

# Cerebral Palsy Alliance Student Scholarship Program

Cerebral Palsy Alliance is committed to high quality service provision for people with a disability and their families. An important component in this pursuit of excellence is the recruitment and retention of the best allied health staff.

## Aims of the Program

- Attract graduates of high calibre to work at Cerebral Palsy Alliance
- Increase awareness and understanding of disability and cerebral palsy for allied health undergraduates
- Form partnerships with tertiary teaching and research bodies

## Description of the award

- A maximum of \$1500 will be awarded to the successful applicant, usually at the completion of their placement
- Funds are to be used to support professional development, fees, textbooks, practicum expenses.
- The student's final clinical practicum will be completed at Cerebral Palsy Alliance
- Successful applicants will participate in an evaluation of the scholarship program and in any longitudinal study or recruitment of allied health professionals. As part of this they will be requested to provide their contact details for up to 2 years post-graduation.
- At the completion of their placement they will provide a 500 word report and feedback of their placement experience

## Eligibility

Scholarships will be offered to students in their 3<sup>rd</sup> year of undergraduate study or first year of Master's study, for clinical placement to be undertaken in the final year of study. Currently the scholarships are available in the disciplines of Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy and Speech Pathology with Cerebral Palsy Alliance's preferred Universities, these are reviewed every year.

To be eligible student need to be:

- Enrolled full time in their allied health discipline.
- Australian citizen, New Zealand citizen or Australian resident
- Available to undertake one of their final year fieldwork placements with Cerebral Palsy Alliance
- Interested in the field of disability and paediatrics. A particular interest in cerebral palsy would also be desirable
- Interested in pursuing a career in the field of disability
- Strong academic and/or practical achievements in the paediatric components of their studies. Students must have a satisfactory academic achievement and pass all practical units prior to their final practicum.

Scholarship offers for students completing their final practicums in 2016 must be enrolled at one of the following preferred universities:

- Australian Catholic University
- Canberra University

- University of Newcastle
- Charles Sturt University
- Sydney University
- Western Sydney University

## How to apply

- Check that your University is one of Cerebral Palsy Alliance's partners in the scholarship program.
- Discuss your interest with your faculty staff.
- Submit an application to the person responsible for administering scholarships in your discipline at your University by the due date.

Applications should be in writing and demonstrate how the eligibility requirements have been met. This would normally consist of a letter of application including evidence of interest in paediatric and disability and evidence of achievement in your studies and practical experience. In total the application should not exceed four pages.



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