

Department of Health (Vic) Scholarships for AOD workers to undertake the Graduate Certificate of Addictive Behaviours in 2022

The Department of Health (DH) is offering 20 scholarships (approximately valued at \$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 2022 to November 2022, and is delivered by Turning Point in partnership 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 Graduate Certificate provides you with foundational knowledge and skills to recognise and respond to substance use disorders and other addictive behaviours. In the first semester unit you will explore models and theories of addiction, examine research evidence to strengthen your understanding of how this informs contemporary policy and public health responses within a harm minimisation framework. In the second semester unit, you will develop practice-relevant skills in identifying, screening and assessment for addictive behaviours, providing brief interventions and referrals for treatment within the context of AOD treatment systems. A particular emphasis will be placed on developing communication, client engagement, professional practice, and interpersonal skills important for all AOD, health and community service practitioners.

Scholarship and Fee Information

The scholarship is valued at approximately \$9,000 per person.

For further information on course structure and course fees please click on the following link:

<https://handbook.monash.edu/2022/courses/M4018>)

Students may be eligible for a FEE-HELP loan. For further information see: <https://www.studyassist.gov.au/help-loans/fee-help>

Eligibility

All conditions must be met by applicants

- Must currently work within a DH 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 Course 2022.

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. This should include your academic and professional interests, how you'll believe you add value to the graduate program and why you believe you should be awarded a scholarship.

Selection

- A selection panel consisting of representatives from DH, 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 DH for this course.
- Applicants must commit to completing the course in 2022 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 **Tuesday 30th November 2021**.

Successful applications will be notified in writing and will be required to complete the admission process into the course via Monash University by **Monday 31st January 2022**.

SCHOLARSHIP EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM 2022

Closing Date: Tuesday 30th November 2021

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 with at least a credit average of 60%? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes please specify: _____

Do you currently work within a Victorian DH 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 2022? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you able to pay the outstanding fee (Approximately \$4,000) to Monash in 2022? ☐ 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: _____