

Menzies researcher wins prestigious Fulbright Scholar Award

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A Menzies School of Health Research (Menzies) researcher has been awarded an internationally renowned Fulbright Scholar Award by the Australian-American Fulbright Commission to improve the health of young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, Native American and African-American in Australia and the USA.

Professor James Smith will travel to the Vanderbilt University Nashville, Tennessee and to the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Michigan to develop promising practice evidence guides to strengthen health promotion programs for young black men.

The [Fulbright Program](#) is the flagship foreign exchange scholarship program of the United States of America, aimed at increasing binational collaboration, cultural understanding, and the exchange of ideas.

“My project will look at opportunities to reduce health inequities and improve policy and practice relating to young men’s health”, said Professor Smith.

“This is also an opportunity to develop strong collaborative research relationships between USA and Australia in the area of men’s health.”

“I am really excited to be working with international men’s health experts Professor Derek Griffiths and Associate Professor Daphne Watkins to identify and compare health promotion strategies that work best for young black men in both the USA and Australia. This is the perfect opportunity to learn from each other.”

In addition to Fulbright Scholar Award, Professor James Smith is a Father Frank Flynn Fellow and Professor of alcohol harm minimisation at Menzies School of Health Research.

He is undertaking a range of alcohol related research and evaluation projects in the Northern Territory.

Since 1949, the Australian-American Fulbright Commission has enabled over 5,000 students, scholars and professionals to travel between the two countries for study and research.

Professor Smith will be taking up the fellowship in 2020 along with his wife and four children.

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Menzies School of Health Research

Menzies School of Health Research is one of Australia’s leading medical research institutes dedicated to improving Indigenous, global and tropical health. Menzies has a history of over 30 years of scientific discovery and public health achievement. Menzies works at the

frontline, joining with partners across the Asia-Pacific as well as Indigenous communities across northern and central Australia. Menzies collaborates to create new knowledge, grow local skills and find enduring solutions to problems that matter.