

EML Scholarship: Evidence Portfolio Pathway to Pain Titling Terms & Conditions

1. Overview

The EML Scholarship – Evidence Portfolio Pathway to Pain Titling is offered by the Australian Physiotherapy Association (APA) in collaboration with EML. The scholarship supports physiotherapists in completing the Evidence Portfolio Pathway to Pain Titling by covering associated fees and providing access to group-based tele-mentoring.

The availability and continuation of this scholarship is subject to ongoing sponsorship funding by EML. Should funding change or cease, the APA reserves the right to amend, suspend, or withdraw the scholarship.

By submitting an application, applicants agree to be bound by these Terms and Conditions. The APA reserves the right to amend these terms, with reasonable notice provided to applicants and recipients.

2. Eligibility

To be eligible for the scholarship, applicants must:

- Practice in South Australia, Victoria, or New South Wales.
- Meet the eligibility criteria and prerequisites outlined in the [Titling Credential Evidence Portfolio Pathway Information Handbook](#) (pages 4–5).
- Be a current financial member of the Australian Physiotherapy Association.
- Not have previously received this scholarship.
- Demonstrate how the scholarship will support their professional development and outline their strong commitment to completing the pathway.
- Demonstrate readiness, motivation, and alignment with the scholarship's purpose, including commitment to advancing high-quality pain management practice.
- Be willing to work collaboratively with a mentor to complete the Evidence Portfolio Pathway to Pain Titling.

3. Priority Considerations

All applicants are invited to apply that meet the above criteria.

The assessment process will also take into account applicants with priority considerations including:

- Are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander.
- Practice in regional, rural, or remote Australia.

- Have culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) lived experience.

These priority considerations reflect the scholarship's intent to support equitable access to advanced professional recognition, however, priority status does not guarantee selection.

4. What the Scholarship Covers

The scholarship provides funding to support participation in the Evidence Portfolio Pathway to Pain Titling. Scholarship funds may be applied to costs associated with:

- Application, portfolio, and examination fees required for the Evidence Portfolio Pathway to Pain Titling.
- Access to support participation in online group-based tele-mentoring activities.

Scholarship funds are administered by the Australian College of Physiotherapists and are not transferred directly to recipients. The APA is not responsible for any additional costs incurred by recipients, including but not limited to travel, equipment or supplementary materials required to complete scholarship activities.

5. Application & Selection process

Applications are assessed as per the process & procedures as listed on the website - the decision of the APA regarding the selected Scholarship recipients will be final, and no appeals or requests for review will be accepted.

6. Notification and Acceptance

All applicants will be notified of the outcome in writing. Successful applicants must confirm acceptance within the timeframe specified in the offer (generally two weeks). Failure to respond by the due date may result in the offer being withdrawn and made available to the next eligible candidate.

7. Payment

No funds will be transferred directly to recipients. All scholarship payments are processed by the APA Finance Unit in accordance with the contract and the Training & Assessment Team's established procedures.

8. Recipient Obligations

By accepting the scholarship, recipients agree to:

- Provide accurate and complete information in their application and throughout the scholarship period.
- Submit their Evidence Portfolio application and portfolio within the specified timeframe.
- Attend at least 80% of group-based tele-mentoring sessions and present cases as required. Attendance will be recorded by mentors.

- Report progress to the the APA Training & Assessment Team every 3 months which will be used to advise Employers Mutual Limited (EML) of recipient progress
- Notify the APA promptly in writing if they withdraw, defer, or become ineligible to continue.
- Acknowledge that any additional examination attempts or portfolio re-submissions beyond those covered by the scholarship are at their own expense.
- Maintain current and valid Ahpra registration for the duration of the scholarship period.
- Comply with the APA Code of Conduct throughout their participation in the scholarship and associated activities.

Important: Non-compliance with the 80% tele-mentoring attendance requirement may result in the APA withdrawing scholarship coverage for the one permitted re-attempt and re-submission, at the APA's discretion.

9. Withdrawal and Ineligibility

The APA reserves the right to withdraw or cancel a scholarship if:

- The recipient provides false or misleading information.
- The recipient engages in misconduct, breaches professional or ethical standards, or fails to comply with the APA Code of Conduct.
- The recipient no longer meets eligibility requirements or fails to fulfil their responsibilities.
- The Evidence Portfolio application is withdrawn or deemed ineligible.

If a recipient withdraws before the scholarship has commenced or before the tele-mentoring component has begun, the next highest-ranked eligible candidate may be offered the scholarship, subject to available funds and College Council endorsement.

As scholarship funds are administered by the College and not paid directly to recipients, reimbursement will not be required. Any unspent funds will be reallocated in accordance with APA and College financial procedures.

In cases of compassionate or exceptional circumstances (e.g., illness or personal hardship), recipients may request special consideration in accordance with the ACP Special Consideration Policy.

10. Privacy

Personal information collected during the application process will be used solely for scholarship administration purposes and handled in accordance with the APA's Privacy Policy - applications are de-identified prior to panel review. By accepting the scholarship, recipients consent to APA collecting, using, and disclosing their name, image, professional details and scholarship-related stories for marketing and reporting purposes across APA and EML communication channels.