Become a National Youth Ambassador for Health Research

Do you have a passion for health & medical research?

If you are in Year 9 or 10, we’d like to hear from you!

Research Australia is looking for the Research Australia National Youth Ambassador for Health Research 2011 – a leader who cares about the future health of Australia, to help spread the message of the importance of science and research to other young people, business and government leaders.

If you are interested in a career in science, this competition can provide you with opportunities to interact with researchers and government. As the national winner, you will lead a team of like-minded young people to carry the youth voice on health research.

The future of Australia’s health relies on young people like you!

Everyone benefits from health and medical research. Immunisations against childhood diseases or cervical cancer, antibiotic treatments for bacterial infection, functional foods, sunscreens and lifestyle prescriptions all began with research. Increasingly, new technologies are paving the way for cures and treatments that promote living healthier longer lives.

Over time, our diets have changed and so have the foods we eat. A store-bought tomato today may be different from one your grandparents grew. Today’s scientists may determine what we eat and how we eat tomorrow.

Nutrition & Health – Have your say!!

Submit an 800–1000 word essay or 3–5 minute video about:

“How can science make what you eat more healthy?”

Students might consider the impact of foods on their own health, the health of their community and populations around the world. Scientific interventions including functional foods, super foods and genetic modification should also be explored. Analyse how these have made a difference in the way we live today and may change the way we live in the future or change the way we avoid disease. Your essay or video will be judged on the extent to which you develop your point of view in a reasonable and convincing way, as well as your ability to effectively express your opinions.

Visit www.researchaustralia.org for guidelines on how to enter.

Applications close: Friday, 29 July 2011

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What’s on offer?

State Winners will join the 2011 Research Australia National Youth Ambassador for Health Research in a forum to develop a priorities paper for health and medical research. You will be given the opportunity to raise your concerns with media, key opinion leaders and politicians. You will also have the opportunity to participate in a mentoring program with researchers from universities and institutes and be the youth voice for your peers.

Our National Youth Ambassador for Health Research winner will receive an iPad2 and the opportunity to meet scientists involved in medical research and innovation, the chance to share their views with state and national policy makers and join in Research Australia activities.

About Research Australia

Research Australia’s vision is a world where government, industry, philanthropy and the research sector work together to improve quality of life for all Australians. Through Research Australia, Australian researchers, universities and community groups work to build a stronger research base to ensure a healthy future for all.

Research Australia is a national alliance of over 170 partners, with a mission to make health and medical research a higher national priority. As an independent not-for-profit organisation, our activities are funded by members, donors and supporters. Find out more about us at www.researchaustralia.org

"To become Research Australia’s National Youth Ambassador for Health Research was a great honour. It’s very rare to find an opportunity for teens that have a strong passion for medical research to get their voice heard by a national company.”

Francesca Dudas
National Youth Ambassador for Health Research 2008

"This wonderful privilege has allowed me to meet politicians, medical researchers and scientific presenters. I am learning more about research in Australia, as well as promoting its importance to others. Thank you Research Australia, Medtronic Australasia and all other sponsors for providing me with this amazing opportunity.”

Andrew Haselgrove
National Youth Ambassador for Health Research 2010 (video winner)

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