

Division	Fellowship Engagement	Ref. No.	POL-3080
Department	ACT Regional Office		
Title	ACT Professor Noel Tait Medical Student's Prize		

1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy sets out the details to be considered for determining the award of an Annual Medical Student essay competition organised by the ACT Regional Office.

2. KEYWORDS

ACT, Essay, Medical Student, Prize

3. BODY OF POLICY

3.1 Background

The Professor Noel Tait Medical Student's Prize is intended to engage medical students and encourage their development in medicine, particularly a career in surgery. It is awarded for the best essay as outlined in section 3.4.

The prize is named after Professor Noel Tait in recognition of Professor Tait's contribution to medical education in the ACT. Professor Tait was involved in the establishment of the Australian National University Graduate Medical School where he was Associate Professor and Sub Dean of the clinical school of the ANU. He is a general surgeon specialising in surgical oncology of the breast and upper gastrointestinal tract.

3.2 Objectives

- Increase interaction with medical students and universities.
- Promote RACS to medical students.
- Encourage medical students to write an appropriate essay.
- Promote a topic which encourages medical students to become more interested in a career in surgery.

3.3 Eligibility Criteria

The prize is open to all medical students enrolled in the ACT.

3.4 Composition

The essay should be based on the topic specified by the ACT Regional Committee, within the word limit of 1,000 words, and submitted by the due date.

3.5 Selection Criteria

The recipient of the prize will be determined by three consultants chosen by the ACT Regional Committee who will judge the essays.

Papers will be scored from 1 to 10 on the following criteria:

- 45% Originality
- 45% Quality of Content
- 10% Compliance with Composition Criteria

There must be a minimum of five entries for the competition to proceed. The judges must reach a unanimous decision.

3.6 Value of the Prize

The prize is a \$300 gift card with an accompanying certificate. The regional office is responsible for budgeting for the prize each year.

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3.7 Frequency of the Prize

The prize may be presented annually and the winner is announced at the ACT Annual Scientific Meeting.

3.8 Publication

The winning essay will be included in the abstract booklet of the ACT Annual Scientific Meeting. The ACT Regional Office will promote the prize winner through its networks and the local media.

4. ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

PRC-REL-REG-144 ACT – Professor Noel Tait Medical Student's Prize Procedure

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