

Division:	Fellowship Engagement	Ref. No.	POL-3075
Department:	Victorian Regional Office		
Title:	Medical Students Prize		

1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy details the awarding of the Victorian Regional Committee Medical Students Prize at the Victorian Annual Surgical Meeting (Vic ASM). The awarding of this prize commenced in 2012 in an effort to further engage with Medical Students and encourage surgery as a career path.

2. KEYWORDS

Prize, Victoria, Medical Students, research paper, Vic ASM, Victorian Regional Committee

3. BODY OF POLICY

3.1. Background

The Victorian Regional Committee (VRC) has set up this initiative to encourage Medical Students to a surgical career path through participation at regional events. This supports the RACS Strategic Plan to engage with medical students and junior doctors.

Medical Students are invited to submit research abstracts for presentation at the Vic ASM.

The Prize is monetary in the form of a gift voucher.

3.2. Criteria

The award is only available to a medical student who is based at a Victorian Medical School and/or who presents Victorian based research and who has had abstracts accepted at the Vic ASM program.

The Convener and the Coordinator of the Scientific meeting appoint two judges to the panel.

The Judges score the participants under a 9 point set of criteria score sheet;

- Abstract
- Idea, novelty, importance of study
- Is research based within Victoria?
- Personal effort
- Background, Introduction and Literature Review
- Study Design and Protocol

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- Results and Statistical Analysis
- Discussion, Conclusions, Question Handling
- Presentation, Timing, Audio visuals

The panel may choose not to award the Prize, if, in their opinion, no presentation is of sufficient standard.

The prize is announced at the Vic ASM and a gift voucher to the value of \$250 is presented to the recipient.

3.3. Budget

The Victorian Regional Office budgets for the gift voucher prize.

4. ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

The following documents form part of this policy:

- Judges Score Sheet
- Victorian ASM Prizes and Awards Procedure

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