

Department of Health and Human Services (Vic) Scholarships for AOD workers to undertake the Graduate Certificate of Addictive Behaviours in 2021

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is offering 20 scholarships (worth approximately \$9,000 each) to workers within the Victorian Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) sector to undertake the Graduate Certificate of Addictive Behaviours. This course is online, February 2021 to November 2021, and is facilitated by Turning Point staff in conjunction with Monash University. The scholarships are an opportunity for workers within the Victorian AOD sector to gain access to a specialised AOD qualification at a postgraduate level.

The two (2) units in the Graduate Certificate of Addictive Behaviours provide students with a comprehensive overview of the biopsychosocial theories of addiction and evidence-based assessment, treatment, and practice. Both units are delivered online. More information regarding the Graduate Certificate of Addictive Behaviours can be found online at monash.edu/study/course/m4018.

Scholarship Information

The scholarship is valued at approximately \$9,000 per person and will be limited to approximately 80% of the cost of tuition/course fees only. The applicant will be responsible for the balance which includes student fees, any costs related to computers, late enrolment fees, textbook, student services fees and other incidentals. The expected cost to the applicant is approximately \$4,000 (\$2,000 / semester) to complete the Graduate Certificate of Addictive Behaviours in 2021. Enrolled students may be eligible for a FEE-HELP loan to pay the outstanding tuition fees. For more information about FEE-HELP loans, please contact Monash University directly or <https://www.studyassist.gov.au/help-loans/fee-help>

Eligibility

All conditions must be met by applicants

- Must currently work within a DHHS funded AOD agency in Victoria
- Must have worked in the AOD sector for at least two (2) years
- Must hold an Australian undergraduate degree (or equivalent) in a cognate discipline* with at least a pass average
*Cognate disciplines include medicine, psychology, nursing, health science, occupational therapy, social work, social and community welfare, science, policy, law, criminology, research, teaching, arts (multidisciplinary), and other health and social sciences.
- Must be eligible and meet the criteria for enrolment into M4018 Graduate Certificate of Addictive Behaviours

Additional selection criteria

- English language Monash minimum: Level A, that is: IELTS (Academic): 6.5 overall (no band lower than 6.0); or Pearson Test of English (Academic): score of 58 overall
- Applicants are requested to submit a curriculum vitae and a 500 word statement of purpose outlining reasons for undertaking the course and why they believe they should be awarded a scholarship.

Selection

- A selection panel consisting of representatives from DHHS, Turning Point and Monash University will review all expressions of interest. Selection will be based on meeting the eligibility criteria for the course as well as reviewing the statement of purpose and occupational and academic achievements.
- The panel will ensure that the allocation of scholarships is fairly distributed across the Victorian AOD sector.
- Priority will be given to those in a clinical role.
- Priority will be given to those who have not previously received a scholarship from DHHS for this course.
- Applicants must commit to completing the course in 2021 and paying any outstanding fee to Monash University.

Scholarship Expression of Interest

Please complete the Scholarship Expression of Interest form (over page) and return to Student Administration, Michelle Iannacone via email turningpoint@monash.edu with a copy of your curriculum vitae and your 500 word statement of purpose. The closing date for the Scholarship Expression of Interest is **Friday 6th November 2020**. Successful applications will be notified in writing and will be required to complete the admission process into the course via Monash University by **Friday 11th December 2020**.

SCHOLARSHIP EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM 2021

Closing Date: Friday 6th November 2020

Email: turningpoint@monash.edu

Personal Details:

Title: Mr/Mrs/Ms/Dr		Family Name:	
First Name:		Second Name:	
Address:			
Suburb:		State:	Post Code:
Email:			
Phone:		Mobile:	

Employment Details:

Current Organisation:		
Current Position:		Years working in AOD Sector
Address:		
Suburb:		State: Post Code:
Email:		
Mobile:		Phone:

Please answer the following:

Do you have an Australian undergraduate degree or higher qualification in a relevant discipline? Yes No

If yes please specify: _____

Do you currently work within a Victorian DHHS funded AOD agency? Yes No

Have you worked in the AOD sector for at least two (2) years? Yes No

Are you able to commit to completing the course in 2021? Yes No

Are you able to pay the outstanding fee (Approximately \$4,000) to Monash in 2021? Yes No

Have you included your current curriculum vitae with this form? Yes No

Have you included a 500 word statement of purpose outlining reasons for undertaking the course and why you believe you should be awarded a scholarship? Yes No

Have you verified on the Monash link provided that you meet the criteria to be accepted into M4018 Graduate Certificate of Addictive Behaviours at Monash University? Yes No

Signature: _____ Date: _____