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# ASMIRT

## FAQs

### Dorothy Lorimer Bursary

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There are a number of protected titles for medical radiation practice. They include:

Medical Radiation Practitioner (MRP)

Diagnostic Radiographer (DR)

Medical Imaging Technologist (MIT)

Radiographer

Nuclear Medicine Scientist (NMS)

Nuclear Medicine Technologist (NMT)

Radiation Therapist (RT).

For the purposes of our documentation we use the broad descriptor Medical Radiation Practitioner (MRP) recognising that it covers a range of areas of practice.



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## Frequently Asked Questions

### *If my application is successful; what are the expectations of me when I return to Australia?*

It is expected that the successful Recipient will comprehensively convey practical learnings in the way of a substantial Project Report to the ASMIRT Board, provide a keynote address at the following ASMIRT national conference and publish an article in Spectrum and/or Journal of Medical Radiation Science (JMRS). It is also an expectation that the successful Recipient will remain an ASMIRT full voting member for at least five (5) years post Bursary. And, where possible, mentor future applicants.

### *What are the assessors of the Bursary looking for in a successful application?*

Keep in mind that when assessing an application, the Education Committee will carefully consider each of the following aspects:

- The need for this project in Australia.
- The benefits of the project to Australia.
- The necessity to travel overseas, itinerary and places selected.
- Achievability of the project.
- An applicant's ability to maximise the opportunity of the Bursary (this may include their current standing and experience in the field, skills and/or expertise).
- An applicant's ability and commitment to make a difference after the trip (such as ongoing involvement in the field, leadership qualities, a strategic approach, networks).
- An applicant's ability and commitment to widely disseminate their findings.
- The quality of referee comments and relevance of supporting information.

### *What should I do if the conference program is unavailable when making my application?*

If the conference program for an event that you are planning to attend is unavailable when you submit your application, you can forward the program for the current year's event or a recent past conference. It is recognised that sometimes conferences are only biennial.

For example, if you are applying to attend RSNA in 2024, and the program is not available, you should forward the program from 2023 with your application as an example of the conference format.

### *I haven't enrolled in the training course yet. Do I need to enrol before I apply for the Bursary?*

No, you do not need to enrol in a course before applying for this Bursary. However, please check and ensure you meet the organisation's course enrolment deadlines.

### *What should I do if I am unable to obtain a letter of support from my employer?*

If you are working casually or are currently unemployed, you should simply state this in your application cover letter. In this instance, you will not need to include a letter of support from your employer; however, it is still a requirement that you include two professional references with your application.



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***I failed to submit an expression of interest before 30 September can I apply for the Bursary?***

No, only approved expressions of interest will be able to apply for the Bursary. You will need to wait for the following year and submit an expression of interest between 1 – 30 September.

***My expression of interest was not approved; can I still apply for the Bursary?***

No, only applications that have had an expression of interest approved will be considered for the Bursary. You will need to wait for the following year and re-submit an expression of interest between 1 – 30 September.

***I have travelled overseas to attend a conference last year; can I apply for the Bursary to cover the trip I have already taken?***

No, the Bursary will not be paid for retrospective travel.

***The course and conference that I would like to attend as part of my project are months apart; can I travel overseas twice to investigate my project?***

Yes, so long as all your travel plans are fully outlined in the application, included within the proposed budget, and total Bursary does not exceed \$50,000, you can travel multiple times.

***Can I upgrade my flights to business class travel, and will this be covered by the Bursary?***

No, the Bursary will only cover economy class for all air travel. Any upgrades made by the Recipient will be at the expense of the Recipient.

***Is it possible to request an extension due to unforeseen circumstances?***

Yes, requests for extensions can be negotiated with ASMIRT, up to a maximum of 12 months. Your reasonable request for a Bursary extension should be made in writing at the earliest opportunity, clearly stating the reason for the request. The acceptance of the request is at the discretion of the ASMIRT.

***Is it possible to request an extension due to maternity leave?***

Yes, requests for extensions can be negotiated with ASMIRT, up to a maximum of 12 months. Your reasonable request for a Bursary extension should be made in writing at the earliest opportunity, clearly stating the reason for the request. The acceptance of the request is at the discretion of the ASMIRT.

***Can I remain overseas for an extended holiday following the Bursary travel?***

The Bursary travel only covers costs associated with the project and cannot be used for holiday purposes. Should you wish to extend your stay beyond the duration of the project, it will be at the Recipient's expense. This information should be provided in the detailed itinerary that is submitted for final approval. Please note that the overseas travel allowance will only cover travel days that are directly related to the project.





***What happens if I need assistance whilst overseas?***

For more information check out the Australian Government's Smart Traveller website ([www.smarttraveller.gov.au](http://www.smarttraveller.gov.au)). This is also a great resource to check if there is any specific travel advice for the country you are planning to visit.

***I will require an interpreter for my site visit whilst overseas; will the Bursary cover the cost of the interpreter?***

The cost of an interpreter may be covered by the Bursary so long as all details have been included in your approved budget.

***Do I need to keep a travel diary whilst overseas?***

It is recommended to keep a detailed travel diary whilst overseas as this will assist with your final project report, as well as CPD reflections to claim your CPD hours. The diary can also be used to maintain all receipts for sundry expenses, as approved in your budget, to be paid following submission of a reimbursement form.

***Does the proposed project that I plan to investigate need to be specifically related to the Medical Radiation Sciences?***

If your proposed project is related to your field of work, but not specifically in medical imaging, nuclear medicine and radiation therapy, your Selection Criteria response must address the relationship between the project and your current discipline of practice and outline the rationale and benefits of your use of the Bursary. The Bursary may assist you to undertake a project that is related to areas within the medical radiation science sector such as artificial intelligence, clinical education, PACS, information technology, or health management.

***If my application is unsuccessful, will I be provided feedback to assist with my future applications?***

Each applicant is provided constructive feedback on their outcome notification letter. No other feedback will be supplied.

**Further Assistance**

Further assistance and information can be obtained from the ASMIRT CPD Team:

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