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Title:	Indigenous - ASC Awards Fund		

1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy determines the function of the Indigenous - ASC Awards Fund. The Fund was established to finance the Foundation for Surgery Annual Scientific Congress (ASC) Awards for Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and Māori final year medical students and doctors. The Awards enable recipients to participate in the educational program of the ASC, network with Fellows and meet influential healthcare professionals in the surgical profession; and discuss with College leadership career path issues for Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and Māori medical professionals.

This policy is to be administered in conjunction with the following policies:

Foundation for Surgery Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ASC Award Policy FES-FEL-051
Foundation for Surgery Māori ASC Award Policy FES-FEL-052.

2. KEYWORDS

Foundation for Surgery, Annual Scientific Congress, ASC Awards, Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander, Māori, Indigenous, Fellowship Services, medical student, junior doctor, resident doctor

3. BODY OF POLICY

3.1. Background

The critical need to address the low determinates of health experienced in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Māori communities is widely acknowledged both at the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS). The Indigenous Health Committee seeks to address these issues in the long-term through increasing the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Māori Surgeons.

One of the key strategies identified in the RACS Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Action Plan 2014-16 and RACS Māori Health Action Plan is to support young Indigenous doctors and final year medical students from Australia and New Zealand to attend the RACS ASC.

3.2. Funds

3.2.1. The funds for the "Indigenous - ASC Awards Funds" will be held in 93-9312-xxxx held by the College. This is not a perpetual fund and will continue to operate as funding allows.

3.2.2. The annual budget of the "Indigenous - ASC Awards Fund" will be based on funding and subject to approval by the College and Indigenous Health Committee.

3.2.3. The Indigenous - ASC Awards Fund has Financial Reports produced by Finance on a quarterly basis and at year end, detailing expenditure and revenues. These reports will be distributed by the Indigenous Health Committee Secretariat to the Indigenous Health Committee Chair and Committee.

3.3. Purpose

3.3.1. The Indigenous - ASC Awards Fund will be used solely for the delivery of the

- a. Foundation for Surgery Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ASC Award; and

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b. Foundation for Surgery Māori ASC Award.

3.3.2. The administration, application, value and conditions of the Awards listed in 3.3.1, including the allocation of funds held in the Indigenous - ASC Award Fund, will be in accordance with and comply with the:

- a. Foundation for Surgery Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ASC Award Policy and associated documents; and
- b. Foundation for Surgery Māori ASC Award Policy and associated documents.

3.4. Administering Committee

The Indigenous Health Committee administers the Indigenous - ASC Awards Fund. The Indigenous Health Committee reports to the Professional Development and Standards Board through the Fellowship Services Committee.

3.5. Reporting

The Indigenous Health Committee will submit an annual income and expenditure report on the Fund to the Foundation for Surgery in December.

4. ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

Foundation for Surgery Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ASC Award Policy FES-FEL-051

Foundation for Surgery Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ASC Award Procedure FES-FEL-017

Foundation for Surgery Māori ASC Award Policy FES-FEL-052

Foundation for Surgery Māori ASC Award Procedure FES-FEL-019

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