

Scholarships and Grants Program

Learning and Development Grants Guideline - 2022 Activity

Governing Policy: Learning and Development Grants

Rural Surgery Fellowship for Provincial Surgeons

The Rural Surgery Fellowship for Provincial Surgeons supports regional and rural surgeons to travel and develop existing skills, or acquire new skills, in a field of benefit to the surgeon and the surgical community.

Conditions

Applicant eligibility

Applications are open to RACS Fellows whose primary practice postcode is in a non-metropolitan area of Australia or Aotearoa New Zealand.

Eligible Activity

The Fellowship may be used to fund travel, accommodation, living expenses, conference and course fees. The Fellowship does not incorporate payment for, or arrangement of, a locum.

Duration

Between one and eight weeks.

Selection

Selection is based upon:

- your activity proposal including: how your activity will benefit your professional development; and contribute to improving Australia and/or Aotearoa New Zealand surgical standards and knowledge base
- the expected outcomes of your activity
- proposed costs
- references

Preference will be given to applicants who:

- are currently located in, or are originally from, rural or regional Australia or Aotearoa New Zealand.

The selection panel is comprised of members of the Rural Surgery Section (RSS) Committee and the Fellowship Services Committee.

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 Grant Policy.

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Recipient obligations

The recipient:

- is required to spend a major part of each week at the agreed institution
- is required to give a guarantee to continue to practice in their local area on completion of the Fellowship
- is encouraged to submit an abstract for presentation at the annual conference of the Provincial Surgeons of Australia or an appropriate forum in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Acknowledgment

The grant is to be acknowledged by the recipient in all related communication as the Rural Surgery Fellowship for Provincial Surgeons (supported by the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons) and is to be accompanied by the Foundation for Surgery logo on all related presentations.