

Ian and Ruth Gough Surgical Education Scholarship

Research Guideline GDL-4886

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Governing Policy: POL-4832 Research Scholarship Policy

Eligibility: RACS Fellows and Trainees

Interest area: Surgical education research

The Ian and Ruth Gough Surgical Education Scholarship encourages surgeons to become expert surgical educators.

The scholarship was established through the generosity of RACS past president Professor Ian Gough, and his wife Ruth. Professor Gough is a General Surgeon who specialises in breast and endocrine surgery, with a particular expertise in complex endocrine surgery.

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

Open to RACS Fellows and Trainees. SET applicants are ineligible for this scholarship.

Application criteria

Applications must include:

- An outline of a program proposal that includes documentation of the acceptance of visits to specialist centres or into courses that will enhance the applicant's ability to become an expert surgical educator.
- A statement summarising the applicant's experience in obtaining and delivering surgical education programs and the anticipated future contribution they will make to surgical education in Australia and/or Aotearoa New Zealand.

Eligible activity

The scholarship may be used to fund visits to specialist centres or travel and enrolment into courses that will enhance the recipient's ability to become an expert surgical educator.

Selection panel

The selection panel is comprised of the Chair and one other member of the ANZSGC, along with Professor Ian Gough or his nominee.

Recipient obligations

Recipients are encouraged to submit an abstract, and if successful, to present their findings and/or learnings at the annual meeting of the Surgical Research Society of Australasia and elsewhere.

Reapplication

Recipients may only receive this scholarship once.

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Financial arrangements

The scholarship will be paid directly to the recipient by 1 March in the scholarship year upon receipt of a tax invoice when requested. The invoice must contain the recipient's ABN. If no ABN then a Statement by Supplier form must be completed.

Funding source

This scholarship is funded from income derived from the Ian and Ruth Gough Surgical Education Scholarship corpus.