Dr. Carl Richard Jackson
Medical Scholarship

Established in 2009 by the family and friends of Carl Richard Jackson to commemorate his life.
Why you should apply for the Dr Carl Richard Jackson Scholarship to Cambodia

Carl loved being a doctor and he loved his placement in Cambodia, which he completed in 2006. During this time he experienced Cambodia’s overwhelming need for medical assistance and training. Cambodia is still re-establishing it’s national medical facilities after the devastation of the Pol-Pot era and is fortunately being supported by NGO’s who rely on medical support from doctors all over the world. We hope with the assistance of his scholarship you will take the same opportunity as Carl and select Cambodia as your elective. If you do, be assured you will benefit immensely from that opportunity and just as importantly the Cambodian people will benefit from your presence.
The Dr. Carl Richard Jackson Scholarship, was established with the University of Sydney in 2009 in honour of Carl and will exist in perpetuity.

Each year Carl’s Scholarship will be awarded to two Australian medical students to assist them to work and gain experience in a developing country, which is presently Cambodia.

The students are selected by a panel comprised of a family member and representatives from the University.
Dr. Carl Richard Jackson Scholarship

Scholarship Details

• The students will spend approximately 8 weeks working in a Cambodian hospital, surgical rehabilitation facility, rural medical facility or a combination of these.

In accordance with the Terms & Conditions the students need to:

• Be Australian Citizens
• Be candidates for the Doctorate of Medicine (MD) (formerly known as the MBBS) at Sydney University
• Agree to undertake an elective in Cambodia
Why is the Scholarship for an Elective?

It was whilst doing his Elective Placement at the Children’s Surgical Centre in Phnom Penh, that Carl realised how his medical skills could really contribute to those in great need.

It was a life changing experience.

Carl assisting in an operation
Children’s Surgical Centre (CSC)
Phnom Penh, Cambodia - 2006
Why Cambodia?

Cambodia was chosen as the recipient country because of its overwhelming need for medical assistance and training.

It was also where Carl undertook his Elective Placement in 2006, which affected him greatly.

We hope that Carl’s scholarship will provide a meaningful contribution to the most needy in Cambodia and will also provide valuable experience to Australian medical students.
Scholarship Recipients
Impressions of Cambodia

Excerpts following

Full report available on the websites listed below

http://drcarljackson.id.au/ScholarshipAwardsHistory.html

First Scholarship Recipients
2010

Katherine Miller
&
Adrian Lo
Impressions: Someone said once that Cambodia changes you forever. They were right. I have seen kindness with no bounds from a people who have lost everything. I have watched dedicated doctors improve life with cardboard. They rebuild children because children are the future of this country. I have learned and seen things that I would never, and probably will never see in Australia. 

_Cambodia has changed me_, it has educated me, it has shifted my once-insular Western perspective to something else.
Andrew Emanuel: Childrens Surgical Centre, Phnom Penh
Children's Surgical Centre (CSC)
Angkor Children's Hospital, Siem Reap

Impressions: Children’s Surgical Centre (CSC) is a non-governmental Hospital which provides free surgery to disabled Cambodian children and adults. I went with a primary goal of learning about paediatric anaesthetics and even though there was plenty of anaesthetic teaching, I feel the surgical experience offered by CSC was the most beneficial to my education.
Impressions : In addition to the Helen Bonner Health Clinic, New Hope consists of a school, training restaurant, farm and outreach centre... purpose built for educating the very poor. One of the most challenging and enjoyable aspects of my placement at the Helen Bonner Health Clinic was being part of the medical response unit team. This team consisted of a social worker, a doctor, a translator and a driver and was called out to attend emergencies in the surrounding villages and market places and to undertake outreach services.
Carl’s Scholarship in Action

Tom Morley:
Hope for Cambodian Children Foundation, (HfCCF)
Battambang province
Life Options,
Kampong Speu Province

Impressions: HfCCF is an Australian non-government, not-for-profit organisation and aims to give a future to children whose lives have been affected by the HIV/AIDS pandemic in Cambodia, and seeks to provide support, healthcare and education to children and families. There were very few aspects of my clinical experience that left me feeling disappointed.
Impressions : My elective experience in Cambodia was a very eye-opening and humbling one. The interaction with patients and doctors in the hospital showed me a side of medicine I hadn’t seen before. The disparity in resources and healthcare between Australia and Cambodia was a good lesson to learn at this stage of my training. To see how well the doctors were able to treat their patients despite the limitations inspired me to make sure the skills I learn in Australia are transferable to a situation with limited resources.
Elissa Calderwood: Women’s Health Cambodia, Takeo Province National Paediatric Hospital, Phnom Penh

**Impressions**: I had many experiences on elective that I will never forget, and I was stretched in ways that I would not have imagined. I would recommend going to Cambodia if you are up for a challenge, for being immersed in something completely different to everyday life, and for getting a real insight into people’s lives and healthcare in this fascinating part of the world.
Impressions: The two months that I spent at the Children’s Surgical Centre (CSC) in Phnom Penh changed my perspective of medicine and taught me more than I ever thought possible in such a short time. I saw pathology that I would never have the chance to see at home. I also saw common pathologies through a new perspective, which no doubt enhanced my knowledge and broadened my ability to manage cases in Australia. I would highly recommend this placement to anyone interested in surgery and international medical aid.
Impressions: The Lake Clinic (TLC) provides medical care to villagers who live around the Tonle Sap lake south of Siem Reap. The Cambodians who live in these villages have poor quality housing and rely on subsistence fishing and agriculture to provide for their families. Correspondingly there are a large number of health issues among the villages including frequent infections and malnutrition. TLC visits two of these villages per week via their ‘floating clinics’. My experience with TLC again showed me the importance of good clinical skills.
Impressions : My second placement was also located in Phnom Penh at a medical clinic run by One-2-One Cambodia. One-2-One is a NGO that focuses specifically on providing for the poor and vulnerable populations of Cambodia. Furthermore, One-2-One has a holistic approach that attempts to address all determinates of health by providing educational programs, dental programs, vocational programs, and physical movement programs. My four weeks with One-2-One was an eye opening experience in that the majority of clinics were conducted in the alleyways of the slums of Phnom Penh.
Scholarship Recipients

Katherine Miller & Adrian Lo 2010
Alana Lessi & Andrew Emanuel 2011
Louise Greenup & Tom Morley 2012
Joshua Serov 2013
Sally Plunkett & Elissa Calderwood 2014
Lauren Smith & Christine Lim 2015
Harrison Odgers & Lindsey Jones 2016
Scholarship Reach

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GULF OF THAILAND

CAMBODIA

National capital
Provincial capital
Town, village
Major airport
International boundary
Provincial boundary
Mainroad
Railroad

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Dr. Carl Richard Jackson
20th April 1978 - 21st July 2008

Carl was a great lover of technology and so it will be his Website and the Medical Scholarship, set up in his name that enables those left behind to revisit and remember this lovely man.

It will also help those still to come to learn about the person affectionately known as ‘Carly’

http://drcarljackson.id.au/
At the time of his death, Carl was a Resident Medical Officer at Gosford Hospital and was working towards achieving his next goal, which was to become an orthopaedic surgeon.
Scholarship Placements

One of your first decisions will be to decide where to do your placement.

As you will be in Cambodia for approximately 8 weeks we are happy for you to spend your time at one medical facility. However, if you wish to attend two different places that is also fine. Previous Scholarship recipients have taken both approaches.

I think you will find reading the reports of previous recipients to be very helpful and these can be accessed via Carl’s and/or the University’s Website.
NPH is a government-run Paediatric hospital located in Phnom Penh. It was initially established in 1974 as the Institute for the Protection of Children’s Health. The hospital is managed by the Ministry of Health. As of January 2012 there were 91 doctors, 223 nurses and 11 administration staff.
CSC in Phnom Penh provides free surgery to disabled Cambodian children and adults. An elective at CSC is suited to students who are interested in surgery as it is a small hospital that focuses on orthopaedics, plastic surgery and ophthalmology.
Angkor Hospital for Children

AHC is an NGO paediatric teaching hospital in Siem Reap set up by a charity known as “Friends without a Border”. It provides free healthcare to Cambodian children under the age of 16.
The Helen Bonner Health Clinic, Siem Reap is part of the Non Government Organisation, New Hope. It has a medical response unit team, which attends emergencies in the surrounding villages and market places and also undertakes outreach services.
'Hope for Cambodian Children Foundation’ (HfCCF)

HfCCF is an Australian non-government, not-for-profit organisation in Battambang that aims to give a future to children whose lives have been affected by the HIV/AIDS pandemic in Cambodia, and seeks to provide support, healthcare and education to children and families.
Preah Ket Mealea Hospital in Phnom Penh is a military hospital that serves both military personnel and civilians. This hospital is the biggest hospital in Cambodia. It is known to have a fantastic Maxillofacial Surgical Team.
The Lake Clinic (TLC) provides medical care to villagers who live around Tonle Sap Lake south of Siem Reap. The Cambodians who live in these villages have poor quality housing and rely on subsistence fishing and agriculture to provide for their families. TLC visits two of these villages per week via their ‘floating clinics’. Correspondingly, there are a large number of health issues among the villages including frequent infections and malnutrition. TLC visits two of these villages per week via their ‘floating clinics’. My experience with TLC again showed me the importance of good clinical skills. TLC workers had to make difficult medical decisions based solely on clinical judgment, as no higher level investigations were available. Spending time in the villages gave me an insight into the social conditions (lack of sanitation, poor housing) which give rise to the medical problems we saw. I was also able to observe the implementation of public health programs, such as the anti-malaria program, the Vitamin A supplementation program and the Ready to Use Therapeutic Food (RUTF) program. Cambodian staff at TLC were incredibly generous with their time and made me feel part of the team. This was a rewarding and interesting experience and I thank them deeply.
Thank you for viewing this presentation

Jackson Family