

MARY WARD GRANT 2021



Mary Ward, 1585-1645, founded the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary, known in Australia as Loreto. Convinced that women in time to come will do much, she believed passionately in the education of women to their full potential and to the highest contemporary standards.

In order to promote the dignity and role of women in church and society, the Mary Ward Grant was established in 2000 to support specialist or post-graduate study of theology, spirituality and pastoral ministry. Consideration is given to applicants completing under-graduate study.

This is a partial grant, equivalent to fees in the range of 1-3 course units, with occasional larger grants. Grants are proportionate to total costs and an applicant's financial need.

Priority is given to Catholic lay women. Other applications will be given serious consideration.

Grants are offered at the discretion of the Grant Committee. Applications are treated confidentially on an individual basis, with no discussion on the outcome.

Applicants are asked to submit the following information:

- Personal Details
- Study Proposal
- Evidence of Financial Need, Assistance sought (\$) and Purpose for which the grant will be used: fees, resources, research assistance, living allowance, travel
- Personal and Professional Benefit of Grant
- Proof of Scholarship: evidence of enrolment in the relevant course; results of recent theological or related study; tertiary qualifications
- Names of Three Referees to include one personal, one academic and, where relevant, one professional

Please send applications by Express Post in print format to:
DR DENISE DESMARCHELIER IBVM
MARY WARD GRANT COMMITTEE
PO Box 214W, Ballarat West Vic 3350

Applications close Wednesday 7th October 2020.

Applications are acknowledged by email on receipt. Offer of grants will be made in December 2020.

Visit Loreto online: <https://www.loreto.org.au/mission-and-ministries/education/>
Address enquiries to: denise.desmarchelier@loreto.org.au

MARY WARD GRANT RECIPIENTS 2019

The Mary Ward Grant Committee, on behalf of the Loreto Sisters, is pleased to announce the recipients of the Mary Ward Grants for 2019.

True to the vision of Mary Ward and her belief in the pivotal role of women in leadership, the Loreto Sisters established the Mary Ward Grant in the year 2000 to support specialist and post graduate study in theology, spirituality and pastoral ministry.

This year's successful recipients are:



GEETANJALI ARORA

ACU Masters in Professional Studies in Theology

Geetanjali is a Mathematics teacher with a passion to specialise in Religious Education, and an aspiration to pursue doctoral research in Ethics. She reduced her paid employment in 2018-19 to pursue her theology studies. Her resume includes volunteer teaching in Christian Brothers Schools in India, and Parish Youth Group Leader and Faith Formation Co-ordinator. She wishes to help spread the word of God with knowledge.



TERESA BROWN

ACU PhD

Teresa is researching the implications of Professor Dr Lieven Boeve's "theology of interruption" for contemporary theology, especially in relation to the doctrine of Trinity and how we think about God. Teresa will travel to Leuven, Belgium, to meet with Professor Dr Boeve and to present an invited paper to a Research Group in the Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies at Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (KUL).



PATRICIA McCARTHY

Jesuit College of Spirituality Masters in Spiritual Direction

Patricia is employed in the Office of Evangelisation and Renewal, Diocese of Wollongong. Her role includes diocesan formation and oversight of catechists, parish discussion groups and Alpha programs, as well as weekly contributions to the diocesan radio program. She has a strong desire to bring young people to deep awareness of God, conscious of the globalised, secularised, post-modern milieu in which they are striving.



KAREN ROLFE

YU Graduate Certificate in Divinity

Karen is employed as Pastoral Services Co-ordinator, St John of God Hospital, Berwick. In Karen's words: "This role has allowed a happy synthesis of various skills - liturgical, counselling, supervisory, management, knowledge of health care and social systems, and pastoral work". The graduate Certificate in Divinity was undertaken to further her pastoral, ethical and leadership competence.



LYNDA WYLES

Kardia Heart Wisdom Formation for Spiritual Direction

Lynda leads the Pastoral Team at St John of God Hospital Bendigo. She presented a seminar paper at the 2018 Spiritual Care Australia Conference on "what it is about spiritual care in the acute health care setting that sustains patients and their families during their hospital experience, the value of an organisational culture that sees the person rather than the 'patient', and the valuing and providing diverse ways of expressing spirituality". Her course was undertaken to deepen her skills of spiritual accompaniment and support of patients and pastoral team members.