

Stuart Morson Neurosurgery Grant

Learning & Development Guideline GDL-4892

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Governing Policy: POL-4914 Learning and Development Grant Policy

Eligibility summary	RACS Fellows – early career neurosurgeons (within ten years of Fellowship) Neurosurgery SET Trainees, SIMGs Non-RACS - Early-career neurosurgeons, qualified overseas-based neurosurgeons
Interest area	Neurosurgery, training, research

The Stuart Morson Neurosurgery Grant supports early-career neurosurgeons to advance their experience and skills in neurosurgery by undertaking further training or research overseas.

The grant was established by the late Mrs Elisabeth Morson in memory of her late husband, Stuart Morson, who was a Sydney-based neurosurgeon with a special interest in paediatric neurosurgery.

Conditions

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

Applicant eligibility

Applications are open to:

- RACS Fellows - early-career neurosurgeons (within ten years of Fellowship); Specialist International Medical Graduates (SIMGs) and SET Trainees, who specialize in neurosurgery.
- overseas-based early-career non-RACS surgeons who are registered to practice neurosurgery in Australia or Aotearoa New Zealand.

International applicants cannot have commenced travel or arrived in Australia or Aotearoa New Zealand prior to the closing date for applications.

Eligible activity

For Australian and Aotearoa New Zealand applicants:

- activity that will benefit the recipient's educational and research abilities and contribute to improving Australasian neurosurgery.

For overseas-based applicants:

- activity based in Australia or Aotearoa New Zealand that will further their neurosurgery training and/or research

The grant may fund travel, accommodation, sustenance and/or research material costs relating to further neurosurgery training and/or research.

Duration

A three-month minimum program period applies.

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Selection

Preference may be given to applicants who are earlier in their neurosurgery careers and to those who currently live in Australia or Aotearoa New Zealand.

The selection panel is comprised of at least three members of:

- the executive committee of the Neurosurgical Society of Australasia.

Partner committee

The Neurosurgical Society of Australasia

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.

Funding source

This award is funded from income derived from the Stuart Morson Scholarship corpus under the Foundation for Surgery.