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.

2015 Recipient
Dr Thomas Volkman
Neonatology Mission through Médecins Sans Frontières, Peshawar, Khyberpaktankwa Frontier Region, Pakistan

“In a place of limited physical resources, I learnt that human resources are by far the most powerful. Empowering staff (particularly local women) to learn new skills and take pride in the practice of their work is where you can make the greatest lasting difference.”
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!
The Grants

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

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.

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.

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 which meet MIGA’s selection criteria.
2016 MIGA DIT Grant Recipients

Dr Sandra Concha Blamey
TRAINING PROGRAM
Neuroanaesthesia and Neurocritical Care Fellowship
LOCATION
National Hospital for Neurosurgery and Neurology, University College London
London, United Kingdom

Dr Simone Sandler
TRAINING PROGRAM
Harvard Program in Global Surgery and Social Change
LOCATION
Department of Global Health and Social Change, Harvard Medical School
Boston, USA, Coimbatore, India and Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Dr Henry Zhao
TRAINING PROGRAM
Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Clinical Acute Stroke Medicine
LOCATION
University of Melbourne and Melbourne Health
Melbourne, Australia

Dr Freya Langham
TRAINING PROGRAM
East African Diploma in Tropical Medicine and Hygiene
LOCATION
London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine
Moshi, Tanzania and Kampala, Uganda

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.

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
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.
Key dates

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

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<th>Monday, 1 May 2017</th>
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<td>Applications close</td>
<td>Friday, 3 November 2017 at 5pm (CDT)</td>
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<td>Application outcome announced</td>
<td>Mid-December 2017</td>
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<td>Eligible Training Program dates</td>
<td>Training must commence by 31 July 2018</td>
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“The innovation of this research is that it describes a method to reconstruct breasts by regenerating tissue, rather than replacing it. Current techniques for breast reconstruction use implants or tissue from another part of the body to form new breasts. Our method regenerates breasts by stimulating the growth of fat.”

2015 Recipient
Dr Matthew Cheng
Clinical Research Fellowship – Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, Princess Alexandra Hospital, Brisbane, Australia
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 a State Government 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!

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.

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

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<td>Interns</td>
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<td>Doctors in Training</td>
<td>$FREE until halfway through your 3rd postgraduate year then a maximum of $60p.a.*</td>
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<td>Salaried Medical Officers</td>
<td>$Medical tribunal legal expenses start at just $121^</td>
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Regardless of your position and your working arrangements we can offer tailored insurance options to suit your needs.

*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 are as at March 2017 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.
“Despite the high prevalence and devastating impact of congenital malformations, the underlying genetic causes are mostly unknown. This lack of a genetic diagnosis is incredibly frustrating for both families and the healthcare teams responsible for their care. My aim is to utilise the latest advances in gene technology, in the hopes of finding answers for the families I see day to day.”
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 115 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.

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.
Always the first choice for your medical indemnity insurance and protection

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