



CONDITIONS OF AWARD

The term "award" in these conditions refers to the following:

Plastic & Reconstructive Surgical Research Award

1. Research Program

The following conditions are based on information supplied at the point of application on which scholars' applications were assessed and approved. Any changes from those originally approved by the College in items 1.1 to 1.3 will require the College's prior consent. To obtain this consent scholars are required to complete an amendment form available from the College.

- 1.1. Scholars must be enrolled in the higher degree as approved by the College for the duration of their award.
- 1.2. Scholars must undertake the research study as approved by the College for the award.
- 1.3. Scholars must undertake the research study at the approved institute.

2. Financial Arrangements

- 2.1. The scholar must refer to his/her financial or taxation advisor to ascertain the taxability of the stipend.
- 2.2. Payment of the award will be made in one lump sum.
- 2.3. Award funds will only be paid on receipt of a valid tax invoice. Payment will only be made if the requirements outlined in points 4, 5 and 11 of these conditions are satisfied.

3. Reporting

- 4.1 The payment of the award is conditional upon the recipient providing two (2) reports in the requested format to the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons on research undertaken. This first will be requested in June for submission by a specified date in July and the second report of publishable quality will be requested during November for submission by a specified date in January. If the above mentioned reports are not received the recipient will be ineligible for any further financial assistance from the College and may be required, at the discretion of the College, to refund the award. A copy of the report will be forwarded to the ASPS and NZAPS.
- 4.2 Scholars should aim to publish the results of their research, whenever possible, in the ANZ Journal of Surgery. As a minimum, scholars are required to at least present a review article to the Journal.

Scholars are required to submit an abstract of their research to the Surgical Research Society Annual Scientific Meeting at the RACS Annual Scientific Congress.

4. Obligations of the Award holder

The Award holder is expected to attend the Australian Society of Plastic Surgeons (ASPS) Surgery Dinner at the next Annual Scientific Congress of the College, for a formal presentation.

5. Ethics Approval

The College must receive documentary evidence where applicable of ethical approval from the Ethics Committee of the Institution concerned to approve that the project conforms to the general principles set out in the NH&MRC "Statement on Human Experimentation" and/or the "Australian Code of Practice for the Care and Use of Animals for Scientific Purposes".

6. Timing of Award

The commencement date for awards is 1 February each year. Given exceptional circumstances the College may approve the deferment of commencement of awards for a period of no more than six (6) months. Applications for deferment must be obtained from the College.

7. Part Time Research

The awards are intended for full time research only. There is no part payment for part time research. Scholars must contact the College immediately if their research weighting falls below a full time classification.

8. Sick Leave

There is no provision for paid sick leave. Sick leave may be taken with the total payments received equal to the initial value of the award for the specific duration.

9. Renewal of Award

Awards are for 12 months duration. Scholars are eligible to re-apply in subsequent years through the normal application channels and observing the advertised application deadlines and formats in competition with all applications. Scholars who seek support beyond one year are strongly advised also to apply for similar scholarships awarded by bodies such as the NH&MRC.

10. Termination of Award

The Royal Australasian College of Surgeons may, at its discretion, for what is considered grave cause, suspend the tenure of an award for such time as is thought fit, or deprive a Scholar of his/her Award. From the date of either of these decisions, the entitlement to stipend and other allowances shall cease.

11. Undertaking Agreement

Scholars must sign the Undertaking Agreement as acknowledgement of the above conditions and approved research and return it to the College prior to commencement of the award.