

Elective Grants Program for Medical Students

10 Grants of \$3,000

\$1,500 for you + \$1,500 for the community



Together we can make a difference!



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“As long as poverty, injustice and gross inequality persist in our world, none of us can truly rest.”

Nelson Mandela

When you choose to undertake an elective in a developing community, not only are you giving yourself the opportunity to experience medicine from a different perspective, you have the potential to make an enormous impact on the community you visit.

In these communities, where often medical staff and resources are extremely limited, you will be an invaluable extra set of hands and can make more of a difference than you ever thought possible.

At MIGA, we share your commitment to developing communities and encourage you to apply for our Elective Grants Program to maximise the benefit of your placement.

 For more information and to apply visit www.miga.com.au!

The MIGA Elective Grants Program

Through the Program, MIGA provides financial assistance to medical students undertaking their university elective in developing communities. Since the Program's launch in 2004, we have supported over 90 medical students who have participated in electives all around the world.

Through the provision of funding, MIGA aims to:

- Bring medical skills to communities in desperate need
- Provide medical or other aid to the community in a key area as identified by you, and
- Enrich your learning experience through exposure to new cultures and the delivery of health care in a different setting.

We are proud to offer the Elective Grants Program and are excited by its potential to provide immersive learning experiences and bring much needed medical skills to even more communities around the world.

Supporting Medical Students in Developing Communities

For the purpose of the Program, we consider 'developing communities' to be those that are poor and marginalised, where people struggle to:

- Control their own development
- Achieve equitable treatment, and
- Maintain a healthy and sustainable environment.

Whilst there are many countries overseas that meet these criteria, there are also Indigenous communities within Australia and its territories that are considered 'developing'. We encourage applications from students undertaking electives in developing communities both in Australia and overseas.

"I learnt so much more than just the difference between clinical medicine in sub-Saharan Africa and Australia. I also learnt more about myself, my values and beliefs, about culture and about the hardships, but also about the pure happiness that people with so little can experience. The people of Tanzania truly blew me away."

Katherine Rimmer

Arusha Lutheran Medical Centre, Tanzania



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**MIGA offers
ten Grants of
\$3,000 each
consisting of:**

\$1,500 for medical students

to assist in funding their personal elective costs, including travel, accommodation and vaccinations

\$1,500 for developing communities

to assist in the purchase of medical or other aid for the community visited by the student

Dedicated Grant for Indigenous Students

At MIGA we are passionate about ensuring Indigenous people are better represented in the medical profession. As part of an initiative introduced in 2013, each year we set aside one of the ten Elective Grants to award specifically to an Indigenous medical student applicant interested in pursuing an elective placement in a developing community. Please note Indigenous medical students are encouraged to apply for all Elective Grants offered by MIGA.





Am I eligible?

The Elective Grants Program is open to current medical students in Australia who:

- Are medical student members of MIGA
- Are enrolled in an accredited course of medical study in Australia for the purpose of obtaining registration as a medical practitioner
- Are willing and able to complete an elective program in a developing community between 1 March 2019 and 29 February 2020. The elective must be recognised by your university or medical school as part of your studies.

Not insured with MIGA?
Thankfully, student membership is free!



To join, simply visit our website and complete the online Application Form for automatic and immediate confirmation.

Please note MIGA is unable to accept joint Applications for Grants. Students travelling together are free to submit their own individual Proposals for an Elective Grant, however, there is no guarantee each of the students will receive a Grant.

Full details of the Program's terms and conditions are available from our website.



How do I apply?

To be considered for an MIGA Elective Grant you will need to:

1

Prepare your Proposal

This is a key component of your application that allows you to communicate what's different about you and your elective. Before commencing, make sure you review the 'Preparing my Proposal' section.

2

Complete the Elective Grants Program Online Application Form available on our website at miga.com.au/elective-grants-program

This Form requires your contact and elective details and asks you to nominate your Proposal submission method.

3

Submit your Proposal by one of two methods

Electronic Submission
The Proposal can be submitted electronically by uploading it, and up to three other supporting documents, using the Online Application Form.

Hard Copy Submission

To submit your Proposal in hard copy select this option on the Online Application Form and send it by mail to MIGA using the cover sheet available from our website.

Preparing my Proposal

The Proposal is a matter for you to consider, as we do not define a required format, word count, or set layout to follow. Instead, we encourage you to be creative and really show us what's different about you, your elective and what you plan to achieve!

No matter how you choose to prepare your Proposal, to assist our judging panel in their decision making we do encourage you to cover the following points as a minimum:

- When and where you will be undertaking your elective
- Full details of your interest in medicine in the developing community and/or country where you are proposing to undertake the elective
- How you will help to make a difference
- Your aims in completing the elective, including what you hope to learn and achieve in the community
- Any previous experience in developing communities or countries
- Specific details about how you propose the \$1,500 donation to the hospital or community will be used
- Any additional information you believe will help to support your submission.

The \$1,500 donation should be used for a purpose that supports the needs of the hospital, clinic or health unit where your elective will be undertaken. For example, it could be used for a cache of drugs or medical supplies, surgical equipment, or to support a specific program.

Both your Online Application Form and Proposal (regardless of submission method) must be received by MIGA by 5pm (ACST) on Friday, 30 August 2019.



Key dates to remember

Each year, the Program is open for Applications between May and August, with recipients announced in October.

The specific dates for the 2019 Program are:

Applications open

Tuesday, 1 May 2019

Applications close

Friday, 30 August 2019
at 5pm (ACST)

Application outcome announced

Mid-October 2019

Eligible elective dates

1 March 2019 to 29 February 2020
(or as otherwise agreed in writing with MIGA)

Please note If you are undertaking your elective within the eligible dates but before the recipients are announced, you will be awarded the Grant retrospectively if your Application is successful. This applies to students undertaking electives between March and October 2019.



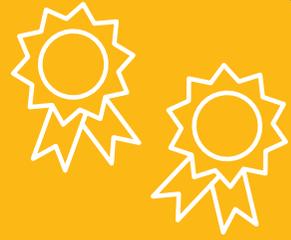
"The reality of being under resourced was harshly apparent, and I saw a lot more death than back home. However, despite the limitations, hospital staff were incredibly resourceful with what little they had."

Cassandra Collyer

St Augustine's Hospital, Tanzania



2018 MIGA Elective Grant Recipients



Amelia Bai

Flinders University
Gizo Hospital
Gizo, Solomon Islands

\$1,500 community donation use: Purchase of medical equipment and supplies, including blood pressure cuffs, an ECG machine, infrared thermometers and hand sanitiser.

Cassandra Collyer

University of Western Australia
St Augustine's Hospital
Muheza, Tanzania

\$1,500 community donation use: Donation to Muheza Hospice Care, to help support mothers and children with HIV through social support, medical care and health education.

Patrick Cook

University of Sydney
Livingstone Central Hospital
Livingstone, Zambia

\$1,500 community donation use: Donation to the Hospital's new Prosthetics and Orthotics training school, the only such facility in Zambia.

Jessica Dalwood

University of Adelaide
Khayelitsha District Hospital
Cape Town, South Africa

\$1,500 community donation use: Purchase of much needed additional beds for the Emergency and Paediatric Emergency Departments.

Kiri Gates

(Indigenous Grant Recipient)

University of Melbourne
Lions Outback Vision
Remote Western Australia

\$1,500 community donation use: Purchase of glasses for patients who require this aid but are unable to afford them.

Nicola Jacobs

University of Notre Dame (NSW)
Alice Springs Hospital
Alice Springs, Australia

\$1,500 community donation use: Purchase of otoscopes and other much needed equipment for the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

Susanne Kitching

Monash University
Manipal Teaching Hospital
Pokhara, Nepal

\$1,500 community donation use: Donation to the Poor Patient Fund, enabling the provision of free medical care for those most in need who cannot afford it themselves.

Katherine Rimmer

James Cook University
Arusha Lutheran Medical Centre
Arusha, Tanzania

\$1,500 community donation use: Donations to the Emergency Department and newly opened Neonatal Intensive Care Unit to help purchase medical supplies and improve training for local staff.

Aiden Varan

University of Melbourne
Tapua Tamasese Meaole Hospital
Apia, Samoa

\$1,500 community donation use: Purchase of additional ENT equipment for the Paediatric Clinic, including otoscopes and disposable specula.

Ty Yengi

University of New South Wales
Healing KADI Foundation
Northwest Uganda

\$1,500 community donation use: Purchase of medications such as malarial treatments and antibiotics, rapid testing kits and other ancillary supplies.



Be inspired by their
life-changing experiences

To see the potential of an Elective Grant we encourage you to view the reports of our past recipients available on our website! These students visited regions all over the world and have incredible stories and photographs to share.



"This elective gave me the chance to be involved in women's and children's healthcare and the health system in a developing country, as well as the opportunity to live and experience another culture, both of which were incredible. It has really fuelled my passion for global health and working towards positive changes in health systems."

Susanne Kitching

Manipal Teaching Hospital, Nepal





"I experienced so much - exploring canyons, assessing strabismus, getting bogged 4WDing, lasering posterior capsular opacifications, watching a wild crocodile whilst fishing, and finally getting my first full retina view. This elective has set my curiosity alight, with so much inspiration from the patients, the science and the ophthalmologists themselves."

Kiri Gates

Lions Outback Vision, Remote Western Australia



MIGA's free insurance protection for medical students

Why do students need insurance?

As a medical student you never quite know when you could become involved in a medical emergency. Even if you consider yourself a sensible, conscientious student you are not immune to legal or disciplinary action. It's important to remember you don't need to be at fault – you might unknowingly get on the wrong side of someone or simply be in the wrong place at the wrong time. It can happen easily and quickly escalate out of your control.

Why take unnecessary risks when you can ensure you're covered by MIGA at no cost to you?

What's in it for me?

MIGA offers free insurance protection for medical students, with automatic cover for:

- Elective and scholarship placements
- Clinical placements
- Emergency medical assistance you provide (also known as Good Samaritan Acts)
- Medical Board and Tribunal matters
- Coronial inquiries and criminal investigations.

There are also many other benefits relevant to your study and future as a doctor:

- Access to the Elective Grants Program
- Free 24/7 medico-legal support and advice
- Free intern insurance*
- Regular emails including easy-to-enter online competitions
- Access to our Bulletins and other educational material.

*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.

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 personal needs. Call MIGA for a copy or visit our website.

What are you waiting for?



Your medical skills are needed desperately.

Submit your application today, because *together* we can make a difference.

Join online today

To be protected by our FREE medical student insurance, visit www.miga.com.au and complete our simple online Application Form.

It only takes a few minutes, with confirmation sent straight to your inbox!



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 nearly 120 years.

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

'Always' expresses our commitment 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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