

# The Williams Family Grant

## Learning & Development Guideline GDL-4961

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Governing Policy: POL-4914 Learning and Development Grant Policy

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**Eligibility summary** SET Trainees, RACS Fellows

**Interest area** Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health

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The Williams Family Grant (the Grant) has been established by Mr John (Tony) Williams and Dr Anne Sved Williams to contribute to the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The Grant supports educational opportunities or research which focuses on health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

### 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:

- SET Trainees
- RACS Fellows

All applicants must preferably have demonstrable links to an Aboriginal or Torres Strait community, and have the intention to work in or regularly visit a rural indigenous community.

Preference will be given to those that identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and are eligible to be a member of the Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association (AIDA).

#### Eligible activity

The Grant may fund an activity or a field of study to advance the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. These costs may include but are not limited to:

- Education costs
- Postgraduate studies
- Course fees
- Research projects
- Mentoring programs
- Travel and accommodation expenses including to and/or from remote communities
- Studies into diseases that are of particular relevance to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
- Delivery of surgical services to an indigenous community

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Preference will be given to applicants wishing to use the Grant to contribute toward attaining a Master's degree or PhD.

### **Application criteria**

Applications are to include:

- a submission of up to 1,000 words describing the applicant's aspirations, relevance to the current stage of training or medical career, a breakdown of the proposed use of the Grant funding, and envisaged benefits to advancing the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.
- Description of and letter/s of support from the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community to which they are affiliated.

### **Selection process**

Selection is via assessment of the written application.

The selection panel must include the Chair (or nominee) and a second member of the Indigenous Health Committee, the President (or nominee) of AIDA and at least one of any of the following College representatives, as appropriate:

- Chair (or nominee), Australia and New Zealand Scholarship & Grant Committee (ANZSGC)
- Chair (or nominee), Committee of Surgical Education and Training (CSET)
- Chair (or nominee), Fellowships Services Committee
- Censor in Chief (or nominee)

### **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 Williams Family Grant corpus under the Foundation for Surgery and will continue to be funded as the corpus allows.

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 Grant corpus.

### **Partner committee**

Indigenous Health Committee