



Rosemary Bryant AO Research Centre Masters of Research (Health) Grant for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses and/or Midwives

University of South Australia

The Rosemary Bryant AO Research Centre is offering a grant to support an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurse and/or Midwife to complete their Masters of Research. This grant opportunity will be offered to support nurses and/or midwives who are planning to commence this program of study from 2020.

The information below is provided to guide prospective applicants. This frequently asked questions guide will be updated as new information becomes available.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

1. When does the grant open?

- a. It is anticipated that this will be open late October 2019 with the plan to commence study in 2020. Please check the website for further details.

2. What information do I need to provide to apply?

- a. The details of the grant requirements will be available late October on the website

3. Do I have to be an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person to apply?

- a. Yes. Only Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are eligible to apply for this grant.

4. Do I have to be a nurse, midwife, or dual-registered nurse and midwife to apply?

- a. Yes, any of the above are eligible to apply.

5. Are enrolled nurses eligible to apply?

- a. You must have successfully completed a Bachelor of Nursing or Midwifery degree or higher with a recognised higher education institution and also fulfil all other requirements of UniSA's Masters of Research (Health) in nursing or midwifery.

6. Do I need to be currently registered with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA)?

- a. Yes. You must hold a Current Practising Certificate as a Registered Nurse or Midwife with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA). The intent of the grant is to support nurses and midwives to affect change in their local community, so we are looking for people who are currently practising as nurse or midwife.

- 7. Do I need to be eligible to study a Masters of Research (Health) in Nursing or Midwifery at UniSA?**
- Yes. The entry requirements are here: <https://i.unisa.edu.au/policies-and-procedures/university-policies/research/res-10-regulations/#1.5>
- 8. Can I study a different degree or speciality and still receive the grant?**
- No. You must enrol and study UniSA's Masters of Research (Health) in Nursing or Midwifery.
- 9. I already have a Masters Degree. Can I study a PhD and still apply for the grant?**
- At this stage, the grant is intended to go towards a student to study a Masters of Research degree, however special dispensation may be granted subject to approval. Please contact us if this may apply to you.
- 10. Can I study at a different university and still receive the grant?**
- No. The grant is being promoted through UniSA only.
- 11. If I'm already enrolled at UniSA in a Masters of Research (Health) in nursing or midwifery, can I apply for the grant?**
- Yes.
- 12. Do I have to move to Adelaide to study?**
- No; it is hoped that the grant awardee/s will stay in their local community and only be required to travel to Adelaide twice per year (funded by the grant) for intensive study weeks.
- 13. I already live in/near Adelaide, Whyalla, or Mount Gambier campuses; am I eligible to apply for the grant?**
- Yes.
- 14. Can I move to Adelaide to study?**
- Yes; while the grant will cover your travel etc up to the value of the grant funding criteria offered from anywhere in Australia to Adelaide twice per year, you may move to Adelaide if you wish to. Costs associated with moving to Adelaide are not covered by the grant.
- 15. What does the \$20,000 grant cover?**
- The grant will cover your travel, accommodation, and incidentals when traveling and staying in Adelaide twice per year during your Masters of Research (Health) Degree. A research stipend will also be made available to support other education costs (e.g. textbooks).
- 16. Can I use the grant money for anything other than travelling to Adelaide for the intensive study periods?**
- No.
- 17. Do I have to study full time?**
- No, part-time study may be negotiated.

- 18. Does my employer have to agree to let me study and work at the same time?**
- a. It is not a requirement of the grant, but you may want to negotiate this with your employer. Please check with the appropriate personnel at your place of work.
- 19. Do I need to be based in a “low resource setting”?**
- a. No, but your research project must focus on an issue or challenge faced by your local community.
- 20. The grant information says that it is “subject to formal approval by the University of South Australia”. What does that mean?**
- a. As a new grant, it is required to go through UniSA’s formal grant approval process. This process will be finalised in late October. The grant is anticipated to support students enrolled into University from 2020.
- 21. Can I research a topic that does not relate to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples?**
- a. No. The research topic must be one that is relevant to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as these are the groups which this grant is intended to focus upon and support.
- 22. Who can I speak to or email if I have any questions about the grant or application process?**
- a. Please contact rbrc@unisa.edu.au or call 08 8302 2129.