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College of Surgeons announces \$1.3 million in Research Scholarship Awards

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The Royal Australasian College of Surgeons has reaffirmed its ongoing commitment to surgical research, through its annual Research Scholarships program. For 2012, the program, managed under the umbrella of the Foundation for Surgery, has awarded a total of 31 Scholarships, Fellowships and Grants valued at over \$1.3 million.

The focus of the scholarships is on ground-breaking research into new surgical techniques and treatment options. The results can then be shared with the wider surgical and medical community, ultimately leading to better patient outcomes and care.

Scholarships are awarded to the most academically able Surgical Trainees and Fellows, through an intense and highly competitive selection process that attracts quality candidates across all specialty areas.

The College's most prestigious award is the John Mitchell Crouch Fellowship, with a value of \$150,000. The 2012 recipient of this Fellowship is Professor Marcus Stoodley, a leading Vascular Neurosurgeon based at the Australian School of Advanced Medicine, Macquarie University.

The Foundation for Surgery is funded primarily by Fellows of the College along with contributions from corporations and others, supporting approximately half of the awards offered annually. The remainder is funded from the very generous donations received from sponsors and bequests.

Further information on the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons Scholarship Program can be obtained from the College website www.surgeons.org or by contacting the Scholarships Coordinator (Mrs Sue Pleass) on Tel: (08) 8219 0924.

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