

**The RACGP Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) GP Education Program - Advanced Skills Training**  
**Support a local GP upskill in treatment of AOD use**

The RACGP warmly requests your assistance to support a local GP in your local area who is completing Advanced Skills Training as part of the RACGP Alcohol and Other Drugs GP Education Program.

The AOD GP Education Program is a Commonwealth government funded program that aims to strengthen the capacity of GPs to address alcohol and other drug use in their communities.

Advanced Skills Training will enable GP participants to develop and implement a 20 hour AOD personalised learning plan to enhance outcomes for patients and community of practice in their region. GP Participants will receive a \$2,500 one-off payment on successful completion of the training.

The RACGP has asked Advanced Skills applicants to approach local healthcare professionals with AOD experience, and local organisations to find an AHPRA registered AOD professional who is able to act as their Advanced Skills Mentor.

Advanced Skills Mentors will provide a minimum of 6 hours of support to participants of Advanced Skills Training. This collaborative support will help the GP develop their personalised learning plan, reflect on the activities they have undertaken and discuss patient cases.

Mentors will receive a one-off reimbursement payment of \$1,500 (incl superannuation and subject to relevant taxation) at the completion of the participant's Advanced Skills Training program.

On 5 October 2020 all applicants to Advanced Skills Training will be advised if they have secured one of the 300 places available in the Advanced Skills Training pathway. The RACGP will contact mentors of successful applicants to formally invite them to accept the program's Terms and Conditions.

Please email the RACGP at [aod@racgp.org.au](mailto:aod@racgp.org.au) by **30 September 2020** to confirm if you would be willing to be a mentor to the GP who provided you with this letter.

For more information please visit the RACGP website at [www.racgp.org.au/aod](http://www.racgp.org.au/aod) .

Yours Sincerely,  
AOD Project Team