Allied Health Scholarships

Cerebral Palsy Alliance and the University of Sydney share a vision for collaborative research and a world-class service for people with disabilities. To acknowledge this joint aspiration Cerebral Palsy Alliance offers a scholarship to three outstanding allied health students with a genuine interest in disability.

The scholarships will support three students to the amount of $1500 each to pursue their studies and encourage their future career in the field of disability.

The Scholarships are a part of the Professor Henry J. Cowan Memorial Scholarship, from the generous bequest of Henry J Cowan, University of Sydney Foundation Professor of Architectural Science, author and intellectual leader.

Description of the award

- A maximum of $1500 for each student in the disciplines of Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy and Speech Pathology, payable on successful completion of the clinical placement and a satisfactorily completed 500 word report submitted immediately following the placement.

- Funds are to be used to support professional development, fees, textbooks or placement expenses.

- It is an expectation of the Award that the student will consent to one of their final placements to be at Cerebral Palsy Alliance. Upon completion of the placement, the student will provide a 500 word report and feedback of their placement experience at Cerebral Palsy Alliance.

- It is an expectation of the Award that the student will demonstrate professional conduct throughout the placement, as per the university placement guidelines.

- The successful applicant will be requested to provide their contact details on graduation and participate in the evaluation of the Scholarship for up to two years post-graduation.

Due to current Public Health Orders the placement may be conducted solely or partly via telehealth.

Eligibility

- Students in Health Sciences at the University of Sydney, enrolled in Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy and Speech Pathology

- Australian or New Zealand citizens or Australian permanent residents

- Available to undertake one of their final fieldwork placements with Cerebral Palsy Alliance. The scholarship will be awarded to students in the 3rd year of their course for use in their 4th year, or GEM students in their 1st year for use in their 2nd year

- Demonstrated interest in the field of disability and paediatrics and an interest in pursuing a career in the field of disability

- Strong academic and practical achievement in paediatric components of their studies and a satisfactory academic achievement having passed all practical units prior to their final practicums/placements.

- Students from diverse cultural backgrounds are encouraged to apply

Selection Process

A committee appointed by the Health Sciences Dean & Head of School plus a consultant from the appropriate discipline from Cerebral Palsy Alliance will determine the award winners. The selection committee's decision will be final.

How to Apply in 2021

Applicants from Occupational Therapy and Speech Pathology only, will require a letter from Work Integrated Learning (WIL) to accompany their application, confirming that a placement at Cerebral Palsy Alliance (CPA) will meet their student learning needs.

The selection of the successful applicants is based on a strong written application demonstrating:
- Academic achievement
- Commitment to paediatrics
- Interest in the disability sector, voluntary work, lived experience or employment
- Provision of a reference from a previous placement supervisor [PT - APP, SP – COMPASS, OT-EFPC or SPEF-R2] if available.

Key graduate qualities for these placements:

- ✓ Ability to take on feedback
- ✓ Self-directed learning
- ✓ Reflection on own strengths, areas for improvement
- ✓ Passion, Disability experience,Paediatrics
- ✓ Teamwork skills

APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN NOW
Last day for submission: Tuesday 26 October 2021
Applicants will be notified of the outcome, in writing prior to the end of semester 2021.
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