



Infection Control Scholarship 2021



**Have you initiated a successful infection control strategy or would like to develop or implement one?
If so, Cardinal Health want to recognise your excellence!**

The Cardinal Health 2021 Infection Control Scholarship has been designed to encourage Australian and New Zealand infection control practitioners to share their successes and innovations and to gain support for further work in these areas. The scholarship is to support critical infection control projects to enhance patient safety and assist best practice procedures and work place outcomes.

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Eligibility:

1. You must be a current employee/student within an Australian or New Zealand healthcare institution.
2. You must submit a scholarship application outlining your respective area of infection control interest (see scholarship application form).
3. You must highlight the specific procedural, patient and/or work place benefits of such current or future projects.
4. You must summarise what support you require to continue/complete your project (please refer to examples below).
5. You must email your application on the 2021 Cardinal Health Infection Control Scholarship Application Form provided. Soft copies of the Cardinal Health 2021 Infection Control Scholarship Application forms are available by visiting the ACIPC website:

**(<http://www.acipc.org.au>) or by emailing:
Aust.infection.control@cardinalhealth.com**

You are ineligible if:

1. You are an employee of a State or Territory Health Department [State or Territory Health Department means an employee of the health department directly (i.e. in a government post) not a public hospital employee.]
2. You apply for funding to cover resource issues with respect to backfill of your position. Funding is not for direct salaries.

Scholarship Program:

A maximum of AUD \$50,000 is available over the period 1 January to 31 December 2021 to be provided for successful scholarship applications.

This funding will be awarded across three categories:

- Major Research Project: Awarded to two projects requiring funding up to \$15,000 (Total Award = \$30,000).
- Minor Research Projects: Two grants for research projects requiring funding up to \$5,000 will be awarded (Total Award = \$10,000).
- Educational Grant: A total of \$10,000 in grants to further educational requests related to infection control.

For successful applicants, the agreed scholarship funding will be paid to the institution where the applicant is employed, to be used specifically for required project activities such as:

1. Direct education for post graduate training, bridging courses and certificate training.
2. Attendance (i.e. registration fees, travel and accommodation costs) for conferences, seminars and study days.
3. The provision of required books, teaching resources and poster presentations.
4. Other agreed specific activities.

Selection Process:

Scholarship applications are to be submitted to Cardinal Health. As the applications are received, Cardinal Health will review all applications and pass the applications of candidates to an independent panel of infection control professionals, appointed by ACIPC. The panel will review project applications on their merit against agreed criteria including:

- a. Best infection control clinical practice.
- b. Innovative infection control research.
- c. Enhanced patient and co worker safety.
- d. Enhanced work place outcomes and occupational health and safety.

The Panel will give their recommendations as to which candidates should receive scholarships. Cardinal Health, in its absolute discretion, reserves the right to make the final selections.

Successful candidates and their employers will be notified in writing within 30 days of the Panel review, specifying:

1. The scholarship value for the agreed project.
2. Verification of the project objective and expected outcomes.
3. The specific activities for which the scholarship monies will be used.
4. Guidelines for receiving and spending scholarship monies, recording of expenditures and the submission of regular status reports concerning the project.
5. Request for a tax invoice for the nominated scholarship value, from the healthcare institution that the applicant is employed by, made out to Cardinal Health Australia 503 Pty Ltd.
6. Timeline for project completion.

Each scholarship recipient will be required to present a summary of their project outcomes to **Aust.infection.control@cardinalhealth.com** within 3 months of project completion.

Please note, the closing date for all applications is 31 March 2021.

**Please email completed application forms to:
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