Progress Review outcome