

Scholarships and Grants Program

Learning and Development Grants Guideline - 2022 Activity

Governing Policy: Learning and Development Grants

Indigenous Program - Career Enhancement Grant (Medical Students)

The Career Enhancement Grant for Medical Students supports final year medical students to acquire knowledge and skills to strengthen their surgical career pathway.

RACS and the Indigenous Health Committee are committed to increasing the participation of Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and Māori doctors in a surgical career by providing education, training and research opportunities. By prioritising Indigenous Health, building the surgical workforce and increasing services, we can better meet the health needs of Māori, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Conditions

Applicant eligibility

Applications are open to those who:

- enrolled in the final year at an Australian or Aotearoa New Zealand medical school AND
- can provide confirmation of eligibility for membership to Te Ohu Rata o Aotearoa The Māori Medical Practitioners Association (Te ORA) OR
- provide confirmation of eligibility for membership to the Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association (AIDA).

Eligible activity

The grant may be used to fund any of the following activities:

Course fees, travel and accommodation to attend surgical skills training, attendance or presentation of a paper and/or poster at a medical, surgical or Indigenous Health conference in Australia or Aotearoa New Zealand (preference will be given to research projects results and outcomes); surgical-related research projects.



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Selection

Selection is based upon:

- your activity proposal including: how your activity will benefit your professional development; and contribute to improving Australian and/or Aotearoa New Zealand surgical standards and knowledge base
- expected outcomes of your activity
- proposed costs
- statements addressing your aspirations, interest in pursuing a surgical career, relevance to current stage of training or medical career and future commitment to Māori or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities
- evidence of eligibility for membership to Te ORA or to AIDA
- references

The selection panel is comprised of the Chair of the Indigenous Health Committee and may include the Censor in Chief and members of the Board of Surgical Education and Training; Prevocational and Skills Education Committee; Fellowship Services Committee; Australian Indigenous Doctors Association (AIDA) and Te ORA.

Acknowledgment

The grant is to be acknowledged as the *Career Enhancement Grant (Medical Students)*, supported by the *Royal Australasian College of Surgeons*, by the recipient in all related communications, and is to be accompanied by the Foundation for Surgery logo on all related presentations.

This guideline provides details regarding the purpose, eligibility and requirements specific to this grant. Additional Scholarships and Grants program conditions are outlined in the Learning and Development Grants Policy.

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