

Barbara Skurr Scholarship Guidelines

For 2nd Year Master Students in Audiology

PURPOSE

Barbara Skurr was a founding member of Audiology Australia, and the first female president, elected in January 1971. Barbara worked in hospitals in Sydney for many years, with stints in Singapore and Indonesia. Her early journal articles about binaural hearing and hearing aid use, and speech discrimination, helped pave the way for a greater understanding of how hearing aids can benefit people with hearing loss.

The Barbara Skurr Scholarship was established as an innovative program to support and encourage attendance at the biennial Audiology Australia national conferences by students enrolled in Australian masters in audiology programs.

The AudA Conference is a highlight of the AudA's CPD Event calendar. For students studying audiology, it is an ideal introduction to scientific research and education. Also, it is often the first opportunity for students to meet and network with colleagues from different centres within Australia.

THE AWARD

Audiology Australia is pleased to offer student members an opportunity to access financial support through the Barbara Skurr Scholarship. This is available to one student from each Australian university masters in audiology program:

- Flinders University
- Macquarie University
- University of Melbourne
- University of Queensland
- University of Western Australia
- La Trobe University

Through the Barbara Skurr Scholarship, Audiology Australia will support the following for each selected student:

- Student registration for the full conference. (Note: This will not include any fees for additional workshops, masterclasses or optional social activities adjunct to the main conference program.)
- Up to four nights' accommodation. (Note: Consideration of additional overnight accommodation will be made in instances of long-distance travel. Any student residing in the host city will not be funded for accommodation. The choice of accommodation and potential for shared accommodation arrangements will be at discretion of the Audiology Australia Board.)
- Return economy airfare to Perth, WA (Any student residing in the host city will not be funded for air travel)

ELIGIBILITY

There are no mandatory selection criteria other than the student ***must be a current student member of Audiology Australia.***

The selection of students will be upon the review of the 300-word response, in addition to academic and character reference checks through the Course Co-Ordinator/Lecturer if required.

Through the reference check process, considerations for selection may include students who demonstrate:

- Active involvement in your university's Master's degree audiology program
- Potential and interest to engage in conference activities

- Good communication skills to provide feedback and summarise experiences to fellow student's post-conference
- Potential interest to present oral or poster presentations at the following Audiology Australia conference
- Willingness or capacity to become active in the short-medium term with local State Chapter activities or with the Early Career Audiologist Group

CRITERIA FOR APPOINTMENT

- The application must be endorsed by the applicant's course co-ordinator or a lecturer prior to submission
- Applicants must submit a response to the question *"What do you perceive as the future of audiology, and what impact will this have on your future?"* in 300 words or less. Assessment of applications is based on the merit of the response provided.
- While at the conference successful applicants are expected to attend networking opportunity such as conference breakfast with senior audiologists and pre-arranged informal gathering and introduction of students to President, CEO and Audiology Australia staff at suitable time such as morning or afternoon tea.
- Applicants must agree, if successful, to submit a 200-word report on their AudA Conference light bulb moment following the event.

APPLICATIONS PROCEDURE

Any eligible student may apply for this scholarship by completing the application form, which can be downloaded from the AudA conference website. Application forms should be submitted along with relevant supporting documentation.

The closing date for applications will be promoted through various AudA communication channels, including e-newsletters, the AudA conference website and Audiology Now, and shall be in or around mid-February of each year.

Late applications will not be accepted.

APPLICATION ENDORSEMENT

All eligible applications will be reviewed by the National Conference Committee for endorsement.

NOTIFICATION

Once the successful recipients have been determined, AudA will formally notify the successful recipients by email. Ordinarily this notification will take place in late March each year.

PRESENTATION AND ANNOUNCEMENT

The successful recipients will be presented at the Conference Dinner on the Tuesday evening. It is anticipated that recipients are present to accept their certificate.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

AudA will arrange accommodation and flights on behalf of the successful applicants. Students are required to submit their flight preferences via the travel request booking form provided by AudA.

POST EVENT REPORT

The recipients awarded the above scholarships will be required to submit a 200-word report on their AudA Conference light bulb moment following the event.

KEY DATES

Late February 2020

- Applications will be promoted through various AudA communication channels, including e-newsletters, the AudA website and Audiology Now.

19 March 2020

- Closing date for nomination of students and contact details.

26 March 2020

- Audiology Australia Board approval of nominations.

27 March 2020

- Audiology Australia office advise successful students of Barbara Skurr Scholarship and details of inclusions and exclusions.

3 April 2020

- Successful students to submit their flight preferences via the travel request booking form.

13 May 2020

- Post conference report due.

Please Note: The Barbara Skurr Scholarship is subject to change on an annual basis.
