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Governing Policy: POL-4914 Learning and Development Grant Policy

Eligibility summary Junior doctors (as part of the JDocs Program)

Interest area Surgical skills, junior doctors, rural and regional

The Rural Junior Doctors Surgical Skills Course Grant supports junior doctors who are based in a rural or regional area to undertake a surgical skills course.

RACS is committed to promoting and developing career pathways in rural surgery to combat surgical workforce shortages, recruitment and retention challenges in rural, regional and remote areas.

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 junior doctors who are:

- practising in rural or regional Australia or Aotearoa New Zealand (where rural, regional and remote is defined by the Monash Modified Model in Australia as MM2 to MM&, or outside the six main urban centres in Aotearoa New Zealand)
- registered with RACS JDocs Program

It is desirable that applicants are:

- a member of RACS Rural Surgery Section. Should the applicant be successful they agree to be automatically added as a member of the Rural Surgery Section (complimentary registration).

Eligible activity

The grant funds travel, accommodation or course fees for a junior doctor from a rural, regional or remote location to attend a surgical skills course with preference to courses that aid in selection to the Surgical Education and Training program. Applicants must have been accepted onto a course or indicate their intention to participate on the course.

Application criteria

The application is to include:

- proof of rural practice and registration in JDocs
- demonstration of at least 12-month committed rotation in rural hospital at the time of application
- a submission of up to 300 words describing aspirations for a career path in rural surgery.

Selection

Preference will be given to applicants who wish to attend a surgical skills course that aids in selection to the Surgical Education and Training program.

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The selection panel is comprised of:

- the Chair (or nominee) of the Rural Surgery Section
- the Chair (or nominee) of the Prevocational and Skills Education Committee (pending approval from the PSEC)
- two members of the Rural Surgery Section.

Funding source

The grant is funded by the Rural Surgery Section – Rural Surgery Fund.

Partner committee

Rural Surgery Section