



Grants for VPNG members to attend the biennial Australian College of Perioperative Nurses (ACORN) Conference are made available each year prior to the ACORN National Conference. ACORN Grants are valued at \$500 each and are now available for VPNG members to attend the International ACORN and ASIORNA Conference in Adelaide in May 2018. The number of grants awarded will be determined by the annual budget.

Grants are drawn by random selection by the VPNG Education Subcommittee from the applications received that meet the selection criteria.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Registered / Enrolled Nurse with current Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) registration;
- Have not received a scholarship or grant from VPNG or ACORN in the previous two calendar years;
- Current financial member of VPNG;
- A member of VPNG for at least two years immediately preceding the grant application; and
- Provide a cover letter that addresses the relevance of attendance at the ACORN Conference to their perioperative nursing practice.



CONDITIONS

Individuals who are applying for a conference grant and do not produce evidence of conference registration will not receive a grant.

Payment of the grant will be made in one instalment.

The successful applicant is not permitted to transfer the grant and must use the funds to attend the conference themselves. Failure to attend the conference will result in all funds being returned to VPNG.

The successful applicant shall, submit a conference report to VPNG that may be used in Snippets or ACORN journal, that demonstrates learning outcomes and highlights of the conference. This must be submitted within 30 days of attendance to enquiries@vpng.org.au.

The successful applicant shall also agree from time to time participate in VPNG promotional activities (e.g. Snippets, VPNG website, Facebook; and may include print, photographic and/or video content).

APPLICATION PROCESS

A cover letter including a statement of relevance to applicant's perioperative nursing practice and evidence of ACORN conference registration must be provided with the completed application form. Applications are accepted BY EMAIL ONLY. One electronic application with supporting documents should be emailed in a PDF format to the VPNG Education Subcommittee via: enquiries@vpng.org.au

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS

Applications must reach VPNG by the closing date of the 28th February 2018.

FURTHER INFORMATION

If you have any questions, contact the VPNG Education Subcommittee via 1300 721 169 or email enquiries@vpng.org.au



2018 ACORN CONFERENCE GRANT APPLICATION FORM

APPLICANT'S DETAILS

First Name:

Surname:

Address:

Phone:

Mobile:

Work:

Email:

VPNG MEMBERSHIP DETAILS

Membership Number:

Years Membership:

Have you received a VPNG scholarship or ACORN grant in the last 2 years (please circle): Yes No

If yes, please provide details of what you received and the month/year:

OTHER FUNDING DETAILS

Have you requested or received funding from another source (eg ACORN, Hospital sponsorship) Yes No

If yes, please provide details of funding source, amount and commitment to funding body:

BANKING DETAILS

If successful in your grant application you will receive your payment via direct credit into your nominated account. These details are kept strictly confidential.

Account Name:

Bank (e.g. Westpac):

BSB Number:

Account Number:

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

Signature of applicant:

Date:

DECLARATION

If successful in my application, I agree to:

- Use the funds to attendance the conference myself
- Submit a conference report to VPNG that may be used in Snippets or ACORN journal that demonstrates my learning outcomes and highlights of the conference within 30 days of conference attendance
- From time to time participate in VPNG promotional activities (e.g. Snippets, VPNG website, Facebook; and may include print, photographic and/or video content)

Name of Applicant:

Signature of Applicant:

Date:

CHECKLIST



**Ensure your application is complete using this checklist.
Include it in your submission in one PDF document.**

Letter, application form, supporting evidence and checklist together in one PDF document

Completed grant application form, banking details and signed declaration

A professional cover letter of application addressed to the VPNG Education Subcommittee which demonstrates the relevance of attendance at the ACORN Conference to your perioperative nursing practice

ADDITIONAL SUPPORTING EVIDENCE:

Evidence of current NMBA registration

Evidence of VPNG membership current and previous 2 years

Evidence of ACORN conference registration