

Scholarship coup



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A TOWNSVILLE Hospital specialist will travel to the United States for a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity after receiving a prestigious medical scholarship.

Urogynaecologist Dr Kurinji Kannan was chosen from applicants across Australia and New Zealand for the scholarship, granted by the Urogynaecological Society of Australasia and American

Medical Systems.

Dr Kannan will make the trip in August to learn from some of the best surgeons in her field, and said she was thrilled to receive the scholarship.

"I feel privileged to receive this scholarship and want to thank wonderful people like Townsville urogynaecologist Professor Ajay Rane and Gold Coast urogynaecology associate professor Malcolm Frazer for their support," she said. "I am very excited about

bringing the benefits of this trip back to the North Queensland community."

Dr Kannan's trip will include a visit to Cincinnati to participate in the International Academy of Pelvic Surgery's annual Fellows program.

"I will visit manufacturing and research facilities of AMS in Minnesota and the cadaver laboratory which is a state-of-the-art facility visited by surgeons across the world," she said.

Prestigious win for Townsville Hospital doctor

Dr Kannan will also travel to Atlanta to observe well-known vaginal surgeons Dr Robert Moore and Dr John Miklos in action.

Professor Rane, who is Dr Kannan's supervisor, said the award was given to the top trainees in urogynaecology.

"Dr Kannan is in the last year of her fellowship so this scholarship is well deserved," he said.

"She is an accomplished surgeon and we are lucky to have her at our hospital."



SIMPLY THE BEST: Urogynaecologist Dr Kurinji Kannan has been granted a prestigious medical scholarship