

Fellowship Examiners Grant

Learning and Development GDL-4944

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Governing Policy: POL-4914 Learning and Development Grant Policy

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

Eligibility summary RACS Fellows – current serving members of the Full Court of Examiners

Number offered Up to 2

Interest area RACS Fellowship Examinations

The Fellowship Examiners Grant supports the ongoing development of RACS Fellowship Examination processes by funding travel for a current serving member of the Full Court of Examiners to visit a surgical college overseas.

The Fellowship supports the recipient to observe examination processes, meet with senior and chief examiners and investigate international Fellowship examinations and other activities that will help inform the continuous improvement of RACS Fellowship Examination processes.

The Fellowship draws on the existing collegiate relationships between RACS and surgical colleges located overseas, with an expectation that the recipient, representing RACS, the Full Court of Examiners and the Specialty Court of Examiners, continues to foster these relationships during their visit. Upon their return, the recipient reports to RACS and presents to the Specialty Court and the Full Court.

Conditions

Applicant eligibility

The applicant must be a Fellow who is CPD compliant and a current member of the Full Court at the time of both the application and the visit.

The Chair and Deputy Chairs of the Court are eligible to apply.

Application criteria

The application is to include:

- the relevant Specialty
- the location and details of the surgical college, the exam/s (dates and times) and the subject of the visit
- the proposed research activity and methodology and an explanation of how this will benefit the RACS Fellowship Examination process
- an overview of how the applicant will further collegiate relations with the international surgical college
- the proposed itinerary and budget for the trip
- the written recommendation from the applicant's Specialty Court.

Eligible activity

The grant funds travel and accommodation to enable the recipient to visit a surgical college overseas.

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Selection

The distribution of the available funds is determined by the selection panel subject to the merits of the application/s received and in consideration of providing equal opportunity for each Specialty Court. A maximum of \$10,000 may be awarded per grant.

The selection panel is comprised of:

- Chair and deputy chair of the Court of Examiners
- A Senior Examiner who is from a specialty other than that of the applicant
- Manager, Examinations (observer)
- Executive General Manager, Education or delegate (observer)

All applications by a member of the Executive of the Court of Examiners will be assessed by two members of the Education board.

Panel members must be current members of the Full Court.

Recipient obligations

The recipient must follow all instructions from the host college while in attendance at their examinations and comply with all examination guidelines, procedures and instructions set and otherwise directed by the College.

In addition to submitting an end-of-year report as requested by the Scholarships and Grants department, the recipient is required to present their findings to their Specialty Court and the Full Court.

Partner committee

The Full Court of Examiners and the Specialty Court of Examiners

Funding source

The grant is funded through the Education Scholarship Corpus to a maximum of AUD \$20,000 per annum.