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*Application
For the
AMA Indigenous Peoples'
Medical Scholarship
2009*

For the assistance and encouragement of Aboriginal
and Torres Strait Islanders studying for a medical degree at an Australian University.



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Overview and Conditions

The Indigenous Peoples' Medical Scholarship was established in 1995 with a contribution (\$100,000) from the Australian Government. The Reuben Pelerman Benevolent Foundation also contributes funding to the scholarship.

The scholarship is aimed at increasing the number of Indigenous Doctors in Australia. The value of the scholarship is \$9,000 per student per annum, paid in one lump sum per year. The scholarship is tenable for each year of medicine being successfully completed. The scholarship may be awarded part-way through a year to apply to the remainder of the year's study.

The scholarship is awarded competitively to students who:

- are of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background. For the purposes of this application, an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is someone who is of Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent, or who identifies as an Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and is accepted as such by the community in which he or she lives or has lived. Applicants will be asked to provide a letter from an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community organisation supporting their claim.
- are currently enrolled at an Australian Medical School and have successfully completed at least their first year of medicine. **Students who are currently enrolled in the first year of medicine are eligible to apply;**
- are eligible for ABSTUDY. Please note that it is the responsibility of the applicant to seek advice from Centrelink on how the scholarship payment will affect ABSTUDY or any other government payment.

The scholarship is subject to review at the end of each year: If a scholarship holder fails to complete the course of study set down for any year, the scholarship must be surrendered (payment will not be made). The student is given the opportunity to repeat. Should he/she pass the following year, the Scholarship will be renewed automatically. If a scholarship holder's performance in any semester is unsatisfactory in the opinion of the head of the medical faculty or institution, further payments under the scholarship may be withheld.

The scholarship will not be awarded to an applicant who already holds another scholarship.