

Australian Association of Stomal Therapy Nurses (AASTN) Research Grant

Value:

- The value of the scholarship is three thousand dollars (\$3000)

Objective:

- To assist an active AASTN Full Member to undertake research relevant to the field of Stomal Therapy in Australia

Closing Date:

- April 30th annually

Applying:

- The application form is available on the AASTN website
- The application will include a research proposal
- A current resume and other supportive documentation as listed on the application form must be submitted to the AASTN Executive Secretary via email aastnexecutive@gmail.com

Selection Criteria and Guidelines:

- Open to Stomal Therapy Nurses with full membership of the AASTN
- The submissions must be original, unpublished work related to any aspect of Stomal Therapy Nursing
- Proposed work must be research based and relevant to the field of Stomal Therapy Nursing in Australia
- Preference will be shown for research that can be conducted and analysed within one year
- For research studies that involve humans, ethics approval must have been granted by an accredited Human Research Ethics Committee prior to applying for the grant
 - The AASTN is unable to grant ethics approval for research studies

Assessment of Applications:

- Each application will be judged by the following criteria:
 - Need for proposed study
 - Originality of proposed study
 - Possible impact of the study on commonly held professional beliefs / practices
 - Background body of knowledge available for proposed area of study
- A representative body will meet to assess and rank the proposals using a score chart to highlight:
 - Feasibility
 - The importance of the research question
 - Specificity of the design
 - Realistic timetable for the study given
 - Contribution to current knowledge / practice
 - Applicant's demonstrated knowledge of the subject area
- The AASTN Executive will notify applicants of success or otherwise of their application within six (6) weeks of closing date
- The successful applicant will have their name published in the *Journal of Stomal Therapy Australia*

Obligations of the Recipient of the Grant:

- Research findings will be presented at the Conference of the AASTN and published in the Journal of Stomal Therapy Australia (the investigator will retain copyright)
- A progress report from the applicant will be expected after six (6) months
- The AASTN will be acknowledged in publications and abstracts