1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE
This policy details the awarding of the annual Colorectal Research Prizes - General Surgery SET Trainees awarded in Australia and New Zealand.

2. KEYWORDS
Colorectal Research Prizes, Colon and Rectal Surgery Section, Research, Annual Scientific Congress, ASC, New Zealand Association of General Surgeons, (NZAGS), General Surgeons Australia, (GSA), SET Trainees, CSSANZ Spring CME Science meetings, General Surgery, Colorectal Surgical Society of Australia and New Zealand, CSSANZ.

3. BODY OF POLICY
The prizes are an annual stipend/cash prize given by the Section.

3.1. The Award
The Colorectal Research Prizes is awarded by the Colon and Rectal Surgery Section to eligible (see 3.3) RACS General Surgery SET Trainees. It is for research into colorectal surgery.

Two awards are available; one for Trainees in Australia and one for Trainees in New Zealand (NZ). The Prize will be awarded annually if a paper of sufficient merit is presented.

3.2. Value of the Award
Each award consists of a stipend of $500, payable in currency of residency of the recipient, and free registration for the Colorectal Surgical Society of Australia and New Zealand (CSSANZ) Spring CME Science meetings for best abstract paper for podium presentation of Colorectal work for General Surgery.

3.3. Criteria for eligibility
The Colorectal Research Prizes for RACS General Surgery SET Trainees is open to all Trainees in the Surgical Education and Training (SET) program. Trainees on research interruption are not eligible.

3.4. Award Criteria
The Colorectal Research Prizes for RACS General Surgery SET Trainees are for best abstract podium presentation of Colorectal work by a General Surgery SET Trainee presented at the General Surgeons Australia (GSA) and New Zealand Association of General Surgeons (NZAGS) Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM).

Prize-winners must present to a (CSSANZ) Spring CME Science meeting within 24 months of receiving the prize.

3.5. Award Judging
Each prize will be judged by a two person judging panel, consisting of a Fellow representing the ASM organising society (GSA or NZAGS) or an Australian or NZ representative of the RACS Colon and Rectal Surgery Section.

3.6. Funding
Funding for these two prizes is from the Colon and Rectal Surgical Fund.
4. ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

Colorectal Research Prizes for RACS General Surgery SET Trainees - Procedure

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