

Senior Lecturer Research Scholarship

Research Guideline GDL-4874

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Governing Policy: POL-4932 Research Scholarship Policy

This guideline provides details regarding the purpose, eligibility and requirements that are additional to, or exemptions from, the Research Scholarship Policy. Information contained in both the policy and this guideline is available to applicants on the RACS website.

Eligibility summary	RACS Fellows, senior SET Trainees (years 4 and 5)
Duration	Multi-year – up to 2 years
Interest area	Academic career – research and education

The Senior Lecturer Scholarship supports a Fellow or an appropriately qualified senior Trainee, who is establishing an academic career in research and education.

Conditions

Applicant eligibility

Applications are open to RACS Fellows and Trainees who:

- are establishing an academic career in surgical research and education.
- are affiliated with a university academic department of surgery or hospital department of surgery in Australia or Aotearoa New Zealand
- can provide a statement of support from their nominated institution describing the senior lecturer post for which they are, or will be, employed.

The senior lecturer position is defined as working up to 50% clinical load and the remainder in research and teaching.

Trainees must be in their final two years of traineeship and have the written support of their respective Training Board for this application.

SET Applicants are not eligible to apply for this scholarship.

Eligible activity

A focus, as a senior lecturer, on research and/or educational activities.

Selection process

Selection is assessed via the application with shortlisted applicants invited to interview.

If two applicants are of equal merit, preference will be given to candidates enrolled (or intending to enrol) in a higher degree such as a Masters or PhD.

SET Trainees must give evidence of a strong research background to be considered in their application.

The selection panel is comprised of the Chair, Scholarship and Grant Committee (SGC) and two other members of the SGC.

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Recipient obligations

In addition to the usual midyear and end of year scholarship reports, RACS require a midyear report from the Supervisor each year.

Financial arrangements

The scholarship will be valued at a Foundation for Surgery Research Scholarship level and will be co-funded by the institution to the same amount. The co-funding must be confirmed in writing and included in the application.

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 in one instalment prior to 1 March in the scholarship year.

Scholarship funding consists of a stipend only.

Funding Source

This award is funded from income derived from the RACS Corpus under the Foundation for Surgery.