

Richard Jepson Research Scholarship

Research Guideline GDL-4873

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Governing Policy: POL-4932 Research Scholarship Policy

Eligibility summary	SET Trainees
Duration	One year*
Interest area	Higher degree research

The Richard Jepson Research Scholarship supports deserving researchers, early in their career.

The late Professor Richard P Jepson was the foundation Chair for Surgery at the University of Adelaide. His wife, Dr Mary Jepson, established this scholarship in his honour, as Professor Jepson strongly believed that youth need support and opportunity.

Conditions

Applicant eligibility

Applications are open to SET Trainees who are enrolled (or intend to enrol) in a higher degree such as a Masters or PhD. Recipients must still be a SET Trainee in the scholarship year and have not yet completed their Fellowship requirements.

Eligible activity

A research project undertaken as part of a higher degree at an approved research institute under the supervision of an experienced investigator.

Selection

Selection is via assessment of the written application with shortlisted applicants invited to interview.

The selection panel for the written application is comprised of the incumbent RP Jepson Professor of Surgery, University of Adelaide's School of Medicine and the Chair (or their nominee) and one other member of the Scholarship and Grant Committee.

Recipient obligations

Recipients are required to submit an abstract, and if successful, to present their research at the annual meeting of the Surgical Research Society of Australasia (or an agreed equivalent) at least once during, or in the 12 months following, the scholarship period.

Recipients must advise the RACS Scholarships and Grants team via email at scholarships@surgeons.org of acceptance of presentation.

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

This scholarship is made up of a stipend component and a departmental component.

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Funding Source

This award is funded from income derived from the Richard Jepson Research Scholarship corpus under the Foundation for Surgery.

* When the income from this corpus is viable, duration for this scholarship to be reviewed to return to multi-year.