

GPTQ Training and Research Bursary



Dr Kellie West
2024 GPTQ Bursary recipient



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AMA Queensland Foundation is committed to supporting and promoting general practice. This bursary will target both GP Fellows (GPs) and GP Registrars (GPRs) who live and work in Queensland and will support both training and research opportunities that promote better health outcomes for Queenslanders.

GPTQ legacy

AMA Queensland Foundation seeks to honour the legacy of General Practice Training Queensland (GPTQ) and its outstanding contribution to training and building a robust GP workforce. The legacy is recognised through this bursary and the support it provides.

Aim of the bursary

The GPTQ bursaries aim to increase the quality of healthcare and attract/retain doctors in areas of need. The bursaries can support training initiatives or research topics.

Bursary offer

Up to four (4) bursaries of \$20,000 each may be awarded annually.

Key dates

Applications close **Monday 29 April 2024 at 5pm (AEST)**. Applications received after 5pm (AEST) on 29 April 2024 cannot be considered.

Bursary winners will be announced at the AMA Queensland Foundation charity event in July 2024.

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Eligibility

Applicants must be a Queensland resident and either a Fellow or Registrar of RACGP or ACRRM practising in Queensland.

Selection criteria for Research and Training Bursaries

Research bursary criteria open to both GPs and GPRs

Applicants must address each of the following:

- 1. Relevance to general practice:** The research should address a topic or issue that is relevant to the field of general practice, such as primary care, patient-doctor interactions, preventive medicine, chronic disease management or community health.
- 2. Ethical considerations:** Ensure that the research design and methodology adhere to ethical standards, including obtaining informed consent, protecting patient confidentiality and minimising harm to participants.
- 3. Research question or hypothesis:** Clearly state the research question or hypothesis that the study aims to address. This should be a focused and answerable question that contributes to the existing knowledge base.
- 4. Expected outcomes:** Clearly state the anticipated outcomes or findings of the research and how they will contribute to the field of general practice.
- 5. Timeline:** Provide a realistic timeline for the research project, including key milestones and deadlines.

Training bursary criteria open to GPRs only

Applicants must address one or more of the following:

- 1. Commitment to general practice:** Applicants should demonstrate a genuine passion and commitment to a career in general practice, including a well-articulated understanding of the role and responsibilities of a general practitioner and their role in regional communities.
- 2. Diversity and inclusion:** Diversity and inclusion in the field of general practice is a priority and applicants from under-represented backgrounds or minority groups could receive additional consideration.
- 3. Service obligations and area of need:** Applicants should be prepared to commit to a specific period of service in under-served or rural areas during or upon completion of their general practice training as a way of giving back to the community.
- 4. Commitment to continuing education:** Applicants should express their willingness to engage in lifelong learning and continuing medical education, as well as their plans for staying current with the evolving field of general practice.
- 5. Career goals:** Applicants should provide a clear and compelling statement of their career goals in general practice, outlining their intentions to serve under-served populations, contribute to healthcare improvement, or pursue specific areas of interest within general practice.
- 6. Financial hardship:** GPRs who are faced with financial hardship may strengthen their application against one of the criteria above when applying for the training bursary. Applicants will need to demonstrate/explain their circumstances that warrant financial support. These circumstances will remain confidential and must be supported by one or more other criteria above.

Conditions of bursary

- ▶ Applicants must show commitment to improving quality healthcare in communities through stated intentions/demonstrated previous experience.
- ▶ The bursary will be split into two (2) payments of \$10,000 each. The first instalment will be paid in January 2025. Prior to receiving the second instalment in July 2025, recipients will be asked to provide AMA Queensland Foundation:
 - ▶ a progress report on their research or training, including personal accounts of how the bursary has aided their development or their community; and
 - ▶ relevant images demonstrating the activities they have performed.
- ▶ Recipients consent to their updates being used in AMA Queensland and AMA Queensland Foundation publications, promotions, media releases and social media. We will consult with recipients before any publication.

Selection process

Bursary recipients shall be decided by the GPTQ Bursary Committee.

The Bursary Committee reserves the right not to award a bursary in any year if, in the opinion of the Bursary Committee, there is no applicant of sufficient merit to warrant an award.

The Bursary Committee may require applicants to undertake an interview as part of their application.

The Bursary Committee will determine all matters relating to the selection process.

Successful and unsuccessful recipients may reapply in subsequent years.

How to apply

- ▶ Complete the Application Form on the AMA Queensland Foundation website.
amaqfoundation.com.au
- ▶ Provide a certified copy of proof of Fellowship or training offer.
- ▶ Provide a curriculum vitae.
- ▶ Provide a supporting statement, maximum of two (2) pages addressing the following:
 - ▶ Personal background – general background, your community and your passion for driving positive change in delivering quality healthcare
 - ▶ Address the selection criteria applicable to the type of Bursary.

Submit your application, including all supporting documentation to:
amaqfoundation@amaq.com.au

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