



# AMA

## Indigenous Peoples' Medical Scholarship 2013

*For the assistance and encouragement of Aboriginal  
and Torres Strait Islanders studying for a medical degree at an Australian University*

Applications are now sought for the Australian Medical Association (AMA) Indigenous Peoples' Medical Scholarship for 2013. Applicants must be people of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background.

Applicants must be currently enrolled full-time at an Australian Medical School and in at least their first year of medicine. Preference will be given to applicants who do not already hold any other substantial scholarship.

The Scholarship will be awarded on the recommendation of an advisory committee appointed by the AMA. The value of the Scholarship given in 2013 will be \$9,000 per annum, paid in a lump sum each year of the course.

The Scholarship will be awarded for a full course of study, subject to review at the end of each year.

### **Applications close 10 May 2013**

To receive further information and an application package, please contact Sandra Riley, Administration Officer, AMA on 02 6270 5452 or email [sriley@ama.com.au](mailto:sriley@ama.com.au). An application package can be downloaded from the AMA website [www.ama.com.au/indigenous-peoples-medical-scholarship-2013](http://www.ama.com.au/indigenous-peoples-medical-scholarship-2013).

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## **INDIGENOUS MEDICAL STUDENTS ENCOURAGED TO APPLY FOR AMA SCHOLARSHIP**

AMA President, Dr Steve Hambleton, today encouraged Indigenous medical students to apply for the 2013 AMA Indigenous Peoples' Medical Scholarship.

Dr Hambleton said that an important part of closing the Indigenous health and life expectancy gap is to build an adequate workforce that includes Indigenous doctors and health professionals.

"There is evidence that there is a greater chance of improved health outcomes when Indigenous people are treated by Indigenous doctors and health professionals," Dr Hambleton said.

"The numbers of Indigenous doctors are steadily increasing, but every effort needs to be made to help make it possible for Indigenous people to study medicine.

"This is why the AMA offers the Indigenous Peoples' Medical Scholarship of \$9000 per annum for aspiring Indigenous doctors.

"The scholarship has assisted many Indigenous men and women who may not have otherwise had the financial resources to study medicine.

The scholarship was established in 1995 with a contribution from the Australian Government to help increase the number of Indigenous doctors in Australia.

Applications for the scholarship must be in by 10 May 2012.

To be eligible for the scholarship, students must currently be enrolled full time at an Australian medical school and be eligible for ABSTUDY.

For further information on how to apply for the 2013 AMA Indigenous Peoples' Medical Scholarship visit: <http://www.ama.com.au/indigenous-peoples-medical-scholarship-2013>

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