



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

Thursday 13 November 2025
Melbourne, Victoria

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!

HOT TOPIC in Academic Surgery: Surgical Research - why bother with research when you can spend all day operating?!

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

HOT TOPIC – Tips and Tricks to getting your work published

Tips and tricks for writing a manuscript (including choosing the right journal)

Tips and tricks for making stand-out tables and figures

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: How to succeed in Academia?

What funding options are realistic and how to optimise my chance of success?

TBA

Finding your boat and rising with the tide

How to combine a busy orthopaedic practice with research – and why I chose this path

4:40pm

Panel Discussion

4:55pm

Closing remarks

5:00pm

Meeting Concludes