

Applicants should note that scholarships **are not** applications into a university course. Awarded scholarships are provisional on the candidate receiving a university offer in an APAC-accredited Masters or Doctoral program in Clinical Psychology.

***Applications close 31 October 2008.***

Application kits can be downloaded from the APS website at [www.psychology.org.au](http://www.psychology.org.au) or can be posted out upon request by phoning the APS during business hours on 1800 703 883 (toll free within Australia).

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The Australian Psychological Society (APS) is administering scholarships funded by the Department of Health and Ageing for part-time and full-time students applying to commence an APAC-accredited Masters or Professional Doctorate in Clinical Psychology in 2009. Scholarships are valued at \$15,000 per annum for full-time students, and \$7,500 per annum for part-time students. To be eligible applicants must meet one of the following criteria:

- be from rural, regional or remote localities,
- be an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander,
- have a Culturally and Linguistically Diverse background,
- have demonstrated commitment to working in these locations or with one or more of these populations.

Only applicants that meet one of these criteria will be considered. Scholarships will be awarded based on academic performance, professional experience, and degree of strength of evidence for the relevant criteria.

## Rural, regional, or remote residency status

Recency of rural, regional, or remote residency status will be assessed using the applicant's principal home address for the period the applicant lived in an Australian rural, regional and/or remote area. The applicant will need to demonstrate by way of official documentation proof of rural, regional, or remote residency for the past 5 consecutive years or 8 cumulative years over their lifetime.

## Definition of Aboriginality and/or Torres Strait Islander

An Australian and/or Torres Strait Islander person for the purposes of the Mental Health Postgraduate Scholarship Scheme: Clinical Psychology is one who:

- Is of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent; and
- Identifies as an Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person; and
- Is accepted as being of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent in the community in which she/he lives or has lived.

## Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CaLD) Status

Cultural and linguistic diversity refers to the wide range of cultural groups that make up the Australian population and Australian communities. A person from a Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CaLD) background includes those:

- whose first language is one other than English,
- whose family background involves migration from a non-English speaking country
- individuals who moved to Australia as immigrants or refugees from non-English speaking countries as well as the children of migrant parents.

## Demonstrated commitment to working in rural, regional or remote localities, and/or with Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islanders, and/or culturally and linguistically diverse populations

Applicants can show demonstrated commitment to one of these areas through relevant:

- Work experience,
- Volunteer work,
- Previous employment,
- Research and/or publications.