

McGrath Foundation 2027 Scholarship Program

The McGrath Foundation is committed to supporting the growth and sustainability of the cancer nursing workforce across Australia. As part of this commitment, the Foundation facilitates an annual Scholarship Program that enables completion of the *Graduate Certificate in Advanced Clinical Nursing – Cancer Nursing*, offered at Monash University. Scholarships are available to Registered Nurses in non-McGrath funded roles who provide care to people with cancer.

This financial year 2026-2027, the Foundation is offering 15 scholarships to cancer nurses to undertake the *Graduate Certificate in Advanced Clinical Nursing – Cancer Nursing*, offered at Monash University. Cancer nurses who wish to expand their knowledge, skills and abilities with post-graduate education are encouraged to apply.

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 *Graduate Certificate in Advanced Clinical Nursing – Cancer Nursing* (Course Code M4017; part of the Master of Advanced Clinical Nursing) commences in **February 2027**. NUR5016 – Cancer nursing 1 and NUR5017 – Cancer nursing 2 are offered as part of the Scholarship Program. These subjects can be completed as a stand-alone Graduate Certificate qualification or, should the nurse choose to continue studying beyond the completion of NUR5016 – Cancer nursing 1 and NUR5017 – Cancer nursing 2, they can incorporate this prior learning into a full Master qualification. Please note, continuation onto a Master qualification is at the discretion and self-funding of the nurse.

All places in this course are Commonwealth Supported Places (CSP). Please check the Monash University website for [Commonwealth supported place \(CSP\)](#) eligibility criteria. Failure to meet the CSP eligibility criteria will deem the nurse ineligible to apply to the McGrath Foundation Scholarship Program.

The McGrath Foundation scholarship will fund the Student Contribution Amount and the Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF) on behalf of the nurse for the Graduate Certificate.

Please note that completion of this Graduate Certificate requires a commitment of **approximately 24 hours per week** of online 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** and a requirement to **complete a short pre- and post- evaluation survey**.

To apply for a McGrath Foundation 2027 scholarship, please click on the link below:

[McGrath Foundation 2027 Scholarship Program – Cancer Nursing – Fill out form](#)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

1. Who can apply for a McGrath Foundation scholarship?

Registered Nurses, who meet the Commonwealth Supported Places (CSP) eligibility criteria, employed minimum 3 days/week (0.6FTE) in a non-McGrath-funded nursing role where they provide care to people with cancer, can apply. Applications from nurses identifying as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander are encouraged.

2. What post-graduate course does the scholarship support?

The scholarship supports the *Graduate Certificate in Advanced Clinical Nursing – Cancer Nursing* offered at Monash University.

3. How is the course delivered?

The course is delivered fully online.

4. Are scholarship funds paid directly to me?

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

5. How are scholarship applications assessed?

Applications are reviewed through a detailed assessment process using the approved application assessment matrix. Final selections are approved by the Head of Nurse Education and Research.

6. When do applications close?

The McGrath Foundation Scholarship Program opens on Tuesday 15th September 2026 and **close at 5pm on Thursday 15th October 2026.**

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

Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application by mid-November 2026. Successful applicants will be asked to complete their enrolment with Monash University by December 2026 in preparation for the February 2027 commencement term.

8. 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. Scholarship recipients are encouraged to apply for new and vacant McGrath cancer care nursing positions as they become available.

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

If you are unsuccessful in the 2027 round, we encourage you to apply next year to our 2028 McGrath Foundation Scholarship Program.

10. Who should I direct further questions to?

Questions should be directed to the Education and Research Team on mylearning@mcgrathfoundation.com.au