

APA Membership Sponsorship 2023

For Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Physiotherapists

We invite applications from registered physiotherapists of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander background for APA's annual membership sponsorship.

APA believe in enhancing the representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people within the physiotherapy profession. In support of this, and as part of our ongoing commitment to reconciliation, we are providing up to five annual sponsorships for physiotherapists of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander background to fund up to 12 months of their membership fees and a National Group subscription of their choice.

Please use this application form to apply for sponsorship. Please read all sections carefully and complete as necessary.

Section 1: Eligibility

Part A - Membership Eligibility

- I agree to abide by the APA Constitution and Code of Conduct
- I am of good fame and character, and a fit and proper person to be a member of the Association
- I agree to declare any criminal conviction recorded against me
- I have no ruling of unprofessional conduct, professional misconduct or unsatisfactory professional conduct (or similar), or a finding of grounds for disciplinary action (or similar), by the Physiotherapy Board of Australia or its equivalent or by my industry registration board

Part B - Changes in Circumstance

- I agree to declare any changes in my eligibility or potential eligibility for membership
- I agree to declare any pending criminal charges and/or unresolved disciplinary proceedings regarding my professional conduct by the Physiotherapy Board of Australia or its equivalent

Part C – Sponsorship Eligibility

Are you of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander origin?

- Yes, Aboriginal
- Yes, Torres Strait Islander
- Yes, both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

Part D – Declaration

I declare all information provided in this form will be true and that I will not suppress nor misstate any facts.

SIGNED: _____ DATE: _____



Section 2: Personal Details

The following questions will be used to create or confirm your membership profile & contact information:

APA Membership Number (if known):	Physiotherapy Board Reg No:
<input type="checkbox"/> Prof <input type="checkbox"/> Dr <input type="checkbox"/> Mr <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs <input type="checkbox"/> Miss <input type="checkbox"/> Ms. <input type="checkbox"/> Mx	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Gender diverse <input type="checkbox"/> I'd prefer not to say
Given Names:	Surname:
Home Address:	
Suburb:	Postcode:
State:	Country:
Mobile Number:	Date of Birth:
Email:	
Job Title:	Employment sector:

In the event that you are successful for the sponsorship, please tick this box if you agree to be publically acknowledged as a recipient (an example may include your name appearing on the APA website).
Not ticking this box will not impact your eligibility for the sponsorship.

Section 3: Membership Category

The following questions will be used to determine which membership category best suits you.

What type of registration do you currently hold? <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Limited <input type="checkbox"/> Non-practising <input type="checkbox"/> Student
What year did/will you graduate from an entry-level accredited physiotherapy degree?
Which sector do you work in most? <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Public and/or Community <input type="checkbox"/> Neither, Not Currently Working <input type="checkbox"/> Neither, Studying a Postgraduate Degree <input type="checkbox"/> Neither, Working Overseas
How many hours per week do you work? <input type="checkbox"/> Average more than 18 hours <input type="checkbox"/> Average less than 18 hours <input type="checkbox"/> Not Currently Working
Do you want Ahpra compliant professional indemnity insurance with your membership? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, I have professional indemnity insurance elsewhere

Section 4: National Group

If successful for this sponsorship, which National Group would you like to join? Please select one.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Acupuncture and Dry Needling | <input type="checkbox"/> Gerontology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Practice (including Emergency Department) | <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership and Management |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Animal | <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic | <input type="checkbox"/> Musculoskeletal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business Group - Practitioner | <input type="checkbox"/> Neurology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business Group – Premium Principal | <input type="checkbox"/> Occupational Health |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cancer, Palliative Care and Lymphoedema | <input type="checkbox"/> Orthopaedic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cardiorespiratory | <input type="checkbox"/> Paediatric |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disability | <input type="checkbox"/> Pain |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educators | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports and Exercise |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Women's, Men's and Pelvic Health |

Section 5: Statement

Please tell us in at least 150 words why you are applying for this sponsorship.

e.g. How would a sponsorship of your APA membership and a National Group subscription help you in your physiotherapy career? What does being a physiotherapist mean to you and/or your community?

Section 6: Supporting documents checklist

Please attach the following supporting documents:

C.V. or resume

At least one written reference/letter of support for the applicant's sponsorship (e.g. university staff, employer, APA member)

Section 7: Terms and Conditions

Overview

The Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Sponsorship has been developed to recognise the valuable contributions of Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander physiotherapists. The APA will provide up to five eligible Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander physiotherapists:

- 12 months of complimentary membership with APA
- One subscription to a National Group of their choice

The sponsorship is not transferrable or redeemable. Once the complimentary membership period has lapsed, members are responsible for paying the membership and national group fees in order to maintain these subscriptions.

Eligibility Criteria

Each year APA will select up to 5 successful candidates to receive the sponsorship. To be eligible for consideration of the sponsorship, applicants must:

- be of (or identify as) Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander origin
- reside in Australia
- be eligible for a paid membership type with APA (those eligible for otherwise complimentary memberships should join APA via regular pathways)
- demonstrate a commitment to a career in physiotherapy
- provide all required documentation prior to the closing date
- have not previously been awarded the sponsorship*
- Abide by the APA membership eligibility requirements

*Applicants who are not successful with their application may apply for sponsorship again in the following year if they meet the eligibility criteria.

APA are not obliged to award any sponsorships if it is deemed no suitable candidates have applied.

Important Dates

APA will have two intakes of applications for the sponsorship each year, unless all five sponsorships have already been allocated in the first intake.

Intake 1

- Applications will open in September and close in October*
- Successful candidates will be notified in November
- Sponsored membership will commence in January of the following year

Intake 2

- Applications will open in April and close in May*
- Successful candidates will be notified in June
- Sponsored membership will commence in July of the same year

*Specific dates for each intake will be updated on the [APA website](#) in the lead up to the opening.

Applications

Applicants must provide the following to APA prior to the closing date:

- A completed and signed application form
- A current C.V. or resume
- At least one written reference/letter of support for the applicant's sponsorship (e.g. university staff, employer, APA member)

Applications must be sent to info@australian.physio
Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

Selection

The sponsorship will be awarded to successful recipients on the recommendation of an APA selection panel. Selection of the sponsorship recipient/s will be based on:

- The candidate's eligibility to receive the sponsorship
- The personal statement provided in this application form (see section 5)
- The written reference/s provided

The selection panel will take into account the benefit the sponsorship would have for the awardee. Preference will be given to applicants who have not already been awarded other sponsorships or scholarships.

Notification of the Results

Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their sponsorship application via email. It is the responsibility of the applicant to provide the correct email address with their application for notification of the results. Every effort will be made to contact the successful candidates. However if we are unable to notify a candidate of the outcome, they may forfeit the sponsorship.

Provision of Sponsorship

Successful candidates during will be provided with a discount code to use during the checkout when joining or renewing their APA membership. Successful candidates during intake 2 will be contacted by APA directly to arrange their following year's renewal.

Termination of Sponsorship

APA reserves the right to withhold, suspend or terminate the sponsorship at any point during the sponsorship period. Reasons APA may suspend or terminate a sponsorship include but are not limited to:

- providing false or misleading information within the sponsorship application
- the candidate is no longer eligible for membership
- the candidate is no longer in good standing
- the candidate is not eligible for the sponsorship

Publicity and Reporting

Sponsorship recipients who have consented to be publically acknowledged may be contacted by APA to participate in publicity of the sponsorship from time to time. This may include, but is not limited to, an interview, a photograph or a written statement.

APA will not publish any personal details of anyone who has opted out of public acknowledgement as a recipient of the sponsorship.