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30th Annual Nina Buscombe Awards 2026

Call for Applications

The “Nina’s” celebrate the contribution and commitment demonstrated by Nina Buscombe to improve services, management and research for people with motor neurone disease through travel, training and conference attendance. The Award is presented and administered by MND Victoria and is intended to fund attendance at training, conferences or seminars within Australia or overseas.

In 2026, we have allocated funds for the following awards:

- **14 awards of up to \$1,500 for those attending the MND Australia Care and Research Conference in Adelaide (9 – 11 September 2026).**
 - Please note that early bird pricing for this closes on 30 June 2026. [Registration | MND Conference 2026](#)
- **6 awards of \$3,000 for applicants to attend the International Alliance of MND/ALS Association Conference in Amsterdam (December 2026).**

Awards are made to individuals. Award funds will be used to assist with the cost of travel, accommodation and registration. Awards will not exceed the cost of attendance. The Award comprises a letter and a payment.

Eligibility

All people with an interest in motor neurone disease may apply.

Priority will be given to:

- health and allied health professionals working with people living with MND, including palliative care;
- final year PhD students and early post doc researchers.

Additional eligibility criteria:

- applicant has not received an award of over \$200 in the previous financial year.
- applicant has provided a report on conferences attended with any previous Nina Buscombe award.
- applicant is prepared to present at one or more events involving plwMND, Allied Health professionals, researchers – organised by MND Victoria.
- a report on the conference attended, learnings, and how these will be applied is required within 8 weeks of attendance at the conference.

Employees of Australian MND Associations are not eligible to apply.

Basis of Selection

Applicants must use the template below to submit their application. Applicants must support their application with a statement outlining how attendance at the event might impact people living with MND. Application must **include a budget — no attachments or publication lists**. Applicants must identify other sources of funding attained or sought. Recipients of MNDRA Awards or Grants for 2026 that include funding to attend the International Symposium must declare the MNDRA funding. Awards may be awarded, or not awarded, at the discretion of the Association.

Application of Funds

The Award may be used to subsidise travel, attendance fees, or other costs associated with attendance. Funding may not meet all costs.

Report

A requirement to present to the Association **a written report within 8 weeks** of the conclusion of the event is part of the Award agreement. The report will address the nature of the event, specific learning, **impact on people with MND**, take-home knowledge and promotion/translation to practice. Recipients who do not submit a report will be ineligible to receive future support.

Applications

All applications must be sent by email to ninabuscombe@mnd.org.au. Applications received by mail or fax will not be considered and will not be returned. No late applications will be considered. Early applications appreciated.

Applications close 5th June 2026

All applicants will be advised of the outcome on 22nd June 2026.



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Application Form – Nina Buscombe Awards 2026

Applicant Name	
Institution/Organisation/Affiliation	
Role/Qualification:	
Conference/event (tick one)	PACTALS/MND Australia Care Conference ☐ International Alliance of MND/ALS Association Conference ☐
How will your attendance at this event impact people living with motor neurone disease?	
Budget:	
Have you applied for funds from other sources? If so, what is the status of your application?	
Did you receive a Nina Buscombe award of over \$200 in 2025?	Yes ☐ No ☐
Have you, or are you intending to, submit an abstract for presentation at the conference you are applying for?	Yes, have submitted ☐ Yes, intending to submit ☐ No ☐
Are you prepared to present at one or more events involving plwMND, Allied Health professionals, researchers – organised by MND Victoria	Yes ☐ No ☐
I understand that a requirement of the award is that I will provide a report on my attendance at the conference, addressing the nature of the event, specific learning, impact on people with MND, take home knowledge and promotion/translation to practice.	Yes ☐

Please email the completed application form to ninabuscombe@mnd.org.au