



Developing a Career and skills in Academic Surgery (DCAS) Course

Thursday 13 November 2025
Melbourne, Victoria

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| 8:00am - 8:30am | Registrations Open |
| 8:45am | Acknowledgement of Country |
| 8:45am | Welcome |
| 8:55am | Introduction to DCAS |
| 9:00am | Session 1: Becoming an Academic Surgeon Pre-Career Researcher - combining a higher degree with an MD Early-Career Researcher – making the most of early opportunities Mid-Career Researcher – how to juggle clinical work and research Why being a surgeon scientist was the right decision for me |
| 10:00am | Panel Discussion |
| 10:15am | Morning Tea with Faculty |
| 10:45am | Session 2: Academic Surgery as a means to an end <i>HOT TOPIC in Academic Surgery: Benefits of a higher degree – Masters vs PhD</i> Optimising your CV and choosing the “right” referees How to ‘smash’ the interview Now I’m in SET, how can I combine SET with research? |
| 12:00pm | Panel Discussion |
| 12:15pm | Lunch with Faculty |
| 1:15pm | Session 3: How to get your work noticed! Publishing your manuscript <i>HOT TOPIC – Tips and Tricks to getting your work published</i> Choosing the right journal Tips and tricks for writing a manuscript Which meetings should I target to present my work? Writing an abstract that will stand out PowerPoint presentations: pitfalls and pearls |
| 2:45pm | Panel Discussion |
| 3:00pm | Afternoon Break with Faculty |
| 3:30pm | Session 4: I need money! Small grant writing and managing research with clinical demands What funding options are realistic and how to optimise my chance of success? Understanding basic statistics for a grant application – power calculations, etc Tips and tricks for making stand-out tables and figures How to combine a busy orthopaedic practice with research – and why I chose this path |
| 4:30pm | Panel Discussion |
| 5:00pm | Meeting Concludes |