

The Lenity Australia Scholarship

Terms and Conditions

1. Background

- a. Established in 2017, this Scholarship has been generously donated by Lenity Australia to support Tongan nurses to study specialty Advanced Learning Masters programs at Sydney Nursing School, at the University of Sydney.
- b. The Scholarship aims to contribute further capacity and growth to the Tongan health and education systems by raising the standards of nursing practice and education in Tonga and thereby improve the health of the Tongan community. The Lenity Australia Scholarship is also facilitating the translation of advanced nursing knowledge into best practice and policies for building nursing and health curriculum across the South Pacific region.

2. Eligibility

- a. Applicants must hold a Bachelor of Nursing degree (or equivalent) and be a registered nurse in Tonga.
- b. Applicants must be a citizen of Tonga.
- c. Applicants must have at least three years nursing experience and be:
 - i. currently employed by the Queen Solate School of Nursing, or
 - ii. working in a relevant clinical area with the capacity to make clinical practice improvements, or
 - iii. have an interest in teaching with the Queen Solate School of Nursing.
- d. Applicants must be willing to complete one of the following Advanced Learning Masters at the University of Sydney:
 - i. Master of Primary Health Care Nursing
 - ii. Master of Mental Health Nursing
 - iii. Master of Intensive Care Nursing
 - iv. Master of Advanced Nursing Practice
 - v. Master of Cancer and Haematology Nursing
 - vi. Master of Emergency Nursing

3. Selection Criteria

- a. The Scholarship will be awarded on the basis of:
 - i. academic merit,
 - ii. a personal statement explaining how they will translate their education to inform nursing policy and practice in Tonga, and
 - iii. Curriculum vitae and evidence of employment in Tonga.
- b. The Scholarship will be awarded by a selection committee consisting of the Dean of the Sydney Nursing School at the University of Sydney; or their nominated delegates, and the Chief Nurse of the Ministry of Health (Tonga).

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4. Value

- a. The total scholarship is valued at \$110,000.
- b. The recipient will receive a stipend of at least \$33,884 p.a. for the duration of the Advanced Learning Masters course, paid in monthly instalments. This value may increase depending on availability of funding.
- c. The Scholarship will cover course fees, overseas health cover and the Student Services and Amenities Fee for the Sydney Nursing School's Advanced Learning Masters course for a maximum period of 18 months.
- d. The recipient will receive a relocation allowance of up to \$5,000 to cover 3 separate return flights from Tonga to Sydney as part of their scholarship.
- e. The recipient will receive \$2,000, prior to commencing their studies, to assist with initial visa application fees and airfare. If the recipient withdraws from an eligible course prior to commencing studies or fails to enrol, the recipient is obliged to refund this amount.
- f. Upon successful completion of the Advanced Learning Masters, any remaining funds will be paid directly to the student as a cash payment.
- g. Deferral of the Scholarship is not permitted.
- h. The Scholarship will be offered subject to the availability of funds.
- i. The Scholarship will be ceased during periods of extended leave or suspension.
- j. No other amount is payable.

5. Ongoing eligibility

- a. To continue receipt of the Scholarship, the recipient must maintain a minimum weighted average mark of 50 each semester to ensure successful on-time completion of their course.
- b. The recipient must have full-time enrolment (24 credit points per semester) in an Advanced Learning Masters in Nursing at the University of Sydney during the tenure of this Scholarship.

6. Termination

- a. The Scholarship will be terminated if the recipient:
 - I. withdraws from an eligible course or fails to enrol,
 - II. commences part-time study without prior approval,
 - III. does not maintain a WAM of 50 each semester,
 - IV. is determined by the University to be guilty of serious misconduct, including, but not limited to, having provided false or misleading information as part of their Scholarship application,
 - V. does not resume study at the end of a period of approved leave, or
 - VI. any other provision as indicated in these terms that would lead to termination.

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- b. Once terminated, a scholarship will not be reinstated.
- c. Where a student is found guilty of serious misconduct or withdraws from the relevant course, the University reserves the right to request that any Scholarship funds paid to the Scholarship recipient be reimbursed.

7. Acknowledgment

- a. The successful applicant may be asked to participate in events supporting the Faculty, Lenity Australia or nursing in Tonga generally throughout the term of the Scholarship.
- b. The successful applicant is required to acknowledge the support of Lenity Australia in any publications or media relating to their studies. A copy of any resultant media coverage should promptly be provided to the Faculty.