

APA Conference Ignite Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander physiotherapy bursaries

The Australian Physiotherapy Association (APA) recognises the importance of a strong Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander physiotherapy workforce, and the significant contribution that physiotherapists make to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health.

The APA is offering up to six (6) bursaries to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander physiotherapy students and early-career physiotherapists to attend the APA FOCUS26 Conference in Cairns on 15 – 17 October 2026.

Each bursary will cover the cost of conference registration, return economy airfares, accommodation and transport.

Eligibility

- Identify as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person.
- Be currently enrolled in a physiotherapy course at an Australian university OR have graduated from a physiotherapy course within the last two years.
- Not previously received a conference bursary from the APA; and
- Not be a current member of the APA Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Committee.

In assessing all eligible applications, preference will be given to students who are currently in their fourth year of study and to physiotherapists who are currently in their first year of practice.

To apply, complete this form and email the APA by 31 March 2026 via Firstnations.health@australian.physio

Applicant details

Are you a current APA Member? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	APA Membership Number (if known):
<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	Email:
Given Names:	Surname:
Street Address:	
Suburb:	Postcode:
State:	Phone:
Are you of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander origin?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes – Aboriginal
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes – Torres Strait Islander
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
Have you previously received a conference bursary from the APA?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Education details

Course Name	
University	
Current year of study (<i>Students only</i>)	
Year of graduation or expected graduation	

Employment details (*if applicable*)

Job Title	
Employment sector	

Application questions

Please provide responses to each of the following questions.

Q1. Tell us a bit about yourself, including who your mob are and where you are from (*max 150 words*)

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Q2. Why would you like to attend the APA Conference, and what are you hoping to learn or achieve from this experience? (*max 150 words*)

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Q3. How do you feel this experience will help you develop as a physiotherapist? *(max 150 words)*

Q4. How will you share your learnings from this experience with others working in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and/or communities? *(max 150 words)*

Q5. How have you been involved with the APA to date, or how do you plan to be involved with the APA in the future? *(max 150 words)*

Declaration

- I declare that the information I have provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that providing false or misleading information, or omitting relevant information, may lead to my application not being considered.*

SIGN:

DATE:

Please email the APA your completed application form by **31 March 2026** via Firstnations.health@australian.physio

