

11 May 2016***Diabetes Victoria clocks up 10 years
for prestigious health professional grant program***

Diabetes Victoria is encouraging Victorian health professionals to apply for the 2016 Gwen Scott grant program.

Diabetes Victoria established the Gwen Scott grant program in 2006, as part of a commitment to Victorian health professionals who are supporting those living with, or at risk of, diabetes. Grants are open to health professional members of Diabetes Victoria at all levels of training and experience, including those new to the diabetes community.

“With more than 300,000 Victorians living with diabetes, there is an increasing need to provide health professionals with the opportunity to increase their knowledge and understanding of diabetes, management strategies and health promotion,” says Diabetes Victoria CEO Craig Bennett. “Past recipients have used their grants in a myriad of ways – such as further study for a Graduate Certificate in Diabetes Education, attending World Diabetes Conferences and completing a Master of Advanced Nursing.”

This year, a total of \$25,000 will be awarded to health professionals to further their training and development in diabetes. Grant recipients will also have valuable networking opportunities with other professionals with an interest in the field of diabetes.

Gwen Scott was Australia’s first nurse employed as a specialist in diabetes education and the first employee of the Diabetic Association of Victoria, which is Diabetes Victoria today. She was influential in establishing the role of diabetes educators, both in Victoria and nationally.

“In the next two years, diabetes is set to become the number one single burden of disease in Australia. Diabetes increases a person’s risk of heart attack, stroke, kidney failure, loss of vision and loss of a limb, so the more we can encourage health professionals to further their learning in the field of diabetes the better for all Victorians,” Mr Bennett says.

The 2016 Gwen Scott grant program is now open and will close on Thursday 30 June.

We support, empower and campaign for all Victorians affected by diabetes.

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