

# Queensland Association of Collaborative Practitioners Ltd

## Freda Rose Wigan Memorial Bursary

### About the Bursary

The Freda Rose Wigan Memorial Bursary is awarded by QACP in memory of Freda as an early member of QACP and a pioneer of Collaborative Practice in Queensland.

It is intended that the Bursary will be awarded on an annual basis from 2024 with the first Bursary to be announced in early August 2024. The Bursary will provide a grant of up to \$2,000 to an eligible candidate for the following:

1. to assist in the research of dispute resolution processes that:
  - (a) enable and empower parties settle disputes without resort to litigation; and
  - (b) enable and empower the advancement of the parties' ability to reach a mutual outcome for the benefit of each other and their families; or
2. to meet the cost of eligible basic Collaborative Practice training by a provider approved by the QACP Board.

### About Freda Rose Wigan

**02/09/1973 – 22/11/2021**

Freda was a leader in Collaborative Law and Practice in Australia. Freda undertook extensive training both in Australia and the USA in Collaborative Practice.

Freda was a former president of Queensland Association of Collaborative Practitioners, a founding member, and the former secretary of the national collaborative practice body, the Australian Association of Collaborative Professionals, and a member of the International Academy of Collaborative Professionals.

In addition to Freda's work in the collaborative practice community, Freda was a Nationally Accredited Mediator, a Queensland Law Society Accredited Specialist in Family Law, and co-managed the large family and relationships law practice at HopgoodGanim Lawyers, where she commenced her career in January 1996.

Freda was consistently recognised by the Doyle's Guide to the Legal Profession for her expertise in Family Law. Known for her passion for both Collaborative Law and Family Law, Freda devoted her life to her clients and her ongoing professional training and promoting the resolution of matters through all forms of dispute resolution – particularly Collaborative Practice.

Freda took great pride in her profession, her career, and her ability to collaborate with her peers. She was big hearted, warm, and generous of spirit. Freda was known for her ability to inspire those she mentored.

Freda's devotion towards her passion was recognised not only by her peers, but also by her husband, John, who frequently acknowledged he came "third place" - firstly to Freda's practise and secondly to their Havanese pet dog, Harvey.

## Eligibility & Criteria

3. To be eligible for the Bursary, a candidate must be:
  - (a) a legal practitioner holding a current Australian practising certificate (as at the date of their application) who, on the date of their application, must be within 5 years of their admission to practise; or
  - (b) a law graduate who has not yet been admitted but is currently undertaking (and can provide evidence of) Practical Legal Training; or
  - (c) a Chartered or Certified Practising Accountant who, on the date of their application, must be within 5 years of having completed their professional program and supervised training; or
  - (d) a Financial Planner or Advisor, who, on the date of their application must be within 5 years of having completed professional program and professional year of work and training; or
  - (e) a social worker who, on the date of their application must be within 5 years of having completed an approved social work qualification and holding membership of the Australian Association of Social Workers; or
  - (f) a psychologist who, on the date of their application must be within 5 years of having received their general registration as a psychologist.
4. All decisions concerning eligibility will be made by the panel appointed by the Directors and Board of Management of QACP (**judging panel**).
5. The Bursary will consist of:
  - (a) grant of up to \$2,000 to undertake research into dispute resolution practices as defined in under these guidelines or to undertake basic Collaborative Practice training;
  - (b) full registration to attend the QACP Conference in the year of or subsequent to the awarding of the Bursary; and
  - (c) membership to QACP for a period of 12 months from the date of the awarding of the Bursary.
6. The judging panel will consist of:
  - (a) collaborative practitioners as nominated by the QACP President and CEO;
  - (b) a representative nominated by Mr John Cunningham (Freda's husband); and
  - (c) two law/dispute resolution academics nominated by the Directors and Board of Management of QACP.
7. All submissions will be considered for publication to members of QACP and to both interstate and national collaborative practice bodies.

8. QACP reserves the right not to award the Bursary if, in the opinion of the judging panel, the entries are not of a satisfactory standard.
9. **To apply for the Bursary, eligible candidates must:**
  - (a) submit a previously unpublished article of approximately 2,500 words, (including footnotes, appendices, and tables) that makes a significant contribution to debate and analysis on Collaborative Practice in Australia; and
  - (b) complete the attached Bursary application form.
10. Articles must be entirely the applicant's own work. Generative AI-based technologies are **strictly prohibited** from being used to create any part of the article.
11. References to articles/texts should be included in footnotes with full details. All footnotes, citations, and references should be correct and, in the format set out in AGLC4.
12. Please use an 11-point font with 1.5 line spacing. Submissions are to be made in Microsoft Word Document format (.doc or .docx file types only) and must be emailed to [bursarysubmissions@qacp.org.au](mailto:bursarysubmissions@qacp.org.au) by **no later than 4pm (Brisbane time) on 20 July 2024**.
13. You must ensure there is no defamatory, political, or controversial commentary. Whilst QACP supports robust advocacy by its member practitioners, such commentary is unnecessary and not permitted.
14. It is a condition of Bursary that the recipient will acknowledge the Bursary in any future publication or presentation of the article.
15. It is expected that the panel will make its decision to award the Bursary by early August 2024.
16. The decision of the judging panel is final, and no correspondence will be entered into in respect of the judging panel's decision.
17. All queries in respect of the Bursary should be direct to Mr Andrew McCormack, Company Secretary, Queensland Association of Collaborative Practitioners Ltd by email to [companysecretary@qacp.org.au](mailto:companysecretary@qacp.org.au) or by telephone 07 3231 8859.

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