

Doctors in Training Grants Program

4 Grants of \$5,000



Funding for your training program or placement

Apply online at www.miga.com.au

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



2016 Recipient
Dr Freya Langham

East African Diploma in Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Moshi, Tanzania and Kampala, Uganda

"Non-communicable diseases (NCDs) are leading causes of death in Australia, and indeed around the world: of the 56 million deaths worldwide in 2012, 68% have been attributed to NCDs. Of these deaths, three-quarters occurred in low- and middle-income countries. So there is now a growing body of evidence that these diseases, classically attributed to Western lifestyles and excess, are an increasing problem in sub-Saharan Africa as well."



Four Grants of \$5,000 are provided to assist doctors to meet the expenses associated with additional training.

If you are interested in undertaking a training program or placement in your chosen specialty or an area of personal interest, the MIGA DIT Grants Program may be able to assist you!

Supporting skills development amongst doctors in training

With the continuing theme of “Supporting skills development amongst doctors in training”, the Program aims to:

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

Each year we are encouraged by the dedication doctors’ show towards expanding their skill set. Since the Program’s launch in 2008, we are proud to have assisted more than 40 doctors with training placements around the world.

The Grants

MIGA is excited to offer four individual DIT Grants of \$5,000 each.

The Grants are intended to assist doctors meet the costs incurred in pursuing their training opportunity. Expenses can include travel, accommodation, Program fees and other associated costs.

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.

Who is eligible?

The 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, and
- In their 1st to 5th post graduate year; OR
- Enrolled in an accredited training program with an Australian Medical College or Society, or have completed this training within the last two years.
 - For these doctors, the Training Program or Placement for which they are seeking funding must be beyond the scope of training that is prescribed by the Medical College or Society.

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

Note: Doctors will only be eligible to receive one DIT Grant from MIGA during the course of their career. Doctors who hold a position on MIGA's Boards or Advisory Panels are ineligible to apply.

Further details of the terms and conditions are available from our website.





2016 Recipient
Dr Simone Sandler

Harvard Program in Global
Surgery and Social Change
Harvard Medical School
Boston, USA,
Coimbatore, India and
Phnom Penh, Cambodia

"We need to complete 143 million more surgeries every year globally to meet the need for surgery. This service deficiency results in massive global (avoidable) disability and death. The Program I'm undertaking aims to improve surgical capacity in developing countries through research, advocacy and capacity building."



Examples of eligible training opportunities



Post graduate study in an area relevant to the doctor's service to their local community



Specialised fellowships



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.

2017 MIGA DIT Grant Recipients

Dr Natasha Pritchard

TRAINING PROGRAM

Doctor of Philosophy in
Translational Obstetrics

LOCATION

University of Melbourne
Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

Dr Lindsay McGrath

TRAINING PROGRAM

Fellowship in Ocular Oncology and
Oculoplastics

LOCATION

Royal Hallamshire Hospital
Sheffield, South Yorkshire, England

Dr Sam Brophy-Williams

TRAINING PROGRAM

Paediatric Training Program

LOCATION

Hospital Nacional Guido Valadares
Dili, Timor-Leste

Dr Janani Thillainadesan

TRAINING PROGRAM

Doctor of Philosophy – “Achieving better
outcomes in older surgical patients under
the care of surgical teams”

LOCATION

University of Sydney
Sydney, New South Wales, Australia

Be inspired by the experiences of our past recipients

To see the potential of a DIT Grant we encourage you to review the reports of our past recipients available on our website. Reports cover recipients' personal and professional challenges and offer a great resource for doctors considering further training.



Key dates

Each year, the Program is open for Applications between May and November.

Applications open

Tuesday, 1 May 2018

Applications close

Friday, 2 November 2018
at 5pm (CDT)

Application outcome announced

Mid-December 2018

Eligible Training Program dates

Training must commence
by 31 July 2019



Interested in applying?

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

- 1 Review the 'Guide to the Application Process' available from the DIT Grants Program page of our website at www.miga.com.au/dit-grants-program
- 2 Prepare your answers to the 'Required Questions', as described in the Guide
- 3 Prepare any additional information you wish to provide as part of your submission. This is an opportunity to strengthen your Application and we strongly encourage you to include relevant supporting documents
- 4 Complete the DIT Grants Program Online Application Form available on our website, ensuring you have documents prepared under steps 2 and 3 above ready to upload.



"The average patient arrives in hospital two and a half hours after symptom onset and very few can be treated within the important first hour – the so called 'golden hour' where we think stroke can be most easily treated and reversed. When similar Mobile Stroke Units have been used overseas, the number treated in the first golden hour rose to a staggering 40%."



2016 Recipient
Dr Henry Zhao

Doctor of Philosophy in
Clinical Acute Stroke Medicine
University of Melbourne
and Melbourne Health
Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

Insuring with MIGA

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.

With MIGA on your side your career and reputation are protected and you'll never be on your own. If you are in any doubt about what your employer is covering you for and whether you need your own insurance, call us on **1800 777 156** – we would be pleased to assist you.

Why do you need insurance?

As a hospital doctor with insurance provided by your employer, it can be easy to assume your own independent insurance is unnecessary.

In reality, this cover can be limited in its scope and may only extend to claims for compensation with limited legal support. Faced with a disciplinary or other complaint you may find yourself on your own. Finding a suitable lawyer to advise you is only your first challenge, personally funding the legal advice and your representation could be a significant financial and emotional strain.

Activities and events which may not be covered under the indemnity provided by an employer include:

- Coronial investigations
- Medical Board and hospital inquiries
- Employment matters and disputes
- Private assisting and locum work
- Provision of unpaid healthcare, such as Good Samaritan Acts and volunteer work
- Threats to personal safety
- Disciplinary proceedings
- Clinical trials not covered under legislation
- Work overseas.

Legal costs can be significant, ranging from upward of \$100,000 for some inquiries to more than \$250,000 for major investigations. To date our highest legal expenses claim is in excess of \$850,000. Without your own insurance these expenses could be coming out of your own pocket!



Protection at every career stage – it costs less than you think

| Career Stage | Cost with MIGA |
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| Interns | \$ FREE[†] |
| Doctors in Training | \$ FREE until halfway through your 3 rd postgraduate year then a maximum of \$60p.a.* |
| Salaried Medical Officers | \$ Medical tribunal legal expenses start at just \$120 [^] |
| Career Medical Officers and Staff Specialists | \$ Cost varies depending on your requirements |

Regardless of your position and your working arrangements we can offer tailored insurance options to suit your needs.

[†]MIGA reserves the right to withdraw this offer or to vary it in the future, such as by changing the period for which free cover is provided. We will notify any change in advance and it will not take effect until the next renewal so that you can consider it when making future decisions about your cover.

*Based on the Category of cover "Salaried Medical Officer in Training".

[^]Based on the Category of cover "Employer Indemnified – Medical Board, Tribunal cover only" (Category specifically excludes cover for private practice work).

Total costs appearing here are as at March 2018 and include all statutory charges. Costs are based on working in South Australia and 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.

Insurance policies available through MIGA are issued by Medical Insurance Australia Pty Ltd. MIGA has not taken into account your personal objectives or situation. Before you make any decisions about our policies, please read our Product Disclosure Statement and Policy Wording and consider your own needs. Call MIGA for a copy or visit our website.



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Sort your insurance fast – with MIGA's online Application Form you can apply, pay and receive confirmation of your cover in one easy process. Immediate confirmation of your insurance cover will be sent straight to your inbox!



2016 Recipient

Dr Sandra
Concha Blamey

Neureanaesthesia and
Neurocritical Care Fellowship
National Hospital for
Neurology and Neurosurgery,
University College London
London, United Kingdom

"I have had the opportunity to be involved in the perioperative management of patients presenting for various neurosurgical procedures, including transphenoidal surgery, neuro-oncology, transoral and skull base surgery, vascular neurosurgery, epilepsy surgery, surgery for Parkinson's disease and other movement disorders, complex spine surgery, and interventional neuroradiology. I have also been fortunate enough to be involved in the management of 10 awake craniotomy cases within a three month period."

MIGA is more than just your insurer

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

24/7 emergency medico-legal support and advice

Access to the advice of our expert medico-legal team, not only in the event of a claim, but every day for free medico-legal advice on any matter big or small.

Risk Management

Activities and resources to help reduce your risk in practise, provide better health care and access to a 10% premium discount.

Practitioners' Support Service

Peer and professional support to help you deal with personal and emotional issues that can result from a claim.

MIGA Plus Business Education

Access to discounted education courses to help you gain efficiencies in your business, financial and personal life as your career progresses.

Regular communications and resources

Bi-monthly Bulletins and specialised email communications incorporating tailored resources to assist your practise and career journey.

A staff member dedicated to your account

Your own dedicated MIGA Client Services Officer who is knowledgeable, friendly and familiar to assist with your insurance needs on an ongoing basis.

Doctors' Health resources

Information and tools to help you identify and manage your personal health risks.

Earn Qantas Points on your insurance

As an MIGA client you can earn Qantas Points as a Qantas Business Rewards member, or as an individual Qantas Frequent Flyer member.¹ Head to our website to find out more!

1. A business must be a Qantas Business Rewards Member and an individual must be a Qantas Frequent Flyer Member to earn Qantas Points with MIGA. Qantas Points are offered under the MIGA Terms and Conditions at www.miga.com.au/qantas-tc. Qantas Business Rewards Members and Qantas Frequent Flyer Members will earn 1 Qantas Point for every eligible \$1 spent (GST exclusive) on payments to MIGA for Eligible Products. Eligible Products are Insurance for Doctors: Medical Indemnity Insurance Policy, Eligible Midwives in Private Practice: Professional Indemnity Insurance Policy, Healthcare Companies: Professional Indemnity Insurance Policy. Eligible spend with MIGA is calculated on the total of the base premium and membership fee (where applicable) and after any government rebate, subsidies and risk management discount, excluding charges such as GST, Stamp Duty and ROCS. Qantas Points will be credited to the relevant Qantas account after receipt of payment for an Eligible Product and in any event within 30 days of payment by You. Any claims in relation to Qantas Points under this offer must be made directly to MIGA by calling National Free Call 1800 777 156 or emailing clientservices@miga.com.au.



About MIGA

MIGA is a national provider of medical indemnity insurance and associated services to the medical profession across Australia. We have been supporting and protecting the medical profession for over 117 years.

At MIGA, our philosophy is focussed on being there for our clients.

We are committed to providing the highest level of personal service and professional support. Whether it is arranging your insurance, dealing with a claim or seeking advice or information, you can always rely on us.

Always the
first choice for
your medical
indemnity
insurance and
protection



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