

Younger Fellows Travel Grants

Learning & Development Guideline GDL-4963

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Governing Policy: POL-4914 Learning and Development Grant Policy

Eligibility summary RACS Fellows (Fellowship within the past ten years)

Interest area Overseas travel - Younger Fellows

The Younger Fellows Committee, in partnership with sponsors, offers grants to Younger Fellows travelling overseas to further their post-Fellowship studies and diversify their surgical experiences.

The grants have been established in recognition of the challenges Younger Fellows face when travelling overseas to further post Fellowship studies and experience. In addition to offering financial support, the purpose of the grants is to foster a commitment amongst Younger Fellows to be involved in the Younger Fellows Committee and College activities more broadly.

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.

Sponsorship

The Younger Fellows Travel Grants are funded through individual sponsorship agreements, as negotiated by Fellowships Services. Any details of sponsorship agreements including, but not limited to, naming rights and logo usage should be communicated to the Scholarships and Grants team annually prior to advertising the grants.

Applicant eligibility

Applications are open to RACS Fellows who:

- have gained their Fellowship within the past ten years
- will return to practice in Australia or New Zealand following the grant activity.

Eligible activity

The grant supports the recipient to study and gain clinical experience overseas by funding travel, accommodation and living expenses.

Selection

Selection will be dependent upon:

- the applicant's ability to demonstrate the benefits of their proposal to the surgical community in Australia and New Zealand
- a clear plan of the proposed studies, emphasising the benefits to be gained
- confirmation from the institution of any intended appointment with regards to any funding provided
- documentary evidence of their start date, finishing date and funding received

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Should two applicants be equally suitable, preference will be given to those who:

- are in their earlier post-Fellowship years
- have secured structured appointments to established units
- have not secured alternative financial support.

Each application must be reviewed by at least three members of the selection panel pool. The selection panel pool is comprised of:

- Chair, Younger Fellows Committee
- Deputy Chair x 2 Younger Fellows Committee
- At least three other members of the Younger Fellows Committee or
- Members of the ANZ Scholarship and Grant Committee (if sufficient reviews are not received from the Younger Fellows Committee members)

Recipient obligations

Upon acceptance, the recipient is required to submit a short video describing their intended activity.

Upon completion of the grant, the recipient is required to:

- return to practice in Australia or New Zealand
- if asked, present a brief descriptive paper (5-10 minutes) at the Younger Fellows Committee meeting at the Annual Scientific Congress (ASC)
- be actively involved in the Younger Fellows Committee or other RACS activities.

Acknowledgments

The grant is to be acknowledged in accordance with its governing sponsorship agreement.

Funding source

The grant is funded by the sponsor. The value will be determined annually, depending on the sponsorship agreements in place each year.

Grants included for 2025 year (to be updated annually):

Bongiorno National Network Younger Fellows Travel Grant (governed by a deed on file with the Scholarships and Grants team)

Medtronic Younger Fellows Travel Grant (negotiated annually by Fellowship Services)

Partner committee

Younger Fellows Committee