

International volunteer and teaching grant

ACORN wishes to support its members and the broader perioperative community, by offering financial support for members who are intending to do voluntary work or teach perioperative nursing skills overseas.

If you are an ACORN member who intends to travel overseas to do voluntary work or teach you may be eligible to apply for the ACORN International volunteer and teaching grant to assist with travel costs. Every year ACORN offers two of these grants of \$2500 each. ACORN will also provide successful applicants with a current copy of the *ACORN Standards for Perioperative Nursing in Australia*, a subscription to the ACORN journal and the new ACORN DVD.

Application criteria

To apply you must:

- be a current member of ACORN
- be a practicing perioperative nurse
- provide evidence of affiliation with a volunteer group or organisation
- provide a letter of intention
- provide a letter from your local association confirming how long you have been a member and outlining your participation in the association's activities, including:
 - strong commitment to ACORN values
 - attendance at conferences
 - committee membership
 - involvement in fund raising
 - attendance at meetings
 - strong education focus
 - continuing professional development
 - ethical practice.

Application process and selection

When considering an application, ACORN will take the following into account:

- the nature of the intended volunteer work or teaching
- any grants previously made to an applicant
- the applicant's aims and objectives.

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Application form

Name:

Address:

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Contact number:

Email address:

AHPRA membership number:

Travel destination:

Dates of travel:

Name of organisation or group you intend to volunteer with

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Estimated cost:

Have you ever received financial assistance from ACORN? Yes No

If yes, what year/s?

Details of documents that should accompany your application are provided on the next page.

Please include with your application:

1. a letter from your local association confirming how long you have been a member and outlining your participation in the association's activities, including:
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2. a letter of intention outlining what you hope to achieve and gain from your experience overseas
3. written agreement to the following conditions should your application be successful:
 - that your name and state will be published in the ACORN journal
 - that ACORN may communicate with your local association to confirm or corroborate your participation in the association's activities
 - that the final report may be published in the ACORN journal and/or on the ACORN website
 - that you will acknowledge the financial support awarded by ACORN at appropriate times, e.g. at the beginning of a presentation.