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## IHP KESHIA HANDA MEMORIAL GRANT 2026

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Kia ora koutou,

The Institute of Health Psychology is pleased to announce that applications are open for the Keshia Handa Memorial Grant 2026.

Keshia Handa completed her Health Psychology training at the university of Auckland and worked for many years in Australia as a Health Psychologist. This grant has been generously offered by Keshia's parents, Sumant and Vibha Handa, to honour both Keshia herself and her contribution to the profession of Health Psychology.

This grant is available to IHP members with either Full Member or Associate Affiliate member status. It is intended to be used for conference attendance or other forms of professional development. The successful applicant will be awarded \$600.

To apply for the grant, please tell us in 250 words or less what professional development you are hoping to attend in 2026 and why. Grant applications can be completed online using the following submission form: <https://forms.gle/ruDfMzZ7pKtqS3sz8>

For further enquiries or to submit an application via email, please contact Julia Woolford, IHP secretary, via [julia@healthpsych.co.nz](mailto:julia@healthpsych.co.nz) or Iris Fontanilla, IHP Chairperson, via [ifontanilla@adhb.govt.nz](mailto:ifontanilla@adhb.govt.nz)

**Applications close Monday 20 July 2026, 4pm.**

Ngā mihi nui,

Institute of Health Psychology Committee