

Travel Grants

ACRA Travel Grants are awarded to members to assist with costs incurred in attending and presenting at the annual meeting. Members submitting an abstract for oral, poster or workshop presentations are eligible to apply, see [Appendix 16](#).

Two grants are available per year, each of \$AUD 500.00, and are available to financial members only. Information about Travel Grants is to be included with official notification of acceptance of a free paper, poster or workshop presentation. Applications for a travel grant must be received 28 days following this and should be forwarded by the CMC directly to ACRA Executive Committee.

The Travel Grant will be announced during the Conference program, at a time negotiated by the CMC and the ACRA executive.

Successful recipients of Travel Grants are required to submit a written report to ACRA EMC within one month of the annual meeting for inclusion in the ACRA newsletter.

ACRA Member Scholarships

Two Cardiac Rehabilitation Co-ordinator Scholarships are available per year, each of \$500.00, and are available to financial members of ACRA who meet the essential criteria.

- Must be a co-ordinator of a program (relevant documentation required)
- Financial member of ACRA
- Must provide supporting documentation
- Required to write two reports as detailed below

Two Rural Member Scholarships are available per year, each of \$500.00, and are available to financial members of ACRA who meet the essential criteria.

- Must reside and work in a rural area of Australia (evidence of employment required)
- Financial member of ACRA
- Must provide supporting documentation
- Required to write two reports as detailed below

Applications for a scholarship must be received by the Executive Officer at least 28 days prior to the start of the conference or course they wish to attend. Application forms should be sent to the ACRA Executive Officer who will then send to the EMC for consideration. (2 x \$500 each).

The winners of each scholarship will be announced at the annual conference at a time determined by the Conference Management Committee and or the ACRA Executive Management Committee.

Successful recipients of scholarships are required to submit two (2) written reports for inclusion in the next ACRA Newsletter. One report is to be written on a topic relevant to cardiac rehabilitation which may include a new project that they are working on in their workplace, and the second report is to report on their findings of the ACRA conference. Both reports are to be submitted to the ACRA Executive Officer within one month of the annual meeting for inclusion in the ACRA newsletter.

Anna Storen Regional Travel Award

This award honours the work and contribution of Anna Storen who died in 2021 after a long battle with cancer. Anna was a dedicated cardiac rehabilitation nurse for 12 years working for the North West Regional hospital in Burnie, Tasmania. During this time, she was a committee member of ACRA, with 3 years on the state committee, including 2 years as Vice President, contributing to state-based education events and 2 years on the national Executive Management Committee (EMC) representing Tasmania. During her time on the EMC she contributed to the Membership subcommittee, working hard to encourage ACRA membership amongst Tasmanian cardiac rehabilitation clinicians. She was also contributed to the Corporate and Finance and ACRA national survey subcommittees.

Applications are called for the ACRA Anna Storen Regional Travel Award to enable rural and remote ACRA members to attend the 2022 ACRA Annual Scientific Meeting [ASM] at Sea World, Gold Coast, Queensland from August 8-10. The award is intended to further develop the successful candidate through increasing their clinical knowledge and expertise, awareness of research and evidence-based practice and will also allow the successful candidate to extend their professional network. In particular, this strategy enables clinicians from regional areas to experience a conference and its education, networking and research benefits. **Applicants for this award are required to live and work**

in a regional area of Australia (defined as greater than 50km from a capital city) and encouraged (but not required) to have an abstract accepted for presentation.

The award:

Valued at \$1000, the recipient will receive support to assist in defraying the cost of travel, accommodation and registration.

Selection criteria:

The applicant must be a currently financial member of ACRA for at least 12 months.

Working or studying in a clinical area of cardiology or cardiothoracic surgery or working in an area where there is a large caseload of patients with cardiac conditions.

Applicants must reside outside of the state or region in which the ASM is being held.

How to apply:

The applicant should submit a 300–500-word document describing their interest in cardiovascular health and stating, with clear emphasis, the benefits to their clinical practice /patients that attending the conference will provide. For example, how will it add to the applicant’s career development, how it will benefit their workplace and how the applicant can contribute to ACRA.

Applicants should include details of their area of clinical work or study, including patient caseload and patient cardiac conditions.

The successful candidate will be required to contribute a 500-word summary outlining how they have benefited from the conference and how they have disseminated their learnings to their work place colleagues. This piece will then be displayed on the ACRA website and in the newsletter to encourage future applications.