

Certificate IV in Mental Health Peer Work Scholarships Program

About the Scholarships

The Peer Work Scholarships Program is an initiative of the Australian Government Department of Health. The Program aims to strengthen and grow the mental health and suicide prevention Lived Experience workforce by funding scholarships to support people to undertake the Certificate IV Mental Health Peer Work.

The Queensland Alliance for Mental Health (QAMH) has been contracted by the Queensland Mental Health Commission (QMHC) to lead the project to deliver the scholarships in Queensland.

There are 178 scholarship packages available in total throughout 2023-2024.

The scholarship package includes:

- Payment of up to \$4000 (via invoice directly to your chosen Training Organisation) towards the course fees of a full time or part time course
- Payment of up to \$1000 to support attendance and study material for the full duration of the course
- The opportunity to participate in additional mentoring and co-reflection sessions

Selection Criteria

To check your eligibility for a scholarship please tick the boxes that apply to you.

To be eligible for a scholarship you must:

be 17 years or older, no longer in school and a resident of Queensland

be an Australian or New Zealand citizen, or a holder of a permanent residence visa, or a migrant, refugee or asylum seeker holding a temporary or bridging visa providing work and/or study rights

have a lived experience of mental illness and / or suicidality as a consumer, carer, family member and be employed with a mental health or suicide prevention service provider in a Peer Worker role

OR

have a lived experience of mental illness and / or suicidality as a consumer, carer, family member and be wanting to seek employment in a Peer Worker role

be able to meet the attendance and study requirements to complete the Certificate IV in Mental Health Peer Work course, include attending an 80-hour work placement

Please note: While there are a large number of scholarships available priority will be given to:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
- People living in rural and remote locations
- People not employed by the state or federal government
- People who are not currently receiving another government bursary or scholarship.

Why Apply?

There has been a recent increase in funding for Lived Experience positions in Queensland and there is a commitment from government to maintain this growth. The Certificate IV in Mental Health Peer Work will give you the opportunity to build on your lived experience or on-the-job experience and receive the nationally recognised qualification desired by employers for most Peer Worker roles.

The scholarship package not only removes the financial barriers to completing the course but also provides additional mentoring to enhance your study journey and connect you with other Peers and local organisations who employ Peer Workers.

- Be part of a rapidly developing workforce in mental health
- Upskill your credentials to broaden your career opportunities
- Receive a nationally recognised qualification in mental health

Check out the many career pathways that Certificate IV in Mental Health Peer Work can take you!

- ❖ Peer worker (mental health peer worker; peer support worker; peer recovery worker; peer recovery support worker; peer rehabilitation worker)
- ❖ Consumer peer support worker
- ❖ Carer peer support worker
- ❖ Recovery worker
- ❖ Recovery assistant
- ❖ Peer mentor / recovery mentor
- ❖ Consumer rehabilitation support worker
- ❖ Wellbeing coach
- ❖ Lived expertise coach
- ❖ Peer artist
- ❖ Lifestyle facilitator
- ❖ Lived expertise connection worker
- ❖ Lived expertise resource worker
- ❖ Lived expertise group facilitator.

[Work opportunities](#) are available in public, private or community managed services.

Please note: Applicant information, including name and other details in relation to the scholarship, may be disclosed to the Department of Health via the Queensland Mental Health Commission.

Next Steps

1. Make sure you have read all of the information about the Scholarships Program on the QAMH website (qamh.org.au)
2. Make sure you meet all the eligibility criteria
3. Determine the course you would like to enrol in
4. Contact QAMH for more information if required at scholarships@qamh.org.au
5. Complete the Application form

How to Apply

1. Make sure you are eligible to apply for a Peer Work Scholarship by checking the Selection Criteria on Page 1. If you ticked all checklist box sections you are eligible to apply for a Peer Work Scholarship to complete the Certificate IV in Mental Health Peer Work course.
2. Please take note of the application dates to ensure you submit your application in time.

2023 Application Dates

Scholarship Applications Open (First Round)	Monday 24 April 2023
Scholarship Applications Close	Monday 22 May 2023
Panel Assessment of Applications	
Notification of Outcome to Applicants	Week of Monday 5 June 2023
Scholarship Applications Open (Second Round)	Monday 7 August 2023
Scholarship Applications Close	Monday 4 September 2023
Panel Assessment of Applications	
Notification of Outcome to Applicants	Week of Monday 2 October 2023
Scholarship Applications Open (Third Round)	Monday 16 October 2023
Scholarship Applications Close	Monday 13 November 2023
Panel Assessment of Applications	
Notification of Outcome to Applicants	Week of Monday 4 December 2023

3. Complete the Application Form. You can fill out the online form on our website at: <https://www.qamh.org.au/scholarships/apply> or fill out the pdf version of the application form on Pages 4 and 5. Once you have completed the form email it with any additional documentation to: scholarships@qamh.org.au

You will receive notification that your application has been successfully lodged by email.

Please note that submitting this application does not guarantee that you will receive a scholarship.

Once the panel has assessed your application, you will be notified of the outcome on the date identified for that round of scholarships.

Application Form

Email your completed application with any additional documentation to: scholarships@qamh.org.au

Name:

Preferred Pronouns:

Address:

Email:

Phone:

Are you an Australian or New Zealand Citizen?

Yes

No

If you selected 'no' please give details about your current visa status:

What is your First Nations status?

Aboriginal

Torres Strait Islander

Both

Neither

Is English an additional language?

Yes

No

What is your Lived Experience perspective?

Personal experience of mental illness and or suicidality and recovery

Supporter of someone with experience of mental health challenges and/or suicidality

1. List any relevant qualifications, training and employment experience you have (please attach your current CV if available)

