

McGrath Foundation 2026 Scholarship Program – Cancer Nursing

To ensure the national demand for cancer nurses can be met, the McGrath Foundation is focused on the growth and sustainability of the cancer nursing workforce. An enabler of the Foundation's commitment to cancer nurse workforce planning and development, the McGrath Foundation offers individual scholarships to Registered Nurses providing care to people with cancer.

The McGrath Foundation Scholarship for Cancer Nursing is offered to Registered Nurses currently providing care to people with any type of cancer who would like to expand their knowledge and skills and obtain a post-graduate qualification in cancer nursing. This financial year, the Foundation is offering 15 individual scholarships to nurses to support the completion of a *Graduate Certificate in Advanced Clinical Nursing - Cancer Nursing* offered at Monash University.

The Graduate Certificate in Advanced Clinical Nursing – Cancer Nursing is designed to develop advanced, specialist practice including skills to plan, implement, coordinate and evaluate health care, as well as the ability to formulate policy for a diverse and multicultural society. For more information on the course subjects, please visit the Monash University website: [NUR5016 - Cancer nursing 1](#) and [NUR5017 - Cancer nursing 2](#)

The McGrath Foundation scholarships for the Graduate Certificate in Advanced Clinical Nursing – Cancer Nursing (Course Code M4017; part of the Master of Advanced Clinical Nursing) commence in **February 2026**. Cancer Nursing 1 and Cancer Nursing 2, offered as part of the Scholarship Program, can be completed as a stand-alone Graduate Certificate qualification or can be incorporated into a self-funded full Masters qualification, should you choose to continue studying. The subjects are completed online.

Please note that completion of this Graduate Certificate requires a commitment of **approximately 24 hours per week** of teacher-facilitated and self-directed study, including tutorial and online activities. There is also a requirement for clinical skills assessments that will need to be **assessed by a Clinical Nurse Educator in your health service**.

All places in this course are Commonwealth Supported Places (CSP). The McGrath Foundation Scholarship for Cancer Nursing will cover the Student Contribution Amount and the Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF) on your behalf for the Graduate Certificate. Should you wish to continue studying towards a Graduate Diploma or Masters, additional fees will be payable by you.

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To apply for a McGrath Foundation 2026 scholarship, please click on the link below to complete and submit the form:

[McGrath Foundation 2026 Scholarship Program for Cancer Nursing - Application Form](#)

Scholarship applications close at 5pm on Thursday 18th December 2025.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

1. Who can apply for a McGrath Foundation Scholarship for Cancer Nursing?

Any Registered Nurse, who holds Australian Citizenship or Australian Permanent Resident status, employed minimum 3 days/week (0.6FTE) in a nursing role where they provide care to people with cancer can apply.

2. What criteria are used to award McGrath Foundation scholarships?

Applicants from anywhere in Australia are encouraged to apply and will be assessed on the merit of their application. All applications will be carefully considered. Applications from nurses identifying as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander are encouraged.

3. Am I guaranteed a McGrath Cancer Care Nurse role if I am awarded a scholarship?

No, being awarded a scholarship does not guarantee employment in a McGrath-funded role. The purpose of the scholarship is to develop nurses' knowledge and skills in the field of cancer care. Scholarship recipients are encouraged to apply for new and vacant McGrath cancer care nursing positions as they become available.

4. What else can I do to prepare myself to become a McGrath Cancer Care Nurse?

We encourage you to engage in cancer nursing professional development opportunities through organisations and forums such as the Cancer Nurses Society of Australia, eviQ etc. We also encourage you to visit our website and to introduce yourself to McGrath Cancer Care Nurses in your area.

5. How many scholarships will be awarded for 2026?

15 scholarships will be awarded in 2026. The scholarships are being advertised through a number of nursing networks and platforms.

6. When will I know the outcome of my application?

Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application soon after 14th January 2026. Successful applicants will be asked to complete their enrolment with Monash University by the end of January 2026 for the February 2026 term.

7. Are scholarship funds paid directly to the recipient?

No. The McGrath Foundation will pay Monash University directly for your out-of-pocket tuition fees.

8. If my application for a McGrath Foundation Scholarship is unsuccessful, can I apply again next year?

Yes, we encourage you to apply next year to our 2027 McGrath Foundation Scholarship Program for Cancer Nursing.