

# John Loewenthal Project Grant

## Research Guideline GDL-4860

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Governing Policy: POL-4832 Research Scholarship Policy

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| <b>Eligibility summary</b> | RACS Fellows, SIMGs, SET Trainees |
| <b>Duration</b>            | Multi-year – up to 2 years        |
| <b>Interest area</b>       | Surgical research                 |

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The John Loewenthal Project Grant supports surgeons and Trainees to undertake a surgical research project or to fund an innovative service or piece of equipment.

The grant (previously named the John Loewenthal Research Scholarship) was established in honour of Sir John Loewenthal who served as President of RACS from 1971-1974.

### 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

Applications are open to RACS Fellows, Specialist International Medical Graduates (SIMGs) and SET Trainees who:

- are applying as an individual or the lead researcher in a group
- wish to undertake clinical or research projects.

SET applicants are ineligible for this grant.

### Eligible activity

Surgical initiatives with defined goals and outcomes, supported by an administering institution. Activity examples include, but are not limited to:

- a surgical research project
- funding of innovative service/s or a piece of equipment.

Should the funding be used to purchase a piece of equipment, this equipment is to remain the property of the institution upon the completion of the project.

### Frequency

This grant may be offered every two years, subject to funding and the availability of a suitable candidate.

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### **Selection process**

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

Should two or more applicants be equal in merit, preference will be given to applicants within ten years of Fellowship.

The selection panel is comprised of the Chair (or their nominee) and two members of the ANZ Scholarship and Grant Committee (ANZSGC).

Applicants who move to the interview round and are a Lead Researcher of a research group will be requested prior to the interview to provide details regarding the other members of the research group and their intended contribution to the project. A two-page biosketch of each member is to also be provided.

### **Reapplication**

Recipients can only receive this grant once.

### **Financial arrangements**

The grant 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.

Should the grant include the purchase of specific equipment, grant funding will be allocated for that portion of the grant as departmental maintenance. Otherwise, grant funding consists of stipend only.

### **Funding Source**

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