

Volunteer Restart Scholarship (VRS)

The VRS is designed to support Volunteer Involving Organisations who are ready to re-engage with new and existing volunteers during COVID-19 restrictions and into the future.

Purpose of the Volunteer Restart Scholarship:

The **Volunteer Restart Scholarship** (VRS) is valued at **\$3000** per participant and has been developed to support Volunteer Involving Organisations (VIOs) with:

- Retaining existing volunteers and attracting new volunteers
- Developing and strengthening an organisations skills, abilities and resources needed to thrive in a COVID-19 and fast changing environment
- Increasing their understanding and the importance of reviewing and evaluating volunteer management programs
- Providing opportunities for collaboration and sharing of ideas
- Promoting your organisations profile as being a leader in supporting volunteers

Volunteer Restart Scholarship Terms of Reference:

- To be an active VIO for the volunteer sector and Volunteer Managers
- To support Volunteer Managers Continuous Professional Development within their VIO
- To support and encourage volunteers to achieve personal and organisational goals within your VIO
- To be a driver of change in the volunteer sector
- To support and upskill volunteers by offering experience-based learning and advice
- To maintain and keep up to date with Volunteering WA's education and training sessions and to support your volunteers and employees with their professional development
- To promote and support Volunteering WA
- Maintain records of support for your volunteers and regularly revisit your volunteer engagement plans
- To continue to address and discuss volunteer sector issues with Volunteering WA

Structure of Volunteer Restart Scholarship (VRS):

- The VRS is open to all Volunteer Involving Organisation's (VIO's) in WA
- The VRS education and training will commence in 02 June 2021 and finish in 31 October 2021 *(please see list of dates at the end of the ToR)*
- **Participants are required to attend all education and training requirements for the duration of the scholarship.** *Exceptions may be made, if discussed with VWA prior to commencing the scholarship*
- VWA have the right to remove participants from the VRS if this commitment is not met.
- Participants of the VRS will meet approximately once a month to attend with face to face or online workshops and VRS network meetings
- Participants of the VRS will commit to providing Volunteering WA with structured feedback after each education and training session and pre and post evaluation as well as attending the one and six month VRS follow up network meeting *(see dates below)*
- Support and commitment from the VIO's manager will be required and the Terms and Conditions signed and dated below.

Benefits of participating in the volunteer Ready Scholarship:

- Provides you with skills, knowledge and confidence to re-engage with the volunteer sector
- Increases your awareness of volunteer management training now and in the future
- Increases your understanding and development of volunteer management programs
- Provides opportunities for collaboration, sharing of ideas, support, encourage and share knowledge between VIO's
- Promotes the importance and value of VIO's and volunteers and the support you and your organisation offer to the volunteer sector.
- Promotes you and your organisations profile as being a leader in supporting volunteers
- Establishes a network to advice and address volunteer sector needs

Terms of Reference Volunteering WA Volunteer Ready Scholarship Signed: VIO: Date:	Approved by: Jen Wyness VWA Senior Manager Services Date: 08 April 2021 Review date: 08 April 2022
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Dates required for attendance of the Volunteer Restart Scholarship:

Subject/Topic/Task	Date	Method
Introduction to the Volunteer Restart Scholarship	02 June 2021	1 hour Online
Key Issues Workshop	15 June 2021	3 hours Face to face
Implementing National Standards Workshop	20 July 2021	3 hours Online
1 st VRS network meeting	3 August 2021	1 hour Online
Leading the Way (4 modules)	30 June 2021 to 21 July 2021	30 Mins to 1 hour videos (sent out weekly)
Designing a Successful Virtual Volunteering Program	10 August 2021	4 hours Face to face
2 nd VRS network meeting	17 August 2021	1 hour Online
Mentoring and Coaching Workshop	07 September 2021	Hours TBC Face to face
Youth Volunteering Engagement workshop	19 October 2021	2 hours Online
3 rd VRS network meeting	27 October 2021	1 hour Online
Post VRS Evaluation	31 October 2021	Online
One month VRS networking follow up meeting	16 November 2021	1 hour Online
Six month VRS networking follow up meeting	17 May 2022	1 hour Online