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## **IAN O'ROURKE SCHOLARSHIP IN PATIENT SAFETY**

The NSW Clinical Excellence Commission invites applications from suitably qualified and highly motivated graduates to undertake a program of full time health services research to improve patient safety and quality in indigenous health. It is envisaged that the research would culminate in the award of a PhD.

### **Scholarship Description**

The scholarship is named in honour of the late Dr Ian O'Rourke AO, Chief Executive Officer of the Institute for Clinical Excellence, in his many roles in health as a surgeon, educator, academic and researcher. Dr O'Rourke was passionate about the work he undertook with Aboriginal communities, at the Redfern Medical Centre, in far north Queensland, and in the Northern Territory where he worked for five years.

### **Duration of Scholarship**

A Ian O'Rourke Scholarship is awarded by the Clinical Excellence Commission every three years in New South Wales. The scholarship offers an annual stipend of \$30,378 for three years study commencing in 2010. Applicants must reside within New South Wales for the duration of the scholarship.

### **The Applicant**

Applicants must be Australian citizens or permanent residents. The successful applicant must be accepted into a PhD program at an accredited New South Wales institution before stipend remittances commence.

### **The Institution**

The scholarship will be awarded to the successful candidate through the sponsoring institution. The institution will have demonstrated that it is able to support the applicant in the pursuit of advanced health services research relevant to patient safety and quality in indigenous health and be willing to administer the scholarship.

**Applications Close:** Thursday, 25 June 2009

**Notification Date:** Week commencing 28 September 2009

**Application guidelines** can be downloaded from CEC website  
[www.cec.health.nsw.gov.au](http://www.cec.health.nsw.gov.au)

Further information may be obtained by contacting:

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Applications should be forwarded to :  
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