

Division:	Fellowship and Standards	Ref. No.	FES-FEL-066
Department:	Fellowship Services		
Title:	Indigenous Corpus		

1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The College has, via the Foundation for Surgery, established a corpus to fund initiatives in Indigenous surgical education and training. The funds from this corpus will help sustain the budget for Indigenous initiatives in the longer term.

2. KEYWORDS

Indigenous, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, Māori, health, surgical education, surgical training.

3. BODY OF POLICY

3.1. Funds

- 3.1.1. The College has established a capital fund ("corpus") to generate income to fund special projects in the Indigenous Health portfolio of the College.
- 3.1.2. Each year, as part of the College's budget preparation cycle, a rate of investment return will be published. The income generated from the corpus (fund value X rate of return) will be available to fund the special projects.
- 3.1.3. Oversight of the Corpus will be the responsibility of the Indigenous Health Committee (IHC) with recommendations approved by Professional Development and Standards Board (PDSB).
- 3.1.4. An annual report of expenditure against the Corpus will be provided by the IHC to the PDSB and Foundation for Surgery.

3.2. Applications for Funding

- 3.2.1. Application for funding is open to any Board, Committee or Fellow of the College in Australia and New Zealand.
Applications from external organizations or individuals in Australia and New Zealand will be considered if endorsed /co-signed in writing by a Fellow of the College.
- 3.2.2. Applications may be submitted at any time during the year.
- 3.2.3. Applications must be received in writing and addressed to the Chair Indigenous Health.
- 3.2.4. If successful, the project must be completed in the calendar year for which the funding is granted. Approval for an extension or change to the completion date must be sought in advance and in writing from the Indigenous Health Committee.

3.3. Assessment and Approval of Applications

- 3.3.1. Funding applications are assessed and approved by the Indigenous Health Committee at its periodic meetings during the year.
- 3.3.2. Recommendations for funding will be forwarded by the Indigenous Health Committee for approval by the Professional Development and Standards Board.
- 3.3.3. Applications will be assessed against the following criteria:

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- a. Alignment to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Action Plan, the Māori Health Action Plan (once developed) and the Indigenous Health Position Paper.
- b. Enhancement of the College's Indigenous surgical education and training offerings over the longer term

3.3.4. The Indigenous Health Committee may, at its discretion, choose not to recommend funding.

3.4. Reporting

3.4.1. The recipient of funding must provide a report on the project at completion, in a format approved by the Indigenous Health Committee.

3.4.2. Any publications, papers or physical product resulting from the funded project must acknowledge the contribution of the Foundation for Surgery.

3.4.3. The Foundation for Surgery Board will be forwarded a copy of reports from the Indigenous Health Committee for review.

3.5. Unexpended Funds

Any funds not expended during any year will be reinvested in the Indigenous Corpus

ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

College Corpora and Investment Reserve

Indigenous Health Position Paper

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Action Plan 2014-2016

Maori Health Action Plan (under development)

Indigenous Corpus - Procedure

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