

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

Monday 6 May 2024  
The Christchurch Club

7:00am - 7:35am	Registrations Open
7:35am - 7:50am	Welcome by RACS President <b>Kerin Fielding</b>
7:50am - 8:00am	Welcome <i>DCAS Organising Committee, James Lee, Claudia Di Bella, Juliet Emamaullee</i>
8:00am - 9:45am	<b>Session 1: The making of a surgeon scientist - "If there is a will, there is a way"</b> What inspired me to be a surgeon scientist <b>Callisia Clarke</b> Is being a surgeon scientist the right choice for me? <b>Anthony Glover</b> Finding a topic that sparks joy <b>Andrew MacCormick</b> Seed funding sources and how to leverage it <b>Claudia Di Bella</b> Keeping up with the Kardashians in research <b>James Lee</b> Panel Discussion
9:45am - 10:15am	Morning Tea with Faculty
10:15am - 12:00am	<b>Session 2: Don't lose sight of the bigger picture - "Seeing both the forest and the trees"</b> Maintaining research momentum while completing training <b>Cameron Wells</b> Collaboration - no one is an island <b>Deborah Wright</b> Strategies to prevent a mid-career crisis <b>Brenessa Lindeman</b> How to achieve sustained research funding <b>Frank Frizelle</b>
11:30am - 12:00am	<i>HOT TOPIC in Academic Surgery: TBA</i>
12:00pm - 1:00pm	Lunch with Faculty
1:00pm - 2:30pm	<b>Session 3: Modern Tools of the Trade</b> Writing a compelling abstract <b>Yue-Yung Hu</b> Presentations to Impress <b>Juliet Emamaullee</b> The Manuscript <b>Lesly Dossett</b> Panel Discussion
2:00pm - 2:30pm	Keynote Presentation: Research is not just for those in the ivory tower <b>Jonathan Koea</b>
2:30pm - 2:45pm	Afternoon Break with Faculty
2:45pm - 3:45pm	<b>Session 4: The controversies - panel discussions</b> When is a good time to pursue a postgrad degree <b>Sid Rele</b> The mentor-mentee relationship - courting, sustaining & divorcing <b>Henry Badgery</b> Research as a CV builder vs a true passion <b>Isaac Tranter-Entwistle</b> Role of generative AI in surgical research <b>Karishma Jassal</b>
3:45pm - 4:00pm	<b>Closing Session</b> The future of surgical research in Australia and New Zealand <b>Oliver Lyons</b> Closing Remarks

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Association for Academic  
Surgery in partnership  
with the RACS Section of  
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Hot topic speaker:  
TBA

Keynote speaker:  
Jonathan Koea

Who should attend?  
Surgical Trainees, research Fellows, early  
career academics and any surgeon who  
has ever considered involvement with  
publication or presentation of any  
academic work.  
If you have been to a DCAS course before,  
the program is designed to provide  
previous attendees with something new  
and of interest each year.

Association for Academic Surgery and  
International Invited Speakers:

Callisia Clarke - Wisconsin, USA  
Lesly Dossett - Michigan, USA  
Juliet Emamaullee - Los Angeles, USA  
Yue-Yung Hu - Illinois, USA  
Brenessa Lindeman - Alabama, USA

Australasian Faculty Includes:  
Henry Badgery - Victoria  
Claudia Di Bella - Victoria  
Frank Frizelle - New Zealand  
Anthony Glover - New South Wales  
Karishma Jassal - Victoria  
James Lee - Victoria  
Oliver Lyons - New Zealand  
Andrew MacCormick - New Zealand  
Sid Rele - Victoria  
Isaac Tranter-Entwistle - New Zealand  
Cameron Wells - New Zealand  
Deborah Wright - New Zealand

Notes:  
New RACS Fellows presenting for  
convocation in 2024 will be required to  
marshal at 4:00pm at the [Te Pae](#),  
Christchurch Convention Centre for the  
Convocation Ceremony.

CPD participants can claim up to 8 hours  
under the Education category points.

General Surgery Trainees who attend the  
RACS Developing a Career and Skills in  
Academic Surgery course during their SET  
training may, upon proof of attendance  
submitted to  
[board@generalsurgeons.com.au](mailto:board@generalsurgeons.com.au) count this  
course towards one of the four  
compulsory GSA Trainees' Days.  
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DCAS Course Participation:  
Registration: NZD\$250.00 per person  
incl. GST

Student Registration: NZD\$65.00 per  
person incl. GST

Register online: [DCAS Website](#)