

The Davison Family Grant

Learning and Development Guideline GDL-4943

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Governing Policy: POL-4914 Learning and Development Grant Policy

Eligibility summary Junior doctors who identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander

Duration Multi-year – up to 3 years

Interest area Postgraduate surgical training

The Davison Family Grant aims to increase the number and impact of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander surgeons practising in Australia.

The grant supports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander junior doctors who might, without financial assistance, be unable to contemplate a career in surgery. The recipient will be an outstanding candidate, who through their own success will have the potential to inspire and attract similar young people to the field of surgery.

Mr Ian Davison and Ms Janie Forrest, acknowledging the privileged opportunity shared by brothers and surgeons, Greg and Ian Davison, established the grant with the specific purpose of extending that privilege and opportunity to aspiring Indigenous surgeons in Australia.

Conditions

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

Applicant eligibility

Applications are open to junior doctors who:

- identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander, including being eligible to be a member of the Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association (AIDA) and have demonstrable links to their community
- are registered to practice in Australia
- wish to undertake postgraduate surgical training
- are citizens or permanent residents of Australia.

Eligible activity

The grant funds costs associated with undertaking postgraduate surgical training including course fees.

Application criteria

Applications are to include:

- A submission describing the applicant's aspirations
- Relevance to the current stage of training or medical career
- Envisaged benefits and outcomes of the activity
- Current and future commitment to inspiring, leading and mentoring other young doctors to become future Indigenous surgeons.
- Details of the surgical-related education, training and/or professional development opportunities to be undertaken
- A breakdown of the proposed use of the grant funding

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Selection

Selection is based on the written application.

Should two or more applicants be equal in merit, preference will be given to:

- applicants who are members of AIDA
- applicants who may not, without financial assistance, have the opportunity to pursue post-graduate surgical training.

The expert selection panel must include the following roles (or their nominees):

- the Chair and a second member of the Indigenous Health Committee
- the President of AIDA
- Mr Ian Davison as observer

and at least one of any of the following (or their nominees) as appropriate:

- Chair, SGC
- Chair, Board of Surgical Education
- Training Chair, Prevocational and Skills Education Committee
- Chair, Fellowships Services Committee.

Duration

The grant may be offered for up to three years duration, providing the recipient maintains their surgical specialisation, academic performance, personal and professional skills and subject to satisfactory performance in making progress towards their academic goals.

Frequency

The grant may be offered every three years, subject to funding and the availability of a suitable candidate. If there is no suitable candidate, it may be offered annually until a suitable applicant is found.

Financial arrangements

The grant funding will be paid to the recipient following receipt of a valid tax invoice as requested by the Scholarships and Grants department. Payment will be made in one instalment before 1 March in the grant activity year.

Funding source

The grant is funded from the income revenue derived from the Davison Family Scholarship corpus under the Foundation for Surgery and will continue to be funded as the corpus allows.

Partner committee

Indigenous Health Committee