



## THE GARNETT PASSE AND RODNEY WILLIAMS MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

### ACADEMIC SURGEON-SCIENTIST RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP

**Purpose:**

The Academic Surgeon-Scientist Research Scholarship (ASSRS) provides financial support to surgical trainees in Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery who have a desire to undertake research through completion of a Masters or PhD project. Up to four Scholarships are offered annually across Australia and New Zealand, with a maximum of one Scholarship per academic unit.

**Term of Award:** Up to three (3) years full-time, pro-rated if part-time.

**Eligibility:** Candidates who have been selected onto the College of Surgeons Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery SET program and who have been accepted as an eligible candidate for a Foundation-approved research project (Masters or PhD) with a Professor in OHNS.

**Funding:**

Financial assistance in the form of a stipend is provided for each year of the Scholarship, which is pro-rated if the project is undertaken on a part-time basis. A supplementary allowance for minor items of equipment, consumables and conference attendance is also provided. Maximum funding per Scholarship is outlined in the table below, which is based on a full, three year Scholarship to undertake a PhD on a full-time basis. Funding amounts may vary in differing circumstances, such as shorter research projects (e.g. Masters) or for those who do not require support for the full duration of their research degree. Scholars wishing to undertake a PhD on a part-time basis may be awarded a full scholarship, but pro-rated over the extended period of time taken to complete the project.

	Year 1 (AUD)	Year 2 (AUD)	Year 3 (AUD)
Stipend	60,000	60,000	60,000
Supplementary allowance	15,000	15,000	15,000
Travel / conference attendance	/	/	2,500
<b>Maximum per annum</b>	<b>75,000</b>	<b>75,000</b>	<b>77,500</b>
<b>MAXIMUM FUNDING PER SCHOLARSHIP: AUD 227,500</b>			

**Application Process:**

- i. In February each year, the contact details of Professors who are offering research projects are listed on the GPRWMF website (<https://gprwmf.org.au/awards/academic-surgeon-scientist-research-scholarship/>)
- ii. Applicant approaches Professor to discuss projects.
- iii. If new to research, applicant states interest in undertaking Master of Surgery or PhD and applying for ASSRS, and agrees on research plan with the Professor.
- iv. If already undertaking a Master of Surgery or PhD, SET applicant states interest in applying for ASSRS to cover the remaining year(s) of their research degree.
- v. Applicant submits to SET and selects ASSRS option on application form.
- vi. Professor confidentially provides his/her ASSRS candidate details, research proposals and number of years of scholarship to GPRWMF before SET selection process begins.
- vii. Once rankings for SET applicants are complete, RACS confidentially communicates successful SET/ASSRS applicant names to the GPRWMF Board.
- viii. GPRWMF Board reviews candidates and research proposals and advises RACS of ASSRS offers to be made.
- ix. RACS communicates offers to successful trainees. Once offers are accepted, the Foundation contacts the trainee and the Professor to complete the Funding Agreement ahead of projects starting the following January.

Please email the Foundation for further information: [office@gprwmf.org.au](mailto:office@gprwmf.org.au)