

# Become a National Youth Ambassador for Health Research

Everyone benefits from health and medical research. Immunisations against childhood diseases or cervical cancer, antibiotic treatments for bacterial infection, sunscreens and lifestyle prescriptions all began with research.

Finding treatments, cures and preventions for disease takes more than the work of individual researchers; more than the collaborative effort of our universities; more than government funding. It takes commitment from this generation to invest in the future of the next.

The future of Australia's health relies on young people like you.

Research Australia is looking for the Research Australia National Youth Ambassador for Health Research 2009 – someone 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. The Research Australia National Youth Ambassador program is an essay-based competition with opportunities to interact with researchers and government and lead a team of like-minded young people to set priorities for research.

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

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## 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 190 organisations, with a mission to make health and medical research a higher national priority. Independent of government and not-for-profit, our activities are funded by members, donors and supporters. Find out more about us and our members at [www.researchaustralia.org](http://www.researchaustralia.org)

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## What do you have to do to enter?

1. Submit an 800–1,000 word essay on the following topic:

“Nurturing my brain to be the best person I can. What I can do to increase my brain capacity to be as capable as I can possibly be.”

Consider aspects of your experience and lifestyle that facilitate your capacity and capability to create the best life that you can for yourself. Capabilities might include: intelligence; academic and emotional, creativity, socialisation, physical enjoyment of life. Your piece of writing will be judged on the extent to which you develop your point of view in a reasonable and convincing way and the effectiveness with which you express yourself.

2. Download the application form from [youthambassador.researchaustralia.org](http://youthambassador.researchaustralia.org).

3. Send your completed application form and essay by email or post by **Monday, 10 July** to:

National Youth Ambassador Competition 2009, Research Australia, PO Box 502,  
Flinders Lane Post Office, VIC 8009, E: [enquiries@researchaustralia.org](mailto:enquiries@researchaustralia.org)

## What's on offer?

As the 2009–2010 Research Australia National Youth Ambassador, you will represent the views of young people on health and medical research nationally. You will lead a team of young people to develop a priorities paper for health and medical research and be given the opportunity to raise your concerns with media, key opinion leaders and politicians in Canberra. 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 will receive a laptop computer of their choice up to the value of \$2,500 and an opportunity to meet with a government representative in Canberra.

Post your thoughts @ <http://resasweetscience.blogspot.com>

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Francesca Dudas

*“It’s an amazing feeling to know that I’ve got health professionals recognising and acknowledging my thoughts.”*

**Francesca Dudas,**  
Research Australia National Youth Ambassador 2008

*“I relished the chance to observe a senior physiotherapist conducting his own research, and needless to say, I loved having the opportunity to learn about a field that I hadn’t ever been exposed to!”*

**Madeleine Barrow,**  
Research Australia Victorian Youth Ambassador 2008.

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FOR HEALTH RESEARCH 2009**

**ENTRANT'S INFORMATION**

Student's given names:

Student's surname:

Gender: M    F    Year level: YEAR 9     YEAR 10     D.O.B:    /    /19**SCHOOL'S INFORMATION**

School name:

School address:

State:

Postcode:

Contact teacher:

Teacher's Email:

Teacher's Tel:        (        )

School email:

School Tel:        (        )

I certify that the essay submitted is my own work. By entering this competition I give a guarantee of my essay's authenticity and of my willingness to promote health research as the Research Australia National Youth Ambassador for Health Research 2009.

**ENTRANT'S AGREEMENT**

Signature of student:

Name of parent or guardian:

Telephone:                    (        )

Signature of parent or guardian:

Date:        /        /2009

**Deadline:        Friday, 10 July 2009**

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