

MIGA

The Medical Insurance Group

2010 Doctors in Training Grants Program



Supporting skills development
amongst doctors in training

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"The Department where I am working is situated in a new multimillion dollar state of the art complex furnished by some of the latest technology available to medical treatment. At its very heart is the Da Vinci Robot – the pride and joy of the centre. I thank MIGA for realising the importance of these fellowships where we can all harness different expertise and sharpen one's clinical wit to make a difference back home."

2008 Grant Recipient
Dr Dominic Lee,
Uro-oncology Fellowship,
Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge UK

The MIGA Doctors in Training (DIT) Grants Program provides funding to assist doctors in training whilst pursuing specialist training opportunities in Australia and abroad.

Funds are provided to assist doctors meet the expenses associated with this additional training.

If you are interested in undertaking advanced training in your chosen specialty, the MIGA DIT Grants Program may be able to assist you!

In providing funding, MIGA aims to achieve the following:

- To promote the development of medical expertise amongst doctors practising in Australia
- To assist the proliferation of enhanced clinical skills across Australia to improve the standard of care available to patients
- To ease the financial burden on doctors seeking to undertake additional training.

The MIGA DIT Grants Program

In 2004 MIGA established an Elective Grants Program for Medical Students with the aim of providing financial support to enable them to pursue an elective program in an area of personal interest and relevance to their medical studies.

Based on the success and popularity of this Program, MIGA launched in 2008 a similar Program to promote advanced skills training and experience for doctors in training.

The theme of the DIT Grants Program is "Supporting skills development amongst doctors in training".

The Grants

MIGA is offering up to four individual DIT Grants of \$5,000 each. These are intended to assist doctors meet the costs incurred in pursuing their Training Program which can include travel, accommodation, Program fees etc.

Grants will be judged on merit and awarded to Applicants deemed as submitting the most outstanding Applications. Whether all four Grants are awarded or not will be subject to MIGA receiving suitable Applications which meet MIGA's selection criteria.

2009 MIGA DIT Grant Recipients

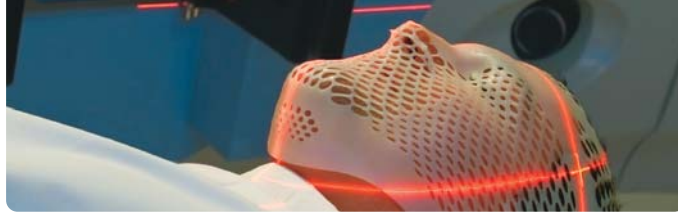
Five DIT Grants were awarded by MIGA in 2009. The winners of the Grants were:

- **Dr Cameron Keating**
Training Program: Master of Medical Sciences
Location: The Plastic Surgery Research Laboratory, Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School, Boston, USA
- **Dr Alexander Willson**
Training Program: Clinical and Research Fellowship in Interventional Cardiology
Location: St Paul's Hospital, Vancouver, Canada
- **Dr Henning Johannsen**
Training Program: Training in Subspecialty Allergy and Clinical Immunology
Location: The Charité, Berlin, Germany
- **Dr Matthew Hutchinson**
Training Program: Fellowship in Paediatric Orthopaedic Surgery
Location: Shriners' Hospital for Children, Oregon, USA
- **Dr John Richards**
Training Program: Aeromedical Retrieval Training Program
Location: Royal London Hospital Helicopter Emergency Medical Service, London, UK

To see the potential of a DIT Grant, visit the DIT Grants Program page on our website and read reports submitted by past recipients.

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Who is eligible?

The 2010 MIGA DIT Grants Program is open to doctors who are:

- Members of and insured with MIGA at the time of Application and funding of the Grant
- Enrolled in and undertaking an accredited training program with an Australian Medical College or Society, or who have completed their College or Society training program within the last two years
- Seeking to undertake an additional Training Program (either in Australia or overseas) that is beyond the training prescribed as part of their accredited training program, to enhance their qualifications and/or benefit their career and local community.

The types of Training Programs that will be eligible include:

- Post graduate study in an area relevant to the doctor's service to their local community
- Indigenous community placements
- Placements with volunteer organisations (e.g. Médecins Sans Frontières)
- Undertaking research in a specific area of medicine
- Pursuit of advanced training which is in addition to that provided within the doctor's accredited College or Society training program.

Doctors will only be eligible to receive **one** DIT Grant from MIGA during the course of their career.

Interested in applying for the Program?

If you wish to be considered for a 2010 DIT Grant, you must:

1. Complete the 2010 DIT Grants Program Application Form, which is available from our website
2. Provide any additional information you feel supports your Application
3. Submit your Application and any supporting material by 5.00pm (CDT) Friday, 29 October 2010, in hard copy to:

MIGA DIT Grants Program
C/- MIGA
PO Box 1223
Unley DC SA 5061

What else do I need to know?

The Program has some key conditions which are important for you to note:

- To be eligible for a DIT Grant, you must abide by the terms and conditions of the DIT Grants Program as detailed in the Application Form
- Doctors who are awarded a DIT Grant will be ambassadors for and advance the good name and interests of MIGA, during and after their Training Program
- You must agree to provide an article on your experiences no later than 3 months into your placement and an additional article on completion, including how you have personally benefited from the experience and how your community and colleagues will benefit from your acquired

skills and knowledge. Each article is to be approximately 800 words and may be edited by MIGA for length and clarity

- You must abide by the decisions of MIGA in relation to offers of Grants
- MIGA reserves the right to allocate the 2010 DIT Grants as it deems fit – no debate or discussion will be entered into with applicants.

Note: Doctors who hold a position on MIGA's Boards or Medical Advisory Panel are ineligible to enter the DIT Grants Program.

Further details of the terms and conditions are included on the Application Form available from our website.

Key dates of the Program

- Applications open Monday 12 April 2010
- Your Application Form must be received by MIGA no later than 5.00pm (CDT), Friday 29 October 2010
- Recipients of the DIT Grants will be decided by Friday 10 December 2010 and advised after this date
- You must commence your Training Program by 31 July 2011 and your Grant must be paid by MIGA to you by 30 October 2011.

"Clinically I have already experienced diagnostic and surgical dilemmas rarely encountered in larger cities. I've been able to visit areas that I would never have thought to travel as a tourist, and actually would not be allowed to go as a tourist. Furthermore, it was great to be part of something that will hopefully make an impact on the burden of blindness in this developing region."

2008 Grant Recipient
Dr Paul Athanasiov
Ophthalmology Vocational Training
Program, Meiktila Eye Hospital, Myanmar
and
Alice Springs Hospital,
Northern Territory



"Undertaking my Masters has helped me to develop skills for clinical research and given me the confidence to initiate my own research. I am putting the skills I have learnt into practice in a research project that is currently underway. I am very grateful to MIGA for the support with my study this year."

2008 Grant Recipient
Dr Megan Stait
Masters of Clinical Epidemiology,
Monash University,
Melbourne Victoria

MIGA

MIGA is a specialist insurer offering a range of medical indemnity insurance products and associated services to the medical profession across Australia.

With our Head Office in Adelaide and our branch offices in Brisbane, Melbourne and Sydney, we have been supporting and protecting the medical profession for over 100 years.

Benefits of insuring with MIGA

Whether you are a Staff Specialist, Salaried Medical Officer or an Intern, or if you are employed in the private sector and are indemnified by your employer, we can offer you tailored insurance and membership options.

We also understand that some doctors may only want minimum cover to satisfy the requirements of their Medical Board registration and others may want additional cover including for any private practice they may undertake.

The insurance options available with MIGA for employer indemnified doctors include:

Option 1 – Cover for legal costs and expenses incurred in relation to Medical Board, tribunal and/or Coronial matters only.

Option 2 – Cover for:

- Legal costs and expenses incurred in relation to inquests, inquiries, investigations or complaints
- Limited private practice – provided income from such practice does not exceed \$10,000 per annum
- Good Samaritan Acts and Gratuitous Advice.

Our Policy Cover

If you select cover under Option 2, MIGA's Policy Wording incorporates a range of very important benefits for employed doctors including cover for:

- **Good Samaritan Acts** – worldwide
- **Practice outside the Commonwealth of Australia** (except USA)
- **Vicarious liability** for supervision, training or mentoring of non employed medical practitioners
- **Volunteer practice** – for claims arising out of work as an unpaid volunteer
- **Liability of restricting the ability of another doctor to practise** – in the course of supervising, training or mentoring another registered medical practitioner: Cover is subject to a sub-limit of \$100,000.

We are proud of the quality of the cover offered under our policy and the level of protection it provides our members.

Our aim is to provide doctors with **superior cover** and a policy that provides **real value for money.**

Benefits of Membership

Members of MIGA receive some very important services and benefits, including:

- Our **24 hour emergency support** – available anywhere in Australia
- Access to our **Interactive Risk Management (IRM) Program** – which offers a maximum 10% discount off the next year's insurance premium upon full compliance
- Access to **Risk Resources** – a package of risk management resources to help doctors insured with us manage their risks in medical practice
- Our **Doctors' Support Service** – offering clinical and peer support for members who are involved in a claim
- Receipt of our **bi-monthly Bulletin** – which features articles on risk and claims management, case studies, key insurance and membership issues and medico-legal developments
- Access to the **MIGA Financial Benefits Package** – offered by the Commonwealth Bank exclusively for MIGA members
- Access to our **Members' only internet facility** – offering a range of online services including lodgement of claims, payments and enrolment in our risk management activities
- A range of **long term membership benefits.**

If you are in any doubt about what your employer is covering you for and whether you need your own insurance, call our Client Services Department and we would be pleased to assist you.



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"My experiences thus far have been memorable. One patient in particular was 37 weeks pregnant with twins, presenting with an acute ascending aortic dissection. The anaesthetic, surgical, obstetric and neonatal challenges in this sort of case are astounding – it was amazing to be involved in a multidisciplinary team of specialists providing care, with safe delivery of the twins by caesarean section followed by repair of the aortic dissection."

2008 Grant Recipient

Dr David Cardone

Fellowship in Cardiothoracic Anaesthesia and
Peri-operative Transoesophagal Echocardiology,
Papworth Hospital, Cambridge UK

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