



# ASMIRT

## Guidelines

### **POSTGRADUATE STUDY SCHOLARSHIP**

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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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## 1. Scholarship purpose

- To support medical radiation practitioners (MRP) to undertake postgraduate study with the aim to enhance their skills and further develop their knowledge within their discipline of practice.
- To diversify the skills of MRPs within their discipline of practice e.g. leadership, management, education etc.
- To enable skill diversification in regional and remote community settings to enhance the services provided to these areas.
- To improve the workforce and service delivery needs of local communities, ultimately improving care, benefiting patients and the general public.

## 2. Postgraduate Courses

This scholarship covers Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma or Masters level study by coursework or research with an accredited Australian tertiary provider or overseas equivalent. The course of study undertaken must be equivalent to the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) Level 8 or 9. For more information on the AQF please see [www.aqf.edu.au/framework/aqf-qualifications](http://www.aqf.edu.au/framework/aqf-qualifications).

## 3. Scholarship Funding

The scholarship provides a contribution toward the overall cost of the study program. The total scholarship funding varies depending on the level of study. The scholarship will fund:

- Up to \$5,000 - Graduate Certificate **(AQF Level 8)**
- Up to \$10,000 - Graduate Diploma **(AQF Level 8)**
- Up to \$15,000 – Masters Degree **(AQF Level 9)**

Scholarship funds will be reimbursed upon successful completion of each semester of study. The reimbursement instalment will depend on whether the recipient is studying part- or full-time, ranging from \$2,500 - \$5,000 respectively per semester, and not exceeding the lesser of total scholarship amount or cost of the course.

To receive the funds, the applicant must provide evidence of receipt of payment from the higher education provider and successful completion.

As scholarship funds are not paid upfront, applicants can seek financial hardship assistance by requesting such along with their application. Requests for financial hardship assistance will be considered on an individual basis.

Scholarship funding will not be paid retrospectively. Funding commences for study undertaken from January of the following year. If funding is sought part way through a course of study, the scholarship will only commence from the following January, at a rate of \$2,500 per semester, until the course is completed.



Where the applicant has applied for and/or successfully secured other sources of funding, details of this funding must be identified in the application.

#### 4. Application Procedure

Completed applications will be assessed and ranked by the ASMIRT Education Committee against the scoring matrix. The ASMIRT Education Committee will make recommendations to the ASMIRT Board of Directors for awarding of the Postgraduate Study Scholarships.

The ASMIRT Education Committee will ensure that the proposed courses of study meet the selection criteria and that the applications are of an appropriate high standard. The ASMIRT Education Committee may recommend to the ASMIRT Board of Directors that no application is suitable for the award of a scholarship if not of a high standard.

#### 5. Eligibility Criteria

To be considered for this scholarship, applicants must meet the following requirements:

##### 5.1 ASMIRT Membership

- Be a current financial voting member of ASMIRT.
- Meet the minimum consecutive years of post-graduate membership immediately prior to the application closing date:
  - Three (3) years – Graduate Certificate
  - Four (4) years – Graduate Diploma
  - Five (5) years – Masters Degree

*Note: Student membership does not count towards the required minimum years.*

- Maintain voting membership status for the duration of the scholarship.

##### 5.2 Course Level

- The course of study undertaken must align with Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) Level 8 or 9.

*Note: AQF Level 10 qualifications, such as a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), are not eligible for this scholarship.*

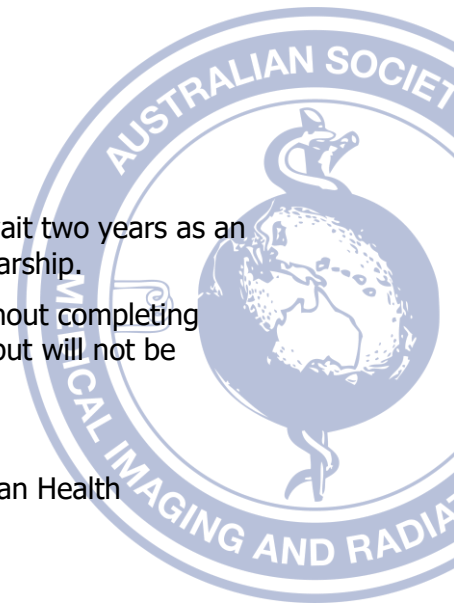
##### 5.3 Further Study Support

- Successful applicants may apply for additional scholarship funding to upgrade a qualification (e.g. from a Graduate Certificate to a Graduate Diploma) after successful completion of the initial course.
- Successful applicants may also apply for a new scholarship after successfully completing the original qualification.

##### 5.4 Academic Progress

- Funding will not be provided for any failed unit of study.
- Payment may be made if the unit is repeated and successfully completed.





## 5.5 Non-Completion

- Applicants who do not complete their qualification must wait two years as an ASMIRT voting member before applying for another scholarship.
- If a successful applicant transitions to a PhD program without completing their Masters, they will not need to repay received funds but will not be eligible for further funding.

## 5.6 Professional Registration

- Applicants must hold current registration with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (Ahpra).

## 5.7 Graduate Entry Masters (GEM) Students

- Students enrolled in a Graduate Entry Masters (GEM) Medical Radiation Science program are not eligible. These are considered second undergraduate degrees, and such students are not yet qualified as Ahpra-registered medical radiation practitioners.

## 6. Assessment criteria

Applications will be assessed and ranked using the following:

- Quality of the application and justification for proposed course of study. The applicant will provide a document responding to the selection criteria questions detailed below along with a current resume and proposed course outline sourced from the educational institution. The course outline should include the course details, duration, objectives, and structure (including subjects) and any elective subjects clearly identified. Please note that it is not appropriate to only provide a website link to the course, as this is insufficient documentation.
- Evidence of a demonstrated commitment to continuing professional development.
- Suitability of the proposed course of study to meet the requirements of the scholarship.

## 7. Selection Criteria

- Detail the relationship between the proposed course of study and your current discipline of practice.
- Demonstrate how the proposed course of study will enhance your current skills and knowledge or diversify your skills and knowledge within your current discipline of practice.
- Demonstrate how the proposed course of study will improve the workforce and/or service delivery needs of your local community and improve patient care.
- Discuss your personal commitment to and understanding of the need to undertake further study and professional development in your discipline of practice.





## 8. Time Frames

- July – September advertising of Postgraduate Study Scholarship.
- End of September closing date for applications. Applicants will receive acknowledgement of receipt of application.
- October – application assessment and ranking by ASMIRT Education Committee.
- November – recommendation to be forwarded to the ASMIRT Board of Directors for November Board Meeting.
- Application outcome for all applicants advised following ASMIRT Board of Directors ratification.
- Successful applicants announced in Spectrum and the ASMIRT website.

## 9. Use of Study Funds

Funds awarded under this scholarship will be used for the direct course costs only and will be evidenced upon receipt of payment from the higher education provider. Student amenities fees and other associated fees of study (textbooks, resources, IT equipment, internet costs etc) will not be supported by the scholarship. This scholarship does not cover any costs incurred to the applicant for providing the Study Reflection Report (e.g. conference attendance, travel expenses, registrations costs).

## 10. Scholarship Outcome – Reports

- **Yearly Progress Report**  
Successful applicant/s will be required to provide a brief yearly progress report to ensure that applicants are on track with their studies.
- **Study Reflection Report**  
Successful applicant/s will be required to provide a significant reflection report on the study undertaken to the ASMIRT member community. This report may be in the form of an ASMIRT National conference presentation, an article published in Spectrum and/or Journal of Medical Radiation Science (JMRS) at the applicant's expense. This reflection would include but not be limited to; the course of study undertaken, key learnings and how these have been incorporated into practice and enhanced the service delivery to their discipline and local community. Final payment for the scholarship will be made upon ASMIRT's acceptance of the report.

## 11. Further Assistance

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

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