

# Specialist Training Program 2020 EOI Process

The Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS) is pleased to announce that RACS will be accepting new applications for 2020 STP-funded surgical training positions in an Expression of Interest (EOI) process.

The EOI applications will be accepted from **12 pm (AEDT) Friday 1 March 2019** for a 3-week period and close at **5 pm (AEDT) Friday 22 March 2019**. This EOI process is managed by the RACS on behalf of the Department of Health and applications can be submitted directly to RACS via the link below:

[APPLY NOW](#)

## STP FUNDING APPLICATION CHECKLIST

EXPANDED SETTING	<p>RURAL The training position is located in an <a href="#">ASGS RA 2-5 location</a> (Minimum 0.5 FTE per year)</p> <p>AND/OR</p> <p>PRIVATE The training is to take place in a private setting or rotate through a private setting (Minimum 0.5 FTE per year)</p>					
SPECIALTY	<p>The training position is in one of the following specialties:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="336 1048 1495 1137"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="336 1048 571 1137">GENERAL SURGERY</th> <th data-bbox="571 1048 805 1137">UROLOGY</th> <th data-bbox="805 1048 1040 1137">VASCULAR SURGERY</th> <th data-bbox="1040 1048 1275 1137">CARDIOTHORACIC SURGERY</th> <th data-bbox="1275 1048 1495 1137">PAEDIATRIC SURGERY</th> </tr> </thead> </table> <ul data-bbox="336 1160 1495 1406" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please note that EOI applications for Neurology and Orthopaedic Surgery will also be accepted during this EOI round, however the recent accreditation application deadline has passed and therefore EOI applications from these specialties will be considered for 2021.</li> <li>• Applications from Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery and OHNS will not be considered due to Department of Health workforce considerations.</li> </ul>	GENERAL SURGERY	UROLOGY	VASCULAR SURGERY	CARDIOTHORACIC SURGERY	PAEDIATRIC SURGERY
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EXPANSION OF TRAINING	<p>Be a new position representing a genuine expansion of training (Not previously filled or funded)</p>					
RACS ACCREDITATION	<p>The training position is in the process of being accredited for 2020 or will apply for accreditation through the relevant RACS Training Board.</p> <p>Hospitals wishing to access STP funding MUST submit an accreditation application with the relevant SET Board. It is recognised that this may require hospitals to complete an accreditation submission before the funding application outcome is known. However, failure to apply for hospital accreditation will render the hospital ineligible to be considered for funding in 2020. Please refer to the relevant Specialty Training Board's (STB) website for further information and accreditation application instructions:</p> <ul data-bbox="336 1854 1495 2083" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General Surgery: <a href="#">General Surgeons Australia</a></li> <li>• Urology: <a href="#">Urological Society of Australia and New Zealand</a></li> <li>• Vascular Surgery: <a href="#">Australian and New Zealand Society for Vascular Surgery</a></li> <li>• Cardiothoracic Surgery: <a href="#">Board of Cardiothoracic Surgery</a></li> <li>• Paediatric Surgery: <a href="#">Board of Paediatric Surgery</a></li> </ul>					

## PLEASE NOTE:

Please note that the following is **NOT** eligible for funding under the STP:

- Post-fellowship training
- General Practice training
- Direct costs associated with accreditation of training posts
- Training posts funded under the STP may not be occupied by overseas trainees employed by hospitals in other countries seeking a rotation through expanded settings within Australia
- Training posts which are not considered to be new posts (please refer to the [STP Operational Framework](#) for further information)

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## 2020 EOI APPLICATION PROCESS TIMELINE

1. 2020 EOI Application round opens **12 pm Friday 1 March 2019**
2. 2020 EOI Application round closes **5 pm Friday 22 March 2019**
3. Accreditation applications are due to Specialty Training Boards by **Sunday 31 March 2019**
4. EOI Assessment Process begins **Monday 1 April 2019**:
  - Applications are assessed for STP eligibility by RACS
  - Applications are assessed by State Health Jurisdictions for workforce requirements
  - Final decisions on EOI Outcomes are made by the Department of Health
5. EOI Outcomes will be communicated to EOI Applicants by RACS by **Tuesday 30 April 2019**

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## ABOUT THE STP PROGRAM

The Specialist Training Program (STP or Program) is a Commonwealth Government initiative designed to extend vocational training for specialist registrars to a range of settings beyond traditional metropolitan teaching hospitals, with an emphasis on training in regional, rural and remote areas, and private facilities, and to improve the quality and distribution of the future specialist workforce.

The STP Provides:

- **Annual trainee salary support** of \$105,000 for training posts in expanded settings outside traditional public teaching hospitals. Expanded settings is defined as being either in a rural location or having a minimum 0.5 FTE private training component.
- **Rural Loading funding** of up to \$25,000 for trainee expenses in regional, rural, and remote settings.
- **Private Infrastructure and Clinical Supervision (PICS) allowance** of up to \$30,000 per annum for clinical supervision in a private setting and private infrastructure.

RACS administers the Program and the funding of eligible training positions on behalf of the Commonwealth. For more information on STP, please see the [STP Operational Framework](#) on the Department of Health website.

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### Contact

Please contact the RACS STP team via [stp.admin@surgeons.org](mailto:stp.admin@surgeons.org) or 03 9249 1283 should you have any questions or to discuss how we can assist you.

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