

St Vincent's Pacific Health Fund

Grants and scholarships



St Vincent's Pacific Health Fund is managed by a group of volunteers who have an interest in or have worked in Papua New Guinea and Pacific islands.

The fund was established to:

- promote, provide and enable opportunities for medical and other health worker related education in the Pacific region
- assist in capacity building of health services and personnel through provision of directed grants to institutions and individuals for specific projects
- create and promote links between St Vincent's and health workers and health institutions, particularly within the mission sector, in the Pacific region.

St Vincent's Pacific Health Fund is financed by donations. Management costs are minimised so that close to 100 per cent of the fund goes directly to projects identified.

Your donations are needed

All donations are gratefully received. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductable. The Fund has no paid office bearers or administrators so your contributions will go directly towards funding grants or scholarships.

Donate online

You can donate online via our secure website, stypacifichealth.org. There are two sections in the online form, one for your details and one for the details of your donation. You will need to choose 'Pacific Health Fund' from the drop-down list of options in the 'Select Campaign' section when completing your donation details.

Donate by phone

You can donate over the phone by calling the St Vincent's Foundation office on +61 (3) 9288 3361 and speaking to our Donations Administration Officer.

Donate by cheque or money order

Please make your cheque payable to 'St Vincent's Foundation Pacific Health Fund' and mail to:

St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne Foundation Office PO Box 2900 Fitzroy Vic 3065 AUSTRALIA

Applying for a grant

Application forms can be found at stvpacifichealth.org

The applicant/s must be an individual or health organisation located in the Pacific region.

A description comprising a minimum of 500 words outlining the aims, benefits and expected outcome of the proposed project is required.

Detail on how capacity may be built, or how providing an educational opportunity will benefit a community or health service will enhance the likelihood of success. Please note, a report is required on completion of the project.

Grants in the order of \$10,000 (AUD) will be mostly favoured, but larger grants for specific requests will be considered.

Applications are actively sought for the following activities:

- Facilitating placements and exchanges of personnel in the Pacific
- Assisting mission and government hospitals with essential and appropriately sustainable items of medical equipment, including facilitating access to global health information networks and other information technology
- Enabling professional leave for longstanding employees in mission hospitals
- Enabling refreshment and professional development for isolated practitioners, to prolong service life and prevent burnout

Any reasonable application, particularly from the mission sector, will be considered.

Send your application via email to stvpacifichealth@svhm.org.au or via post to:

St Vincent's Pacific Health Fund c/o Emergency Department St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne PO Box 2900 Fitzroy VIC 3065 Australia

Andrew Dent student scholarships

The Andrew Dent Student Scholarship is offered each year to Australian-based health sector students who need support to undertake volunteer work, electives or study trips that aid people in the Pacific Region. It is hoped that an experience of working and living in the Pacific as a student will lead to a life-long professional and personal link with the region which will benefit both the individual student and the Pacific region they encounter. If you are interested in applying for an Andrew Dent Student Scholarship, please download and then submit to us an application form at stypacifichealth.org.

Scholarship applications or enquiries can be emailed to: stvpacifichealth@svhm.org.au

Applications close: 31st October each year.



Drs Andrew Boorne and Andrew Dent at Kikori Hospital, PNG.