

# INDIGENOUS ALLIED HEALTH AUSTRALIA

VALUING DIVERSITY IN ALLIED HEALTH

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# DO YOU WANT TO INVEST IN ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT?

Indigenous Allied Health Australia (IAHA), the national Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander allied health peak body, is holding a series of professional development opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander allied health graduates and students and the wider allied health workforce.

### WHY INVEST?

- Gain exposure for your organisation within the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health sector
- Make a contribution to Close the Gap in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health outcomes.
- Contribute to building a culturally responsive health workforce to meet the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
- Make a tax deductable donation to strengthen support structures for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health students
- Assist allied health professionals to meet their professional development goals and aspirations

The theme of the IAHA professional development events is 'Valuing Diversity in Allied Health'. These events include:

### IAHA HEALTHFUSION TEAM CHALLENGE

An extra-curricular, immersive and fun interprofessional learning experience that uses competition to motivate students studying in allied health to work together for improved patient outcomes. It will be a 2 day event that will be held specifically for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health students.

In 2013 we had 20 students from a diverse range of disciplines including social work, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, podiatry, radiography, dentistry, mental health, sport and exercise science, nutrition and dietetics and medical science (pathology). Together the participants learned about working in interprofessional teams to address a complex case study and plan the holistic care for a fictional character and her family. After the inspirational and challenging heats, the final two teams demonstrated their exceptional skill in the 'Final Showdown'.

HEALTHFUSION TEAM CHALLENGE

\$20,000 \*1 AVAILABLE (GST EXCLUSIVE)

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FORUM

In order to provide opportunities for allied health professionals to engage in ongoing professional development, IAHA will hold a one and a half day Forum involving a number of interactive and thought-provoking workshops to assist the current and emerging allied health workforce in their professional journeys.

Themes may include Culturally responsive approaches in person-centred care; Allied health across diverse locations and disciplines; and Racism in Health -Strategies and Ways Forward. There will also be opportunities for personal skill development around a number of non-clinical topics.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FORUM \$5,000 \*3 AVAILABLE (GST EXCLUSIVE)

### IAHA MEMBER SCHOLARSHIPS

In order to support as many IAHA members to attend these professional events as possible, IAHA is seeking donations to our scholarship fund. These donations are tax deductable. As in previous years, IAHA has strict guidelines and will administer the scholarships to members according to their ability to meet the criteria. IAHA will also provide a brief report to each donor about the events and how their donation benefited the recipients.

"The scholarship I received gave me opportunities in networking, professional development, and personal growth allowing me to continue building my career and supporting other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students." — Danielle Dries (Physiotherapist)

**RURAL/REMOTE** \$1,800

**URBAN** \$1,200



# 2014 NATIONAL INDIGENOUS ALLIED HEALTH AWARDS AND GALA DINNER

Building on the success of the 2013 National Indigenous Allied Health Awards, IAHA will again recognise the contribution of IAHA members to improving the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples by holding a Gala Dinner and Awards.

> GALA DINNER AND AWARDS \$15,000 \*1 AVAILABLE (GST EXCLUSIVE)



# 2014 NATIONAL INDIGENOUS ALLIED **HEALTH AWARDS**

Categories include:

- 1. FUTURE LEADER IN INDIGENOUS ALLIED HEALTH
- 2. INDIGENOUS ALLIED HEALTH STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT
- INDIGENOUS ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR
- 4. INDIGENOUS ALLIED HEALTH LEADERSHIP
- 5. COMMITMENT TO INDIGENOUS HEALTH
- 6. IAHA LIFE TIME ACHIEVEMENT

INDIVIDUAL AWARD \$1,500 \*6 AVAILABLE (GST EXCLUSIVE)