

# Margorie Hooper Scholarship

## Learning & Development Guideline GDL-4865

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Governing Policy: POL-4914 Learning and Development Grant Policy

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| <b>Eligibility summary</b> | RACS Fellows, SIMGs, SET Trainees<br>Residents of South Australia |
| <b>Interest area</b>       | Postgraduate study, Training                                      |

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The Margorie Hooper Scholarship supports a Fellow or Trainee to undertake postgraduate studies and/or advance their surgical skills for the benefit of the surgical community of South Australia.

This scholarship was established following a bequest from the late Margorie Hooper of South Australia.

## 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

Applicants need to be:

- a RACS Fellow, Specialist International Medical Graduate (SIMG) or SET Trainee\*
- a permanent resident of South Australia

For the purpose of postgraduate study or training, applicants may reside temporarily outside South Australia but must return to live and work in the state following the conclusion of their scholarship.

\*SET applicants are ineligible.

### Activity eligibility

The scholarship supports the recipient to undertake postgraduate study or advance their surgical skills while temporarily residing outside the state of South Australia (either in Australia or overseas). The activity must be undertaken for a duration of at least six months.

The approved travel program must not commence before the closing date for applications and must commence before the end of the awarded scholarship year.

### Application criteria

The application is to include a submission outlining the proposed benefit of the applicant's program to the South Australian surgical community along with a statement on why funding is required. Documentary evidence, such as letter of employment, email showing return date to SA employment from their Head of Department etc, must be provided to show that the applicant is returning to South Australia to live and work following the conclusion of their scholarship.

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### **Selection process**

Should two applications be of equal merit, preference will be given to surgeons wishing to travel overseas for their activity.

The selection panel is comprised of at least three members of the South Australian Regional Committee. All panel members are to review every application.

### **Recipient obligations**

It is mandatory for the recipient to present at the SA, NT & WA Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM), which is usually held in August of each year. This presentation should outline the results of their scholarship year and/or any research project that was funded by this scholarship. This presentation should occur at the ASM in the year following the scholarship activity. Note that the tristate ASM is held in SA, NT & WA on a rotational basis, therefore the recipient would need to make themselves available to present in the host state.

### **Financial arrangements**

The scholarship will be paid directly to the recipient 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.

There is a provision for reimbursement of accommodation and travel costs associated with the proposed travel program, which will be as advertised.. Invoices and receipts of expenses are to be provided at the conclusion of the scholarship period for reimbursement.

### **Funding source**

This award is funded from income derived from the Margorie Hooper Bequest Grant corpus under the Foundation for Surgery.

### **Partner committee**

South Australian Regional Committee