
Eligibility summary	A female, final year medical student, Junior Doctor, SET Trainee or RACS Fellow who identifies as being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
Interest area	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health

The Ngarra Grant (Grant) has been established by Dr David Macintosh FRACS to contribute to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and increase the number of female Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander surgeons.

Ngarra (also spelt ngara)¹ has common meanings across a number of language groups from the east coast of Australia to the west Kimberly coast, where Dr David Macintosh spent some time working with Aboriginal communities. In several Western Australian language groups, ngara means 'standing with you', articulating this Grants supportive intentions.

Dr Macintosh encourages and is grateful to any colleagues or others who decide to stand with female Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander surgeons and aspiring surgeons by donating to this Grant with the hope of growing it over time.

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:

- Final year medical students
- Junior Doctors
- SET Trainees
- RACS Fellows

With preference determined by the Indigenous Health Committee and advertised on the RACS website each year.

All applicants must identify as being female, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and be eligible to be a member of the Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association (AIDA).

Eligible activity

The Grant may be used to fund an educational activity. The costs may include but are not limited to postgraduate studies, course fees, conference presentation and/or attendance, mentoring programs, travel, professional childcare and accommodation expenses.

Application criteria

Applications are to include:

- a submission of approximately 500 words briefly describing the applicant's aspirations, benefits to the current stage of training or medical career, and a breakdown of the proposed use of the Grant funding.

¹ Our thanks to the Wangka Maya Pilbara Aboriginal Language Centre (South Hedland, Pilbara Western Australia), for their work and assistance on the name of this grant.

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Selection process

The selection panel may include the Chair (or nominee) and a second member of the Indigenous Health Committee, the President (or nominee) of AIDA and/or one additional member of ANZSGC.

Financial arrangements

The Grant funding will be paid to the successful applicant 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 year.

Funding Source

The Grant is funded from the income revenue derived from the Ngarra Grant corpus under the Foundation for Surgery and will continue to be funded as the corpus allows.

If there is no 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 Grant corpus.

Partner committee

Indigenous Health Committee