



## **APEG Nursing Professional Development Award**

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### **RATIONALE**

To encourage and assist the development of nurses in Paediatric Endocrinology

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### **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.

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### **BACKGROUND**

Paediatric Endocrine nursing requires expertise in the area of Paediatrics and Endocrinology. There are no courses run by any of the state or national nursing bodies specifically in this sub specialty area, and the only opportunities available include attendance at national and international medical endocrine meetings or the American Pediatric Endocrine Nurses (PENS).

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### **THE AWARD**

The award is \$10,000 (AUD)

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### **DATE DUE FOR APPLICATION**

**01 JUNE 2011**

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### **SUGGESTED OPPORTUNITIES (BUT NOT LIMITED TO):**

- Travel grant to attend a recognized course such as the BES 3 day endocrine meeting <http://www.endocrinology.org/endocrinurse/docs/ENU-3YrCurriculum.pdf>
- 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.

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### **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.



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#### HOW TO APPLY

A 2-page A4 application listing the following is required by the award deadline, **no application will be accepted after this date**. Send by email to the APEG secretariat. See [www.apeg.org.au](http://www.apeg.org.au)

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

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#### ASSESSMENT OF GRANT

Applications will be assessed at a phone hook-up 2 months prior to the APEG ASM, by members of APEG council, the current President of ENSA, and an independent APEG member nominated by council.

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#### AWARDING OF GRANT

The grant will be awarded at the APEG ASM dinner.

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#### 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 within 4 years.

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