

# Aziz Hamza Rural Surgery Grant

## Learning & Development Guideline GDL-4883

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Governing Policy: POL-4914 Learning and Development Grant Policy

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**Eligibility summary** RACS Fellows (Fellowship within the past ten years), SIMGs, SET Trainees

**Interest area** Early career, rural surgery

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The Aziz Hamza Rural Surgery Grant assists in delivering quality surgical care to people in remote and regional Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand.

The grant was established through the Foundation for Surgery by Dr Saud Hamza to honour the legacy of his father, Professor Aziz Hamza. Professor Hamza (1 July 1937 – 31 May 2019) was the Professor of English Literature at the College of Education, University of Baghdad, Iraq.

Professor Hamza completed his bachelor's degree in English Literature from the University of Baghdad in 1959 after which he received a scholarship to travel to the United States to complete a Diploma in Teaching English Language to Overseas Students from the English Language Institute at the University of Michigan in 1960. He then completed a master's degree in English Literature from Indiana University in 1961. Professor Hamza completed his PhD in English Literature from Martin Luther-King university in Germany and was granted a full professor title from the University of Baghdad in 1999.

During his 60 year-long academic career, Professor Hamza was involved in the development of the English Language and Literature Departments in major universities in Iraq, Saudi Arabia and Jordan, chaired the National Committee for English Language and Literature curriculum in Iraq and Saudi Arabia and reformed the higher English Literature studies in the region. He supervised dozens of PhD and master's degrees and had dozens of publications.

## 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

Applications are open to RACS Fellows who have gained their Fellowship within the past ten years, Specialist International Medical Graduates (SIMGs – who are eligible to apply to the Scholarships and Grants Program) and SET Trainees.

### Eligible activity

The grant funds attendance at RACS professional development activities, meetings, conferences or workshops with the intention of improving the delivery of surgical services in remote and regional Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand.

### Selection process

Should two applicants be equal in merit, preference will be given to applicants who are currently located in, or are originally from, regional or rural Australia or Aotearoa New Zealand.

The selection panel is comprised of three members of the Australia and New Zealand Scholarship and Grant Committee (ANZSGC).

### Funding source

The grant is funded from the income revenue derived from the Professor Aziz Hamza Rural Surgery

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grant corpus under the Foundation for Surgery.