Royal Australasian College of Surgeons
Māori Annual Scientific Congress Awards

The Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS) is pleased to announce travelling awards to final year medical students and doctors identifying as Māori with an interest in surgery, to attend the College’s Annual Scientific Congress (ASC) in Perth in May 2015.

The Awards aim to provide those considering a career in surgery with the opportunity to:

- Participate in the educational program of the College at its Annual Scientific Congress
- Network with Fellows and meet influential healthcare professionals in the surgical profession
- Gain an understanding of the activities of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons
- Discuss with College leadership career path issues for Māori medical professionals.

Up to 3 awards may be offered, depending on the availability of funding and the quality of applications.

Eligibility
To be eligible for an Award an applicant must:
- Identify as being Māori
- Be a member of the Te ORA - Māori Medical Practitioners Association.
- Possess, or be a final year student engaged in, a medical degree from an New Zealand medical school.

Benefits of the Award
The award recipients shall receive:
- A return economy airfare to the ASC from the major city nearest to their permanent residence
- Accommodation for 5 nights at a College nominated preferred conference hotel
- ASC 4 day registration.

Conditions of Award
The award recipients will be required to:
- show confirmation of conference leave (or similar)
- provide a 500 word post-conference report to RACS.

Application Process
Submit an application on the prescribed RACS form, which includes a current CV and two (2) letters of reference supporting the application.

The application is to include a submission of up to 500 words on the benefit(s) of attending the RACS Annual Scientific Congress, and should address:
- Current and future commitment to Indigenous health activities
- Interest in pursuing a surgical career
- Relevance to current stage of training or medical career.

Selection Process
Selection will be made by an assessment panel and applicants will be notified by January 2015.

Closing date for applications is 5pm Friday 28 November 2014.

For full details of the Award and to download an application form please visit http://www.surgeons.org/member-services/scholarships-awards-lectures-prizes/research-and-travel-scholarships/racs-māori-asc-award/

Or contact the Secretariat Indigenous Health Committee on (03) 9276 7407 or by email indigenoushealth@surgeons.org