

Scholarships and Grants Program

Learning and Development Grants Guideline - 2022 activity

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The Anwar and Myrtha Girgis SIMG Grant

The Anwar and Myrtha Girgis SIMG Grant supports migrant, refugee and asylum seeker doctors who are experiencing financial hardship to gain the professional development required to practice surgery in Australia or Aotearoa New Zealand.

Conditions

Applicant eligibility

Applications are open to doctors who can demonstrate financial disadvantage and who are of refugee OR asylum seeker background OR who are recent migrants (having arrived in Australia or Aotearoa New Zealand within the five years immediately prior to the closing date of applications); AND

- have been assessed by RACS as partially or substantially comparable to being Australian trained and have commenced (or have been approved to commence) or have completed clinical assessment and whose assessment is valid for 12 months from the time of application, OR
- have been assessed by the Medical Council of New Zealand as eligible for vocational registration in surgery or require assistance to meet the language criteria for their vocational registration application to proceed
- are eligible to work in Australia or Aotearoa New Zealand.

Eligible activity

The grant funds may be used for (but is not limited to) the following:

- Registration fees for exams, professional development and training course/s required to be able to practice in Australia or Aotearoa New Zealand.
- Costs for the professional care of young children or other dependents to enable participants who are primary carers to undertake this professional development, training, assessment and associated study.
- Attendance or presentation at a conference that is required to be able to practice in Australia or Aotearoa New Zealand.
- Reasonable travel and accommodation expenses related to the professional development opportunity.
- Costs associated with supervision.

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Selection

Selection will be based upon:

- the activity outline
- evidence of financial hardship or disadvantage
- evidence of visa status and date of arrival in Australia and/or Aotearoa New Zealand
- rural or regional location (if applicable)
- value and details of what the grant will be spend on and how it will assist the applicant in gaining registration
- references supporting the application, one of which can confirm financial hardship or disadvantage.

The selection panel is comprised of representatives of the Scholarship and Grant Committee, the Board of Surgical Education and Training and SIMG Assessment and Support.

Acknowledgment

The grant is to be acknowledged as *The Anwar and Myrtha Girgis SIMG Grant* by the recipient in all related communication, and is to be accompanied by the Foundation for Surgery logo (as available to download from RACS Unlock) on all related presentations.

*This guideline provides details regarding the purpose, eligibility and requirements specific to this grant.
Additional Scholarships and Grants Program conditions are outlined in the Learning and Development Grants Policy.*

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