# 2024 Evelyn Lavu Travel Scholarship

## **Application Form**

### BACKGROUND

The Evelyn Lavu Travel Scholarship is a $5,000 scholarship that provides an opportunity for a person from Papua New Guinea to travel to Australia to participate in training and/or collaborative research activity with tuberculosis researchers. The scholarship is offered by the Burnet Institute in partnership with the NHMRC Centre of Research Excellence in Tuberculosis Control (TB-CRE).

This scholarship honours the late Professor Evelyn Lavu, who was an outstanding clinician, researcher, and laboratory scientist. She was Director of the Central Public Health Laboratory in Papua New Guinea for many years and was the first woman to be appointed Professor of Medicine at the University of Papua New Guinea in 2021. Her collaborations with the Burnet Institute addressed a range of infectious diseases including parasitic disease such as malaria, viral pathogens such as hepatitis and HIV, and diseases due to bacteria and mycobacteria.

Professor Lavu’s PhD studies were on the molecular epidemiology of multidrug-resistant tuberculosis. Evelyn was a regular valued contributor to the Australian TB-CRE’s annual symposium. She provided support to the WHO Western Pacific Region and PNG national TB Programs and made important contributions to operational research training on tuberculosis in Papua New Guinea. She was extremely committed to being a role model for women scientists in the Pacific region.

By offering this scholarship, Burnet Institute and TB-CRE honour Professor Lavu’s legacy by supporting promising clinicians, researchers, scientists, and others interested in tuberculosis research and elimination in PNG, through travel and engagement with Australian counterparts.

### ELIGIBILITY AND FUNDING

* Applicants must be PNG citizens or permanent residents.
* Applicants should have a professional interest in tuberculosis research and/or elimination.
* Applicants should be able to demonstrate how travel to Australia will further their development and interest in tuberculosis research and elimination.
* Women are strongly encouraged to apply. Burnet Institute aims to award this scholarship to female applicants at least three out of the five years it is offered.

### APPLICANT INFORMATION

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| **Full name** |  |
| **Date of birth** | (dd/mm/yyyy) |
| **Address** |  |
| **Email address** |  |
| **Phone number** |  |
| **Gender** | (male/female/non-binary/prefer not to say) |
| **Are you a PNG citizen or permanent resident?**  |  |
| **Occupation** | (what is your current role?)  |
| **Qualifications** | (name of qualification, year obtained, institution)  |
| **References**  | (please provide the names and contact details of two referees)1)2) |

### APPLICATION

1. Please outline your interest in tuberculosis (e.g. related study or work experience, or previous research): *(400 words or less)*

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1. Please outline at least two objectives for your travel to Australia and specify how these will be met. These objectives should be clear, achievable and related to your interest in tuberculosis (e.g., attending TB-CRE, meeting with specific TB researchers, receiving specific training): *(400 words or less)*

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1. Please attach a recent CV to this application.

***Please email completed application form and a recent CV to*** ***scholarship@burnet.edu.au*** ***by Thursday 5 December 2024.***

