

Pickard Robotic Training Grant Learning & Development Guideline GDL-4890

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Governing Policy: POL-4914 Learning and Development Grant Policy

This guideline provides details regarding the purpose, eligibility and requirements that are additional to, or exceptions from, the Learning and Development Grant Policy. Information contained in both the policy and this guideline is available to applicants on the RACS website.

Eligibility summary RACS Fellows, SIMGs, SET Trainees
Non RACS surgeons and health professionals

Number offered Up to 5

Interest area Training, Research, Robotic surgery

The Pickard Robotic Training Grant supports training and/or research opportunities for South Australian surgeons and health professionals to expand their expertise in innovative robotic techniques.

The grant was established by Mr Gordon Pickard, a strong supporter of robotic surgery in South Australia.

Conditions

Applicant eligibility

Applications are open to:

- RACS Fellows, Specialist International Medical Graduates, SET Trainees and SET applicants
- Non-RACS surgeons and health professionals

Applicants must be able to demonstrate that they either come from a period of long-standing residency within South Australia or have a clear contractual plan to return to the South Australia public hospital system for the two years immediately following the conclusion of the grant.

Eligible activity

The activity:

- must be a defined training program and/or research in robotic surgery.
- may be based in Australia, Aotearoa New Zealand or overseas.

Selection

Selection is by written application with shortlisted applicants invited to interview.

The selection panel for both written review of applications and interview is comprised of:

- The RP Jepson Professor of Surgery, University of Adelaide (who is to also Chair the interview panel), Chair (or nominee) and a member of the ANZ Scholarship and Grant Committee (ANZSGC)
- Chair (or nominee), RACS SA Regional Committee

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Recipient obligations

If appropriate, the recipient must provide RACS with documented ethics approval from their institution's ethics committee, as evidence that the project conforms to the general principles set out in the NH&MRC "Statement on Human Experimentation" and/or the Australian Code of Practice for the Care and Use of Animals for Scientific Purposes".

Partner Committee

South Australia Regional Committee

Funding source

The scholarship is funded by the sponsor, Mr Gordon Pickard