



## **QHTA Conference Bursary Application**

***HTAA/QHTA National Conference, 8<sup>th</sup> - 9th July 2026***

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The Queensland History Teachers' Association (QHTA) is pleased to offer up to three regional bursaries to support teachers from regional, rural and remote areas to attend the annual HTAA/QHTA National Conference. These bursaries aim to reduce the financial barriers associated with travel and accommodation, which can disproportionately impact teachers outside metropolitan centres, ensuring that all educators have equitable access to high-quality professional learning. QHTA recognises the vital role that ongoing professional development and networking opportunities play in enhancing teaching practice, fostering collaboration, and strengthening the History education community across Queensland and beyond.

#### **QHTA Regional Bursary – Terms and Conditions**

The Queensland History Teachers' Association (QHTA) is offering up to three bursaries to support teachers from regional, rural and remote areas in attending the 2026 HTAA/QHTA National Conference.

#### **What the Bursary Provides**

Each successful applicant will receive:

- Free registration to both days of the HTAA/QHTA Conference
- \$500 towards contribution to assist with travel and accommodation expenses

#### **Eligibility Criteria**

To be eligible for the bursary, applicants must:

- Be currently registered with the Queensland College of Teachers (QCT)
- Hold a 2026 individual or institutional membership with QHTA
- Live and work outside of South-East Queensland

#### **Bursary Conditions**

Successful applicants must agree to the following conditions:

- Attend the two days of the conference
- Return the bursary if for any reason unable to attend
- Submission of a piece of writing on their teaching experience (see below) and agree to this written submission being published in the 2026 edition of QHistory (subject to final approval from QHTA editorial team and author)
- The selection committee's decision is final

By applying for the bursary, applicants acknowledge and accept these terms and conditions.

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## Written Submission Requirements

### ‘Teaching from the Tip down’: History Teaching in Regional, Rural and Remote Australia

Applicants are required to submit a written piece of up to **500 words** responding to the prompt above.

This written submission is intended to support equitable access to professional learning for History teachers working in regional, rural, and remote communities, and to foreground the professional expertise developed through teaching in these contexts.

The submission should reflect the applicant’s professional experience and may address one or more of the following areas:

- What drew you to History teaching
- What led you to teach in a regional, rural, or remote location
- A description of your school and broader community
- Your experience teaching History in this context, including:
  - What you value and enjoy about teaching in your community
  - The challenges associated with regional, rural, or remote teaching
  - How your location has shaped your pedagogical practice as a History teacher
  - How this experience compares with teaching in metropolitan contexts (if applicable)
- Reflections on the “tyranny of distance”:
  - Is there an opportunity, resource or experience that geography makes difficult to access for your students? Explain what this is.
- Your professional intentions:
  - Do you plan to continue teaching in regional, rural, or remote Australia?
- The significance of professional learning:
  - Why access to professional development opportunities—such as the QHTA Conference—matters for you, your students, and your teaching practice

Submissions do not need to address every dot point but should clearly engage with the overarching theme of History teaching in regional, rural, and remote contexts.

Submit the **whole application as a single document** using the attached form before **April 20 2026** to **bursaries@qhta.com.au**

Subject line: **Re: QHTA Conference Bursary Application - NAME**

## Application form

Personal Details	
Name (including title)	
Home address	
Email	
Phone	
Number of years teaching	
School Name	
School Address	
Signature of Applicant	

Details of Professional Referee from your school (Deputy or Principal) to support your application	
Name of Referee	
Position within school	
Email	
Signature of Referee	

**Written Submission**