

# Queensland Younger Fellows Grant

## Learning and Development Grant Guideline GDL-4949

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Governing Policy: POL-4914 Learning and Development Grant Policy

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**Eligibility summary** RACS early-career Fellows (Fellowship within the past ten years)

**Interest area** Younger Fellows, QLD

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The Queensland Younger Fellows Grant supports Younger Fellows in Queensland to obtain post Fellowship training interstate or overseas, prior to returning to practice in Queensland.

The Queensland Younger Fellows Grant is offered by the Queensland State Committee through the Younger Fellows Advisory Group which encourages Younger Fellows to support the Queensland State Conference and RACS activities.

## 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 Fellowship within the past ten years and

- are working or studying in Queensland and plan to travel interstate or overseas within the 12-month grant activity period to further post Fellowship work or studies, prior to then returning to practice in Queensland;

or

- are pursuing post Fellowship work or studies outside of Queensland and will return to practice in Queensland within 12 months.

### Eligible activity

The activity must support the return of a local Younger Fellow into practice and/or encourage their acquisition of surgical experiences that will be of benefit to Queensland.

### Application criteria

Applications must include:

- confirmation from the institution, supervising consultant/unit or overseeing society; and/or a confirmation of public appointment letter or letter of intent to practice from a private hospital executive.

For those returning to practice in Queensland, the application should include:

- details of practice in Queensland including the geographical and public/private surgical services or the skills the applicant will provide.

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### Selection

Preference may be given to those in their earlier post Fellowship years who:

- have secured structured appointments to established units (over less structured proposals)
- have not secured alternative financial support
- are providing a new or expanded service or are practising in an area of need
- have previously attended the QLD Preparation for Practice Workshop or the QLD State Conference
- are involved with RACS or the Younger Fellows Committee.

The selection panel is comprised of:

- the QLD Younger Fellows Representative (note – the person in this role is ineligible for selection)
- a member of the Younger Fellows Committee Executive, as nominated by the Chair
- an executive member of the QLD Regional Committee

### Recipient obligations

The recipient is required to present a brief descriptive paper at the Queensland State Conference which is held every two years in November.

Up to four grant recipients' papers will be presented at the State Conference – two from the current grant year, and two from the previous grant year:

- those recipients whose grant activity falls within the year the state conference is being run, must present at that year's state conference
- those recipients whose grant activity falls within the year the state conference is not being run, must present at the following year's state conference.

### Funding source

The grant is offered annually, subject to funding drawn from a budget surplus from the previous year's Preparation for Practice Workshop, which is convened by Queensland Younger Fellows with the support of the State committee.

The grant is valued at \$2500 (ex GST) paid to the recipient following receipt of the recipient's invoice as requested by the Scholarships and Grants department.

In addition, \$455 (ex GST) is paid directly to the RACS Queensland State Conference to fund the recipient's registration and the official meeting dinner (subject to funding) by the Queensland Regional Committee. As the State Conference occurs every two years, recipients will be funded to attend either in the year of, or the year following, their grant activity.

Remaining surplus funds are treated as ordinary category 1 revenue to offset expenditure.

### Partner Committee

Queensland Regional Committee