

# Paul Mackay Bolton Scholarship for Cancer Research

## Research Guideline GDL-4868

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Governing Policy: POL-4832 Research Scholarship Policy

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**Eligibility summary** RACS Fellows, SIMGs, SET Trainees

**Duration** Multi-year – up to 2 years

**Interest area** Cancer research

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The Paul Mackay Bolton Scholarship for Cancer Research supports applicants to undertake research into the prevention, causes, effects, treatment and/or care of cancer.

Harry Bolton established this scholarship in memory of his late son, Paul. Professor Paul Bolton was a distinguished surgeon, teacher and researcher who died from colorectal cancer in 1978 at the age of 39.

This scholarship supports a surgeon or Trainee who wishes to take time away from a clinical position to undertake a research project, under the supervision of an experienced investigator.

## 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), SET Trainees and SET applicants.

Should two or more applicants be equal in merit, preference will be given to projects that are likely to have clinical relevance within a relatively short period of time and applicants who are:

- currently working in Queensland or Tasmania
- enrolled (or intending to enrol) in a higher degree such as a Masters, PhD or the equivalent.
- early-career researchers (Trainees or within 10 years of Fellowship).

### Eligible activity

Research undertaken at an approved research institute with a focus on the prevention, causes, effects, treatment and/or care of cancer.

### Selection process

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

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

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### **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 maintenance component.

### **Funding Source**

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