



The Royal Australasian
College of Physicians

RACP Future Directions in Health Congress 2012 Disease and Injury Prevention

Indigenous Scholarships Guidelines for 2012

The RACP Congress is offering up to five scholarships to medical students and physician trainees who identify as being of Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander or Māori descent to support their attendance at the RACP Future Directions in Health Congress 2012. The Congress will take place from 6 to 9 May 2012 at the Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre. The theme of the Congress is Disease and Injury Prevention.

About the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP)

RACP trains, educates and advocates on behalf of more than 13,500 physicians and 5,000 trainees – often referred to as medical specialists – across Australia and New Zealand.

It represents more than 25 medical specialties including paediatrics, cardiology, respiratory medicine, neurology, oncology and public health medicine, occupational and environmental medicine, palliative medicine, rehabilitation medicine, sexual health medicine and addiction medicine. Beyond the drive for medical excellence the RACP is committed to developing health and social policies which bring vital improvements to the well being of patients.

For more information about the RACP visit: www.racp.edu.au.

About the RACP Congress and what you can get out of the Congress

The Congress is the premier event of the College which attracts over 700 delegates, comprising of physicians, physician trainees and other health professionals. It features a multi-disciplinary program that showcases excellence in Australasian medicine, medical sciences and medical education.

The Congress offers a superb opportunity for physician trainees, medical students and other visiting medical specialists to attend a wide of sessions, including expert medical updates on specialty areas outside of their own area of practice and training. It also offers you an opportunity to engage one on one with members of the College fraternity and industry segments.

What is the purpose of the scholarship?

- Providing an educational opportunity
- Networking with peers and meeting influential healthcare professionals
- Developing an awareness of career opportunities as a physician and activities of the RACP
- Raising awareness and initiatives undertaken by the RACP towards the Australian Federal Government's Close the Gap – Indigenous Health Equality Summit (2008), for more information visit: www.racp.edu.au/page/policy-and-advocacy/indigenous-health
- Supporting an understanding of the health of Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and Māori peoples

What are the scholarship entitlements?

- Return economy airfares from your nearest capital city to Brisbane (up to A\$1,000)
- Accommodation at a hotel nominated by the Congress Managers (3-4 nights)
- Full Trainee Registration (4 days) or Medical Student Registration (4 days)
- An allowance to assist you in preparing your poster presentation (up to A\$100)

What does the Congress expect in return from scholarship winners?

As a scholarship recipient to the 'RACP Future Directions in Health Congress 2012', you will be required to prepare a poster presentation on any project or research work undertaken in the last 12-18 months that relates to Indigenous health, Indigenous issues or disease and injury prevention.

What are the eligibility criteria?

- Identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander or Māori descent
- Studying, researching or working in a field of medicine, medical science or medical education at an undergraduate or trainee level
- Abstract for a poster or presentation on any project or research work undertaken in the last 12-18 months

How do I apply and what is the application deadline?

Application is by abstract submission on any project or research work undertaken in the last 12-18 months in any one or more of the following areas:

- Indigenous health
- Indigenous issues
- Disease and Injury Prevention

Abstract Guidelines:

- Abstract text must be in Arial, 10pt size, single-spaced and justified
- Your abstract should be no more than 300 words, including references
- Your abstract should include a title, author names and organisation(s)

Abstraction Submission:

Please complete the attached application form and submit with your abstract to Sarah Barter, Policy Officer, Policy & Advocacy at the RACP at sarah.barter@racp.edu.au.

What is the application process?

Applications will be assessed by a scholarship selection committee made up of College staff and members. Applicants will be advised of the outcome of their application following the decision of the scholarship selection committee.

The decision of the scholarship selection committee is final.

Who do I contact for more information?

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