

<b>Division:</b>	<b>Fellowship Engagement</b>	<b>Ref. No.</b>	<b>POL-3047</b>
<b>Department:</b>	<b>Fellowship Services</b>		
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Mark Killingback Prize - Colon and Rectal Surgery Section</b>		

## 1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy details the awarding of the Mark Killingback Prize, by the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS), and the Colon and Rectal Surgery Section (the Section).

The prize was established by the Section in 1995 to act as a catalyst to stimulate high quality research in colon and rectal surgery undertaken by Surgical Education and Training (SET) Trainees and Younger Fellows (within 10 years of receiving Fellowship).

The prize is named in honour of Dr Mark Killingback not only to acknowledge his significant contributions to colon and rectal surgery in Australia and New Zealand, but his commitment to encouraging surgical trainees and young surgeons into the specialty of colon and rectal surgery and by example to practise exclusively in that specialty.

Marcus James Killingback AM FRACS FRCS (Edin) FRCS (Eng), FASCRS (Hon) MS MBBS was born in 1930 and practised colon and rectal surgery in Sydney for thirty-seven years. During that time he was both Chairman of the Section and President of Colorectal Surgical Society of Australia and New Zealand (CSSANZ), and in retirement authored "Colorectal surgery: living pathology in the operating room".

## 2. KEYWORDS

Mark Killingback Prize, Colon and Rectal Surgery, Colon and Rectal Surgery Section, Research, Annual Scientific Congress, ASC.

## 3. BODY OF POLICY

The Prize is an annual award given by the Section and was first awarded in 1996.

### 3.1. Criteria for eligibility

The Mark Killingback Prize is open to SET Trainees and Younger Fellows (within 10 years of receiving Fellowship) for research conducted in Australia and New Zealand and accepted for a podium presentation in the free paper session of the Colon and Rectal Surgery program at the Annual Scientific Congress (ASC).

### 3.2. Award Criteria

The Prize is awarded for the best paper presented by those eligible at the ASC as judged by at least two members of the Section using an objective structured scoring system.

### 3.3. Value of the Award

The Award provides a stipend cash amount of \$12,500 (AUD) for a business class return airfare, accommodation and registration to attend and present the award-winning paper at the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons (ASCRS) meeting the following year. The College Travel and Accommodation Policy governs the payment of travel and accommodation. If the winner is a Trainee then they will be eligible for the same Travel and Accommodation allowances as a Fellow.

### 3.4. Frequency of the Award

The Mark Killingback Prize is awarded annually if a paper of sufficient merit is presented.

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**3.5. Funding**

Funding for this prize is from the Colon and Rectal Surgical Fund.

**4. ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS**

Travel and Accommodation Policy

Mark Killingback Prize - Colon and Rectal Surgery Section Procedure

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