



GRADUATE WOMEN (WA) INC AWARDS

CLOSING DATE Monday 5 July 2021

Information for Applicants

Graduate Women (WA) has established the Bursary and Scholarship awards to assist women enrolled in higher degrees by research to enhance the quality of their research and project. For 2021, GWWA is proud to announce the following six awards.

- 1. Graduate Women (WA) Open Scholarship – [Value up to \$3,000]**
This scholarship is open to women who are enrolled for a higher degree by research in any discipline. Applicants must be Australian citizens or holders of Australian permanent resident visas.
- 2. Graduate Women (WA) Jillian Bradshaw Scholarship – [Value up to \$3,000]**
This scholarship is open to women enrolled for a higher degree by research in Arts, Humanities or Social Sciences. Applicants must be Australian citizens or holders of Australian permanent resident visas.
- 3. Graduate Women (WA) Mary and Elsie Stevens Scholarship – [Value up to \$3,000]**
This scholarship is open to women enrolled for a higher degree by research in Mathematics or Science. Applicants must be Australian citizens or holders of Australian permanent resident visas.
- 4. Graduate Women (WA) Barbara Mary Hale Bursary – [Value up to \$3,000]**
This bursary is open to women of any nationality, enrolled for a higher degree by research in any discipline.
- 5. Graduate Women (WA) Mary Walters Bursary – [Value up to \$3,000]**
This bursary is open to women of any nationality, enrolled for a higher degree by research in Science.
- 6. Graduate Women (WA) Joyce Riley Bursary – [Value up to \$3,000]**
This bursary is open to women of any nationality, enrolled for a higher degree by research in the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences.

Eligibility Criteria

For all Awards

- Women currently enrolled in a higher degree at a university in Western Australia
- Awards are **not** open to candidates enrolled in honours or diploma courses.
- Applicants must have had their research proposal approved formally at the university in which they are enrolled.
- Applicants must not be in full-time employment.
- Applicants may only ever hold one award bearing the name Graduate Women (WA) however designated.

For scholarships

- An applicant must be an Australian citizen or permanent resident within the meaning of the *Australian Citizenship Act 2007*. (Documentary evidence may be required.)

For bursaries

- g) Women holding a degree from any University and enrolled for a higher degree at any recognised university are also eligible.
- h) All women of any nationality are eligible.

General Conditions

- Awards are to fund a specific academic purpose that will assist a woman to enhance the quality of the higher degree for which she is enrolled.
- Awards will not be made for the purchase of computers or for professional editing.
- Given the current travel restrictions and border closures associated with the Covid-19 pandemic, awards will not be made to fund international travel.
- Graduate Women (WA) and the Trustees reserve the right not to make an award or to award less than the applicant has requested.
- The decision of Graduate Women (WA) and the Trustees is final and no further correspondence will be entered into.
- Awards are made on condition that a full acquittal with original receipts for all expenses will be provided on or before 31 December 2022
- Unexpended funds must be returned to Graduate Women (WA) Education Trust.

Selection Criteria

Awards will be made on the grounds of:

- demonstrated academic achievement
- the purpose for which the money is to be used, in particular, the extent to which the award will assist the applicant to *enhance the quality* of the higher degree for which she is enrolled.

Applicants are advised to apply only after completing at least one year's fulltime equivalent of their candidature to be competitive. While conference funding is a valid purpose for the awards, applicants are advised to ensure that they establish a detailed case showing how this will enhance their degree.

Application Procedure

- Applications, including supporting documents, are to be submitted by combining all documents into a single PDF and emailing it *in a reduced size* Word or PDF documents, and lodged by email to: office@graduatewomenwa.org.au.
- The application form is available as a Word document on the Graduate Women (WA) website.
- One set of application documents will be considered for all relevant awards.
- The completed application form must be **accompanied as a single document** by:
 - a) A list of the PDF and/or Word documents that make up the application.
 - b) Scans of the applicant's certified academic record
 - c) Proof of enrolment for a higher degree.
- Applicants must request two referees to email a referee report form, available from the GWWA website, to the Awards Convener at the Graduate Women (WA) office, office@graduatewomenwa.org.au before the closing date. One of the referees must be the applicant's principal current supervisor.
- Applicants are responsible for checking that references have been sent and received by the closing date. Referees' reports will be verified.

For enquiries about awards and eligibility, contact the GWWA Scholarships and Bursary Co-ordinator **Professor Jane Scott** at jane.scott@curtin.edu.au

All applications will be acknowledged by email. Should you not receive an acknowledgement within a week of submitting your application please contact us at office@graduatewomenwa.org.au