

EMERGING LEADER SCHOLARSHIP

Supported by Victorian Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions



An opportunity for three scholarships to attend the OHA 2024 Forum has come about with support of the Department of Jobs Skills Industry and Regions; Sport and Recreation Victoria and Outdoors Victoria. We thank them for the support and advocacy of the Outdoors sector, and the distinct wellbeing opportunities of Outdoor Health.

The three scholarships are for emerging leaders and contributors to the Outdoor Health field. Two of the scholarships are for Victorian residents; applicants for the third scholarship are invited from other states across Australia. **The scholarship covers the cost of attending the OHA Forum in Tasmania for 5 days**, including access to all sessions (60+ workshops), camping and all catering. Each Scholarship is valued at \$1295+GST. *The recipient must take responsibility for any extra costs - flights etc.*

Outdoor Health Australia (OHA) is the national body for evidence-informed nature-based health and wellbeing research & advocacy, services and therapeutic practice. We hold a National Forum every second year.

Outdoor Health encompasses diverse fields of practice that combine nature and outdoors with the evidence-informed approaches that support wellbeing and healing for people from all walks of life.

Eligibility

The scholarships will be awarded to emerging leaders/contributors, who have passion for the field of Outdoor Health and have demonstrated voluntary contributions to grow this field, as well as demonstrated willingness to actively participate in ongoing learning and contribution in future years.

Nominations

The recipient can self-nominate, or be nominated by anyone associated with the Outdoors sector, from either Outdoor Health, Outdoor Education, Outdoor Recreation, or similar nature-connected and adventure-based experiences that

enhance holistic well-being. Individuals who have a passion for learning, working or volunteering in the field of Outdoor Health are encouraged to apply.

Scholarship Applications

The scholarship is awarded based on the merits of each application. Please email kate@abat.org.au with a one page application that responds to the following questions:

1. Full Name
2. Best Contact Email and Phone number
3. Primary home or work location/ and the Aboriginal name for that Country

4. Describe yourself and/or the organisation you're representing and the work you do in relation to Outdoor Health Australia's values and purpose. (See <https://outdoorhealth.org.au/about/>).

5. Outline why you feel yourself or your organisation and the field of Outdoor Health may benefit from your direct participation in the Forum. Including a willingness to actively participate in ongoing learning and contribution to the field into the future.

6. Outline skills, experience, perspectives you can contribute to the wider Outdoor Health community.

7. Describe how you are able (or what you are already doing) to lift up and drive the vision and goals of Outdoor Health Australia through your contributions, volunteer capacity and active engagement.

8. Any other reasons you'd like to comment on regarding your desire to be awarded this scholarship?

The following criteria will also be considered as part of awarding the scholarships:

- First Nations cultural representation
- Youth representation (under 25 years old)
- LGBTQASB+ representation
- Culturally and Linguistically Diverse representation
- Financial hardship
- Geographic location (remote / rural)
- Capacity at short notice to attend the Forum
- Capacity to maximise learning opportunities within the Forum and ongoing.

For more information or to nominate or apply,

Please contact: kate@abat.org.au

CLOSING DATES FOR APPLICATION – March 18th, 2024.