



## 16<sup>th</sup> Australasian Viral Hepatitis Conference

12–14 August, 2026

Esplanade Hotel Fremantle by  
Rydges, Walyalup (Fremantle),  
Western Australia

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### Early Career Researcher Scholarships

#### About

Early Career Researcher Scholarships support emerging researchers to attend VH2026, build collaborations and strengthen translation of research into policy, programs and practice across Australasia.

#### Selection criteria

Eligible applications will be reviewed by an assessment panel. Scholarships will be offered to applicants who best demonstrate the criteria below.

#### Applications will be assessed on:

##### 1. Relevance and contribution to the viral hepatitis field

The application clearly explains the applicant's research focus and its relevance to improving outcomes for people affected by viral hepatitis and/or supporting elimination efforts.

##### 2. Professional development value

The applicant identifies clear outcomes they intend to gain from VH2026 (for example feedback on work, partnerships, methods or implementation insights) and explains how this will support their development over the next 12 months.

##### 3. Need for scholarship support

The applicant outlines credible barriers to attending without support (for example travel distance and cost, limited funding access, or organisational constraints).

##### 4. Translation and knowledge sharing

The applicant provides a realistic plan to translate and share learnings after the conference with relevant audiences (for example policy, programs, services, community partners, or research networks).

*Priority considerations (rural/regional/remote setting, early career, limited access to funding, and first-time attendance) will be used when ranking applications of similar merit.*

#### Questions (maximum 200 words for each question)





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- 1. Your research:** Summarise your current research and its relevance to improving outcomes for people affected by viral hepatitis and achieving elimination goals.
- 2. Development outcomes:** What do you want to gain from VH2026 (for example feedback on work, partnerships, methods, implementation insights), and how will that support your next 12 months?
- 3. Access and support:** What are the main barriers to your attendance, and why do you require scholarship support to attend?
- 4. Translation plan:** How will you translate and share learnings after the conference? Include at least two outputs (for example briefing to a program team, stakeholder meeting, webinar, publication plan, policy summary, or service co-design activity).

**Additional information (not scored)**

- **Work location:** state/territory and postcode (include outreach locations if relevant)
- **Rural/remote information:** [MMM](#) classification (MMM 2 to MMM 7) if known (or briefly describe remoteness and travel requirements)
- **ECR status:** year of highest research degree award or year research appointment commenced, and any relevant career interruption context
- **Prior attendance:** Have you attended the Australasian Viral Hepatitis Conference before? Yes/N
- **Confirm you will share a short reflection** after the conference (written or audio/video) within 1 month of the conference closing