

## Allied Health

# MPOWER BURSARY GUIDELINES

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### Supporting Excellence in Allied Health

The 2024 Mpower Allied Health Bursary Program (Bursary Program) is dedicated to supporting the careers of students in the fields of speech pathology and occupational therapy, with a specific focus on supporting the disability sector.

### Program Overview:

The Bursary Program is designed to support final-year allied health students committed to making a meaningful impact. Our program provides financial assistance, mentoring and valuable work experience as therapy assistants during the students' final year of their degree. Successful bursary recipients commit to a two-year full-time employment at Mpower's locations in South West Victoria (Hamilton, Portland or Warrnambool) within 12 months on completing their degree.

### How to Apply:

To be considered for the Bursary Program, prospective candidates are required to:

1. Review the guidelines to ensure they meet all eligibility criteria which is outlined below.
2. Complete and submit the following documents to [hr@mpower.org.au](mailto:hr@mpower.org.au) by 15 January 2024:
  - Application Form addressing the Key Selection Criteria
  - Cover Letter

### Eligibility Requirements:

Applicants must meet the following criteria to be eligible for the bursary:

- Hold Australian or New Zealand citizenship or permanent residency status.
- Currently enrolled in full-time studies towards a degree in speech pathology or occupational therapy, at a university in Victoria or South Australia.
- Be in the final year of their studies.
- Commit to two years of full-time employment with Mpower post-graduation (within 12 months of successful completion).
- Have completed or will complete at least one placement working with individuals with disabilities or in early childhood intervention.

**Assessment Process:**

Applications for the Bursary Program will be evaluated by a panel of dedicated allied health professionals from Mpower and will include an interview process.

**Applicants will be considered based on the following criteria:**

1. Meeting all Bursary Program eligibility requirements.
2. Address the Key Selection Criteria of relevant position description.
3. Agreeing to the return of service obligation.

**Inclusivity Commitment:**

We encourage applications from individuals who are:

- Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.
- Culturally or linguistically diverse or have a culturally or linguistically diverse background.
- Have a recognised disability or have caring responsibilities for a person with a recognised disability.

**Acceptance and Payment:**

Successful bursary applicants will receive written offers from Mpower. These offers must be accepted in writing, accompanied by a signed bursary agreement.

Bursary payments will be disbursed quarterly during the final year of study.

**Terms and Conditions:**

Successful bursary recipients must fulfill two-year's full-time employment at Mpower's offices located in either Hamilton, Portland or Warrnambool. Non-compliance with the bursary agreement may result in partial or full repayment of the bursary.

Before accepting the 2024 Mpower Allied Health Bursary Program, applicants are advised to seek independent legal and financial counsel to understand the terms and conditions associated with the bursary.

For a copy of the bursary agreement or further information, please contact [hr@mpower.org.au](mailto:hr@mpower.org.au) or speak with our Therapy Services Manager, Louise Jellie on (03) 5561 8111.

We look forward to hearing from you.