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Mind Medicine Australia announces 10 scholarships to be made available to outstanding female health professionals from the Northern Rivers Region

Mind Medicine Australia is delighted to announce that it will offer 10 scholarships for its <u>Certificate in</u> <u>Psychedelic-Assisted Therapies (CPAT)</u> for female psychiatrists, GPs, physicians, nurses, psychologists, psychotherapists, social workers, counsellors and occupational therapists in the Northern Rivers Shire of NSW.

These scholarships will provide 50% of the course fee to outstanding female practitioners of all ages who reside in the Shire. Particular priority will also be given to those in financial need and culturally diverse practitioners, including those from indigenous, multicultural, and multi-faith backgrounds and those working with special needs communities. We acknowledge the generous philanthropic support of the Vasudhara Foundation towards this program.

Practitioners will need to meet the selection criteria and attend a ZOOM interview for Intakes 3 and 4 of the CPAT course. We hope to announce the 10 scholarship recipients later this year. The certificate is designed for professionals already working as psychologists, psychiatrists, GPs, nurses, counsellors, and those in similar therapeutic professions. The course has been developed primarily to meet the anticipated demand for trained therapists to provide **psychedelic-assisted therapies** for the treatment of mental illhealth in Australia in medically controlled environments. It is also expected that trained clinicians will be needed to work in research trials as they expand in Australia.

It is the first course of its kind held in Australia and the Southern Hemisphere and features a rich program of international and national teachers, weekend intensives, online learning and more. It is modelled on the world-leading courses developed by the California Institute of Integral Studies (CIIS) and the Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies (MAPS). Please view testimonials from our first cohort of students here: <u>https://cpat.mindmedicineaustralia.org/#testimonials</u>

We invite clinicians to apply via: https://cpat.mindmedicineaustralia.org

<u>Mind Medicine Australia</u> is Australia's leading not-for-profit organisation working on the use of medicinal psilocybin and MDMA-assisted therapies to treat a range of mental illnesses. Mind Medicine Australia exists to help alleviate the suffering caused by our accelerating mental illness epidemic in Australia, through expanding the treatment options available to medical practitioners and their patients. MMA was founded by social entrepreneurs and philanthropists, Tania de Jong AM and Peter Hunt AM who reside between Melbourne and the Northern Rivers Shire.

For more information please visit: <u>www.mindmedicineaustralia.org</u>

Please note the following are available for interview:

- Peter Hunt AM Mind Medicine Australia Chair
- Tania de Jong AM Mind Medicine Australia Executive Director
- Dr Mario Alam, Mullumbimby GP who recently completed the first intake of the course
- Patrick Burnett, Byron Shire psychotherapist who recently completed the first intake of the course

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