

The Dr Debbie Stach Memorial Scholarship

Who was Dr Debbie Stach?

Dr Debbie Stach was a GP Registrar with NTGPE when she died tragically in a motor vehicle accident on 29 February 2004. Deb had just completed her training and was awaiting the FRACGP award. She had worked in Katherine in several of the health services since January 2003. This scholarship is a financial incentive for the recipient, as well as an opportunity to honor an exceptional woman.

The Dr Debbie Stach Memorial Scholarship provides financial support up to \$2500 for the professional development of one GPR engaged in one or more Aboriginal communities during their enrolment with NTGPE and is an opportunity to remember Deb's contribution to Indigenous health in the NT, revered as the gold standard.

Deb's greatest gift was her sense of humanity. Her peaceful manner and perceptive insight into the world around her, allowed her to connect with and understand people from different backgrounds. This quality, combined with her desire to live life well, made her a great doctor and a wonderful healer. She was a lover of people, bringing simple joy to others and she never had a bad word to say about anyone.

She was kind to her surroundings as a committed environmentalist and recycler and was always happy gardening. She had a natural manner which put others at ease, she spoke from the heart and was always respectful of the beliefs of others. Deb explored many areas of expression including photography, music and yoga. She lived her life simply and well and, in doing so, inspired those around her. She was a distinctive dresser, embracing the Territorian lifestyle.

Deb's approach to medicine reflected her approach to life. She valued holistic management, recognising the importance of the interaction between patient and healer. She was open to differing belief systems and when she died, she was driving back to Melbourne to study alternative medicine. She was genuine in her dealings with her patients, demonstrating extraordinary empathy for those in distress, easing their burdens yet maintaining her joy and optimism for life.

Deb's photograph hangs on the wall at Katherine District Hospital and in the reception area of the Kintore Clinic. Deb will be fondly remembered by her friends and her many patients. This Scholarship is a tribute to her, and it is a privilege for her family and friends to present it on her behalf to assist GPRs following her career footsteps.

Overall Eligibility

NTGPE supports all GPRs in enhancing their vocational competencies that will ensure they remain leaders in their field and meet current and future workforce needs. NTGPE acknowledges that better skilled GPs result in better health outcomes for all Territorians.

Eligible applicants will be :

- enrolled in NTGPE's GPR educational program
- committed to becoming a GP in the NT at the end of their program
- committed to leadership and innovation in General Practice particularly in Indigenous health
- an Australian citizen or have permanent resident status and are required to submit a copy of their birth certificate, passport or other supporting documentation, such as proof of residency.

The scholarship may be used to pay for conference registration, travel or relevant postgraduate studies.

Application Process

Applications open in July and close 21 August 2009. Nominees will be informed of the outcome of their application by the end of August. The successful applicants will be awarded the scholarship at NTGPE's annual Health Professionals Teaching and Learning Conference in September.

If you are interested in applying for the scholarship please submit your application to the Director, Medical & Cultural Education, Northern Territory General Practice Education, PO Box u179, Charles Darwin University, NT, 0815 or via email: hung.nguyen@ntgpe.org

If you have further questions about the scholarship please contact either the Director Medical & Cultural Education or the Education Programs Manager on (08) 8946 7079.



Northern Territory General Practice Education Ltd
Debbie Stach Memorial Scholarship
Application Form



Name:

Address:

Email:

Telephone Number:

Mobile Number:

Training Term: Basic

Advanced

Subsequent

Please list the clinics/practices you have worked in during your training to date.

Describe how you have demonstrated your commitment to General Practice in Indigenous health.

Briefly outline your career aspirations post fellowship.

If successful, what will you use the scholarship funds for?

Please list two referees that NTGPE can contact regarding your application.

Name:

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