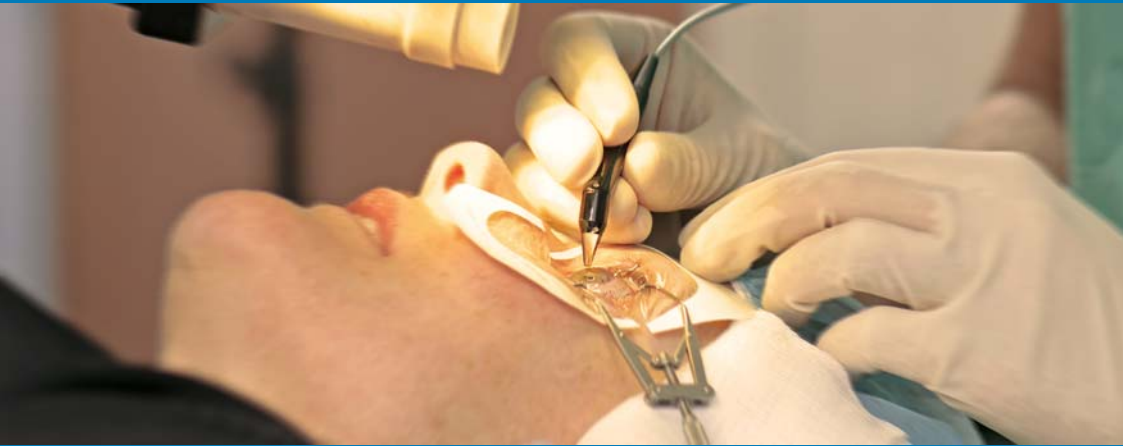


2011  
Doctors in Training  
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Apply now for your opportunity to secure  
a **\$5,000 Grant** to fund  
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## The MIGA Doctors in Training (DIT) Grants Program provides funding to assist doctors in training 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 a training program or placement in your chosen specialty, the MIGA DIT Grants Program may be able to assist you!

### 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 opportunity 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.

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.

*"In terms of my exposure to surgical cases, my time at Shriners was simply fantastic. I really don't think that many other hospitals could have given me the exposure to such a diverse range of patients and orthopaedic pathologies. This experience has helped me gain a greater understanding of the complex needs of children requiring orthopaedic care, and I think these lessons will stay with me during my training and beyond."*

2009 Grant Recipient **Dr Matthew Hutchinson**,  
Fellowship in Paediatric Orthopaedic Surgery,  
Shriners Hospital for Children, Oregon, USA

### 2010 MIGA DIT Grant Recipients

Four DIT Grants were awarded by MIGA in 2010. The winners of the Grants were:

#### • Dr Shane Durkin

*Training Programs:* Fred Hollows Fellowship & Fellowship in Vitreoretinol Surgery & Research

*Locations:* Vietnam National Institute of Ophthalmology, Hanoi, Vietnam  
Tilganga Institute of Ophthalmology, Kathmandu, Nepal

Greenlane Hospital & University of Auckland, Auckland, New Zealand  
Alice Springs, Northern Territory

#### • Dr Andrew Fuller

*Training Program:* Fellowship in Endourology

*Location:* University of Western Ontario, Ontario, Canada

#### • Dr Courtney Tate

*Training Program:* Completion of PhD Thesis – 'MMR123: An Antibody Mediated Therapy for Acute Myeloid Leukaemia'

*Location:* Mater Medical Research Institute, Brisbane, Queensland

#### • Dr Jee-Yoong Leong

*Training Program:* Fellowship in Cardiothoracic Surgery

*Location:* Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston, USA

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 2011 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 a Training Program or Placement that is beyond the training prescribed through their College or Society.

The doctor should be undertaking the training to enhance their qualifications and/or benefit their career and local community.

## Examples of eligible training opportunities

- 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.

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

## 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 1000 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 2011 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 11 April 2011
- Your Application Form must be received by MIGA no later than **5.00pm (CDT), Friday 28 October 2011**
- Recipients of the DIT Grants will be decided by Friday 9 December 2011 and advised after this date
- You must commence your Training Program by 31 July 2012 and your Grant must be paid by MIGA to you by 30 October 2012.

## Interested in applying for the Program?

If you wish to be considered for a 2011 DIT Grant, you must:

1. Complete the 2011 DIT Grants Program Application Form, which is available from our website
2. Prepare any additional information – this is an opportunity to strengthen your Application and we strongly encourage you to include supporting documents
3. Submit your Application and any supporting material by 5.00pm (CDT) Friday, 28 October 2011, in hard copy to:

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

*"My eyes have been opened to intensive ways of teaching, unbridled enthusiasm in translational research and enormous research opportunities for collaboration. Without innovative programs like the MIGA DIT Grants Program, it would be that much harder for Australian trainees to gain new experiences, both at home and internationally."*

2009 Grant Recipient **Dr Cameron Keating**  
Master of Medical Sciences,

The Plastic Surgery Laboratory, Massachusetts General Hospital  
and Harvard Medical School, Boston, USA

*"I have seen and learnt various aspects in the clinical area of patients with complex immune deficiency disorders and allergic diseases. The new ideas and procedures I learn I can bring back to Australia and share with my colleagues, hopefully to help better areas of our practice."*

2009 Grant Recipient **Dr Henning Johansen**  
Training in Subspecialty Allergy & Clinical Immunology,  
The Charité University Hospital, Berlin, Germany

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## Insure your reputation and career from just \$55\* per annum

At MIGA \$55 is the most you will pay for insurance protection if you are a junior doctor, or if you are enrolled in a GP or Specialist Fellowship program and predominantly employed in the public sector.

**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.

\* Total cost of \$55 includes all statutory charges and is based on the Category of cover – "Salaried Medical Officer in Training", working in South Australia (as at February 2011). Total cost will be lower for doctors working in other States. Please note that the cover from MIGA is only available to the extent you are not otherwise indemnified by your employer.

## 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 employed doctors include:

**Option 1** – Provides cover for:

- Legal costs arising from defending or responding to the Medical Board, Tribunal investigations and proceedings arising from your practice
- Cover for claims for compensation and legal advice in relation to Good Samaritan Acts and Gratuitous Advice.

**Option 2** – Provides cover for:

- Legal costs arising from defending or responding to the following inquests, inquiries, investigations or complaints arising from your practice:
  - Medical Board, Tribunal or other disciplinary investigations and proceedings
  - Coronial inquiries, royal commissions
  - Health Insurance Act proceedings
  - Professional college or association, health service and healthcare ombudsman inquiries and complaints
  - Criminal investigations and proceedings
  - Government or statutory authority alleging contraventions of Competition and Consumer Act 2010 or similar State or Territory legislation
  - Responding to threats to personal safety by patients
- Legal costs in defending or pursuing complaints or proceedings involving employment matters, visiting medical practitioner matters and allegations of discrimination, harassment and breach of equal opportunity law
- Cover for claims for compensation and legal advice in relation to Good Samaritan Acts and Gratuitous Advice

- Cover for claims for compensation and legal costs for private work you undertake outside of your employment (and any rights to private practice agreement) subject to any limitations applicable to the Category of cover you select.

**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.**

## MIGA is more than just an insurer

In addition to your insurance we provide a range of other valuable benefits to support your medical practice:

- Our **24 hour emergency support** – available anywhere in Australia
- 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 **'Client Area' 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.

Insurance policies available through MIGA are underwritten by Medical Insurance Australia Pty Ltd (AFSL 255906). Membership services are provided by Medical Defence Association of South Australia. Before you make any decisions about our policy, please read our Product Disclosure Statement and Policy Wording and consider if our policy is appropriate for you. Call MIGA for a copy or visit our website.

*"My fellowship focuses on learning the technique of transcatheter aortic valve implementation (TAVI) under the mentorship of Dr John Webb who is a pioneer and leader in this field. I have gained considerable experience with many first in man devices involved in TAVI including new valves, embolic protection devices, 3D angiography, novel arterial sheaths and aortic balloons."*

2009 Grant Recipient **Dr Alexander Willson**  
Clinical & Research Fellowship in Interventional Cardiology, St Paul's Hospital, Vancouver, Canada

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*"Registrars are trained in a variety of PHC techniques, including surgical airways emergency chest surgery including 'open chest' thoracotomies, and a variety of techniques and procedures for the management of severe life threatening trauma. Depending on the condition and complexity of the patient, total scene times for single patients should not exceed 30 minutes including loading onto the aircraft and ground communication."*

2009 Grant Recipient **Dr John Richards**  
Helicopter Emergency Medical Service registrar,  
Kent Air Ambulance Trust, Kent, UK

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