

Annual Scientific Conference (ASC) Award Learning and Development Grant Guideline GDL-4985

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Governing Policy: POL-4914 Learning and Development Grant Policy

Eligibility summary	Medical Students and Doctors – Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and Māori
Number offered	Variable
Interest area	Attending the ASC

This grant provides opportunities for Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and Māori Final Year Medical Students and doctors with an interest in surgery to attend the upcoming RACS ASC.

Conditions

This guideline outlines information specific to the respective grant's purpose, duration conditions and recipient eligibility. For all the conditions for this Grant it is essential that you also read the Learning and Development policy.

Applicant eligibility

Applications are open to Final Year Medical Students and Doctors with an interest in surgery who are Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander or Māori. They must possess a medical degree from or be enrolled in the final year at an Australian or Aotearoa New Zealand medical school.

Eligible activity

This grant is to fund:

- one return economy airfare to the ASC from the major city nearest to the recipient's residence
- accommodation for five nights at a RACS nominated conference hotel
- ASC four-day registration
- Ticket to the ASC dinner
- Invitation to the Indigenous Doctors' Roundtable Breakfast

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Application criteria

Applications which are to be made via the Unlock system are to include the following:

- The applicant's aspirations and interest in pursuing a surgical career
- The relevance of this application to their current stage of training or medical career
- Envisaged benefits of the activity
- Current and future commitment to Māori or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities
- Confirmation of eligibility for membership to the Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association (AIDA) or Te ORA, whichever applies.

Selection panel

The selection panel must include the Chair (or nominee) of the Indigenous Health Committee (IHC) and include at least three of any of the following (or their nominees) as is most relevant to the applicant:

- Members of the IHC
- Chair, Committee of Surgical Education
- Training Chair, Prevocational and Skills Education Committee
- Censor in Chief
- President, AIDA / President, Te ORA (whichever relevant)

Financial arrangements

The grant funding will be paid to the successful applicant following receipt of a valid tax invoice as requested by the Scholarship and Grant department. Payment will be made in one instalment before 1 March in the Grant year.

Funding Source

The grant is funded from the income revenue derived from the Indigenous Health Committee corpus.

If there is not a successful applicant in a given year, based on the quality and merit of applications and the selection panel's discretion, the grant will not be awarded. Available funding will be returned to the IHC corpus.

Partner committee

Indigenous Health Committee