



Robyn Moylan Scholarship for Narrative Therapy & Community Work

About:

Robyn Moylan was an Arrernte Woman who worked and lived in Cairns. Robyn was a well-respected professional and Elder in the Cairns and surrounding communities. She was well known amongst vulnerable families as someone they could trust and would respect them for who they were and would always listen to what they said they needed. Robyn always had positive regard for people she worked with and always saw their strengths and helped them to see them too.

Narrative practice came easily to Robyn as it resonated with the way she already worked. Studying Narrative Practice gave her additional tools and deeper understanding of the practices and how to apply them to produce the most benefit for those with whom she worked. Robyn believed that Narrative Practice helps to elicit peoples hopes and dreams in their own life.

Robyn encouraged many of her colleagues to study Narrative Practice and she would be thrilled to know her legacy in this area has been carried forward through this scholarship.

Benefits & reports:

The value of each scholarship will be determined by the Robyn Moylan Scholarship Committee. This is up to the value of \$5000. This scholarship can be awarded in conjunction with other University of Melbourne scholarships and bursaries. All students are encouraged to apply for a range of scholarships.

It is a requirement that each recipient, or group of recipients submit 2 reports to the committee, including a mid-year and an end of year report. Scholarship recipients are required to inform the committee of their progress in their learning and practice, as well as their hopes and intentions for the future.

Eligibility:

The objective of the Robyn Moylan Scholarship is to support an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person to undertake studies in Narrative Therapy and Community Work. This scholarship specifically hopes to support a person/a group of people who work with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander families, including people who work with women and men in response to violence. The Committee hopes that this scholarship will support continued excellence in this area of practice. The Committee has particular intention to support Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people who live in remote areas, rural areas and discreet Aboriginal communities. All Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

This scholarship hopes to support Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people in the Masters of Narrative Therapy and Community Work (MNTCW) undertaken through the University of Melbourne.

People are able to apply for this scholarship more than once to support 2 years of the MNTCW course.

This initiative is led by Warringu, in partnership with Dulwich Centre Foundation.

The Robyn Moylan Scholarship committee will select scholarship recipients using the following criteria:

- Demonstrated commitment to working with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander families, including women and men.
- Capacity of this study to contribute to ongoing, significant practice with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander families, women and/or men; where the applicant can demonstrate the opportunity for creativity and innovation.
- The relevance of the proposed innovation to contribute to change for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander families who are most in need.

The committee will also keep in mind that during her career, Robyn Moylan demonstrated:

- A commitment to responding to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people, families and communities with love, respect and accountability.
- A strong sense of justice for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people, working to ensure systems respond appropriately.
- A commitment to holding a high expectation in practice because she knew that Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people deserve the best.

Selection:

Awards will be granted annually and advertised to all Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people who enrol in the MNTCW through the University of Melbourne.

Applications will be assessed against the following criteria:

- Demonstrated commitment to undertaking studies in Narrative Therapy and Community Work; and demonstrated ability to carry out these studies, meeting all study requirements, including the ability to meet the required 5 hours of practice per week (minimum).
- The relevance of proposed practice innovation for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people, families and communities. It is understood that support will be provided to develop proposals through the university.
- Extent of commitment to fulfilling the required reporting to Warringu, including a commitment to present to the Warringu Board of Directors at the end of the study year.

Application:

All applicants for the Robyn Moylan Scholarship must complete the [scholarship application form](#).

Applications are welcomed from current or future students of Dulwich Centre and the University of Melbourne. The scholarship is relevant for the Master of Narrative Therapy and Community Work



(University of Melbourne).

The closing date for scholarship application is the 15th January 2024.

All applications will be assessed by the Robyn Moylan Scholarship Committee. Notification of application results will be sent out by the 2nd of February 2024.

Those intending to undertake the Master of Narrative Therapy and Community work and apply for the Robyn Moylan Scholarship must complete **BOTH** a course application form and a scholarship application form. These will be assessed separately, but enrolment and acceptance in the MNTCW will be considered by the scholarship committee.

Please ensure that all supporting documentation is sent through to the scholarship committee so that they can fully evaluate the scholarship application.

Outcome:

Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their scholarship by the 2nd of February 2024. The Master of Narrative Therapy and Community Work study begins on the 12th of February 2024.

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More Information:

Reporting requirements and payment instalments

Recipients must provide a report on their studies to the Robyn Moylan Scholarship Committee. MNTCW recipients will be requested to undertake a brief presentation to the Warringu Board of Directors, and will be required to report after the First Nations Mid Semester gathering and at the completion of their studies in December 2024.

On award of the scholarships, payment will be paid directly from Dulwich Centre Foundation to the University of Melbourne. Recipients may liaise directly with Dulwich Centre Foundation if they wish for part of this scholarship to be towards the cost of books and other study materials. Up to \$1500 can be used towards other learning resources, including books, computers etc.