

Brendan Dooley and Gordon Trinca Research Scholarship

Research Guideline GDL-4851

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Governing Policy: POL-4832 Research Scholarship Policy

Eligibility summary	RACS Fellows, SIMGs, SET Trainees, Non-RACS medical scientists
Interest area	Trauma research

The Brendan Dooley and Gordon Trinca Trauma Research Scholarship encourages surgeons, Trainees and medical scientists to undertake research into the prevention and treatment of trauma injuries in Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand.

The late Brendan Dooley and the late Gordon Trinca both contributed greatly to the work of the RACS Road Trauma Committee, each playing a key role in gaining the support of politicians and decision-makers to implement world-first compulsory seatbelt legislation measures which saw an immediate reduction in Victoria's road toll. Dr Trinca was Chair of RACS National Road Trauma Committee from 1975 to 1993 and was both a member of and consultant to the World Health Organization's Expert Advisory Panel on Accident Prevention.

Conditions

This guideline outlines information specific to the respective scholarship's purpose, value, duration, conditions and recipient eligibility. For all the conditions for this scholarship it is essential that you also read the Research Policy.

Applicant eligibility

Applications are open to RACS Fellows, Specialist International Medical Graduates (SIMGs), SET Trainees and non-RACS medical scientists who are sponsored by a RACS Fellow.

SET applicants who are not accepted into the SET program may still be considered for this scholarship if they meet the criteria of being a non-RACS medical scientist who is sponsored by a RACS Fellow.

Eligible activity

Research into the prevention and treatment of trauma injuries in Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand. Research is to be undertaken at an approved research institution under the supervision of an experienced investigator.

Application criteria

Applicants are required to submit a statement summarising their personal experience in obtaining and delivering trauma research projects and the anticipated future contribution they will make to the prevention and treatment of trauma injuries in Australia and/or Aotearoa New Zealand.

Selection

Selection is via assessment of the written application.

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The selection panel is comprised of:

- the Chair (or their nominee) and one other member of the ANZ Scholarship and Grant Committee
- the Chair (or their nominee) and one other member of the Trauma Committee

Reapplication

Recipients can only receive this scholarship once.

Financial arrangements

The scholarship will be paid to the administering institution upon receipt of a valid tax invoice as requested by the Scholarships and Grants department. Payment will be made prior to 1 March in the scholarship year.

This scholarship consists of a stipend only.

Funding Source

This scholarship is funded from income derived from the Brendan Dooley and Gordon Trinca Trauma Research Scholarship corpus under the Foundation for Surgery.

Partner committee

Trauma Committee