

## **Media Release**

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#### **Flinders University student wins AMSA Indigenous Elective Bursary**

The Australian Medical Students' Association (AMSA) congratulates Mr Thaoi An Vuong who has been awarded the 2011 AMSA Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health elective bursary.

Through this bursary, AMSA offers students the chance to undertake an elective placement in an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander health facility or community by providing a bursary of \$1000 to assist with travel, accommodation and other expenses.

Thaoi is a third year medical student from Flinders University and will be completing a six week Indigenous health elective in Alice Springs in January next year, focusing on renal and emergency medicine. He will use the bursary to cover his travel and accommodation costs.

"I am excited to be awarded this bursary and I am very much looking forward to working in the outreach clinics in Alice Springs next year," Thaoi said.

AMSA President Mr Robert Marshall said, "congratulations to Thaoi for being awarded this bursary. Providing students with incentives to seek out their own placements within the area of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health is extremely important in helping them to increase their confidence in working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples."

"AMSA believes the long-standing inequity in health status between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians and non-Indigenous Australians is unacceptable - it is the responsibility of the future health workforce and their educators to ensure they are prepared to tackle this," he said.

For more information on AMSA bursaries please see  
<http://www.amsa.org.au/content/scholarships-bursaries>

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