

Scholarships and Grants Program

Learning and Development Grants Guideline

Governing Policy: Learning and Development Fellowship and Grant Policy

The Davison Family Grant

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 who through their own success will have the potential to inspire and attract similar young people to the field of surgery.

Conditions

Applicant eligibility

Applications are open to doctors who:

- identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander, including being eligible to be a member of the Australian Indigenous Doctor's 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, details of the surgical-related education, training and/or professional development opportunities to be undertaken and a breakdown of the proposed use of the grant funding, envisaged benefits and outcomes of the activity and current and future commitment to inspiring, leading and mentoring other young doctors to become future Indigenous surgeons.
- contact details for two referees (it is preferred that one referee is from AIDA or is a community leader and the other is a professional supervisor or colleague) who will be asked to provide statements of support.
- an outline of the financial need.

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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 postgraduate 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
- Mr Ian Davison as observer

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

- Chair, ANZSGC
- Chair, Board of Surgical Education
- Training Chair, Prevocational and Skills Education Committee
- Chair, Fellowship Services Committee
- the President of AIDA

Duration

The grant may be offered for up to three years duration, providing the recipient maintains their post-graduate surgical training, personal and professional skills.

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.



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