

<b>Owning School / Department</b>	Melbourne Medical School / Melbourne Dental School
<b>Donor</b>	Victorian Medical Insurance Agency Limited
<b>Name of Award</b>	VMIAL-PSA Insurance Medical Scholarship and VMIAL-PSA Insurance Dental Scholarship
<b>Background to Award</b>	<p>The Victorian Medical Insurance Agency Limited (ACN: 004 124 734) (VMIAL), through its insurance brand “PSA Insurance”, has been involved in the promotion and development of tailored insurance solutions for the exclusive benefit of doctors and dentists. In addition, the donor has made a commitment, founded in company policy, to support projects benefiting these professions by directly funding research, scholarships and other such philanthropic endeavours.</p> <p>Over the past decade, the VMIAL-PSA Insurance Medical and Dental Scholarships have provided support for talented students from rural Victoria or outer-metropolitan Melbourne who would otherwise be unable to complete studies in medicine or dentistry at the University of Melbourne. The scholarships provide accommodation and board at a residential college or rural accommodation associated with the University of Melbourne for the duration of the students’ degrees.</p>
<b>Description of Award</b>	Residential scholarships for students who are in financial need and are domiciled in rural Victoria or outer-metropolitan Melbourne at a University college or University administered accommodation provider to enable recipients to complete their studies in medicine or dentistry at the University of Melbourne.
<b>Type and level of support</b>	<p>Scholarship funds cover accommodation and up to 14 meals weekly at residential colleges or rural accommodation providers affiliated with The University of Melbourne. The value of each year’s scholarship will be recorded in the separate annual memorandum of gift.</p> <p>Scholarship recipients will reside at the same college for the duration of their course unless students are undertaking rural placements or there are other exceptional circumstances as determined by MDHS Advancement.</p>
<b>Duration of award</b>	Each scholarship runs for a consecutive term of four (4) years with a progress review after two (2) years. (See Award Review for further details below)



<b>Award Review</b>	<p>A mid-term reassessment by MDHS of ongoing student suitability after the initial 2 years of scholarship, will take place during the last semester of a student's second year.</p> <p>Factors which may be taken into consideration during the mid-term assessment include, but are not limited to, are the student's:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• academic performance;</li><li>• participation in a mentoring or tutoring program administered by the student's residential college, clinical school, or the Faculty of MDHS;</li><li>• ongoing satisfaction of the selection criteria;</li><li>• periodical reporting and feedback to VMIAL from the scholarship recipients in accordance with the guidelines; and</li><li>• their ability to demonstrate that they have successfully represented the University of Melbourne and their course.</li></ul> <p>Where MDHS decides not continue the student scholarship it will end at the second (academic) year without any further monies payable in respect of that scholarship by VMIAL.</p> <p>MDHS will carry out the review and reassessments at the required time interval and provide VMIAL with a written recommendation as to whether the scholarship should be continued or not. MDHS will give strong weight to the feedback of VMIAL before making a final decision.</p>
<b>Award Frequency &amp; Number</b>	<p>The donor hopes to support at least one new scholarship each year, subject to VMIAL board approval in the donor's annual budget as well as the support for any existing scholars (term of award is 4 years).</p>
<b>VMIAL Scholar Network</b>	<p>MDHS will invite all current and past scholars to connect with the donor and provide relevant VMIAL contact details so that the donor may develop a Scholars Network.</p>
<b>Selection Criteria</b>	<p>Students who are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Australian citizens;</li><li>2. in financial need;</li><li>3. domiciled in rural Victoria or outer-metropolitan Melbourne, with the option to select interstate students if there are no eligible Victorian students; and</li><li>4. studying medicine or dentistry at the University, with a preference for equal numbers from each discipline.</li></ol>



	<p>The University will provide VMIAL with a shortlist of applicants and their application details. The University will give strong weight to any feedback from the VMIAL Board when selecting scholarship recipients. However, final selection of scholarship recipients is made by the Dean of MDHS (or his/her nominee).</p>
<b>Acceptance Conditions</b>	<p>MDHS will ensure that before awarding a scholarship to recipients, the recipient signs (including electronically) an award acceptance form that will include agreeing to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Participating in a formal mentor or tutoring program where practical (and providing annual written certification of this participation from the organisation administering the program).</li><li>• Declaring any scholarships they are awarded over the value of \$3,000 (at the time they are received) and acknowledging this may affect the amount of funding they will receive in future years from VMIAL.</li><li>• Committing to remain at the same college for the duration of their degree (except when on rural placement) unless exceptional circumstances exist as determined by the Faculty, after consultation with the donor.</li></ul>
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