The University recognises that the contribution of professional staff is critical to the success and future of the University. Professional staff are encouraged to participate in a range of career development initiatives including the Professional Staff Development Endowment Scholarships Scheme (PSSS) and the Carers’ Career Development Assistance Fund (CCDAF).

The PSSS is designed to provide support to professional staff with caring responsibilities who require support to participate in significant national or international conferences, workshops, training, or other activities that are critical to their career development. It is available for up to $2,500 per individual per financial year. Participation in the PSSS is voluntary and applications can be submitted at any time, subject to availability.

Eligible costs include:

- Conference registration
- Accommodation
- Travel expenses
- Day-to-day expenses
- Classroom fees

Completed applications and supporting documentation should be submitted to Margaret Prescott at Margaret.Prescott@anu.edu.au.

The CCDAF aims to address the employment outcomes, including encouraging and assisting professional staff to return to the workforce after periods of caring responsibilities. The scheme provides financial assistance to assist with work-related costs such as transport, accommodation, and childcare.

Both schemes are open to all professional staff at the Australian National University, with applications accepted at any time. Further information on each initiative, including the procedure, application form, 2021 round dates, and participation in a range of career development forums is available.

Please click on the links below for more information on the initiative.