

John Hargrave Research Scholarship

Research Guideline GDL-4928

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Governing Policy: POL-4832 Research Scholarship Policy

Eligibility summary	RACS Fellows, SIMGs, SET Trainees
Duration	Multi-year – up to 3 years
Interest area	Research

The John Hargrave Research Scholarship supports surgeons and SET Trainees who wish to take time away from clinical positions to undertake a research project under the supervision of an experienced investigator.

The late John Charles Hargrave, a Plastic and Reconstructive surgeon, was regarded as a remarkable man who led an exceptional life. He was innovative and influential in the fields of public health, leprosy, reconstructive surgery, microsurgery, Aboriginal health, empowerment and education, global health and international relations. This scholarship was made possible due to a generous bequest in his Will.

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 enrolled (or intending to enrol) in a higher degree such as a Masters or PhD.

Eligible activity

A research project undertaken at an approved research institute under the supervision of an experienced investigator, with the topic pertaining to Plastic and Reconstructive surgery or Cardiovascular surgery. If two applicants are equal in merit, studies on microsurgery, molecular biology, stem cell research or peripheral nerve surgery will be given preference.

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 members of the ANZ Scholarship and Grant Committee (ANZSGC).

Recipient obligations

Recipients are encouraged to present their research at the annual meeting of the Surgical Research Society of Australasia (or an agreed equivalent) once during or in the 12 months following the scholarship period.

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.

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