

Learning & Development Grant Guideline GDL-4891

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Governing Policy: POL-4914 Learning and Development Grant Policy

Eligibility summary	SET Trainees
Interest area	Plastic and reconstructive surgery

The Poate Family Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Travel Grant supports international travel for a Trainee to obtain further training and experience in the field of plastic and reconstructive surgery.

The grant was established in September 2019 following a generous donation by Mr William James Poate FRACS, on behalf of his wife and family. Mr Poate is a retired Fellow, a foundation member of the Australian Society of Plastic Surgeons and one of the first seven plastic surgeons in Sydney, having obtained his Fellowship in 1962.

Mr Poate was the first to establish a full-time plastic surgery service at a non-teaching peripheral public hospital at Hornsby in 1966 and was a keen early advocate of the development of breast reconstruction after mastectomy.

The grant also honours the memory of Mr Poate's father, Sir Hugh Raymond Guy Poate MVO, FRACS, who died in 1961. He was a renowned thyroid surgeon and a former President of RACS (1945-1947).

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.

Applicant eligibility

Applications are open to Plastic and Reconstructive SET Trainees.

Eligible activity

The grant may fund travel, accommodation, conference and course fees to further plastic and reconstructive training and experience.

Selection

The selection panel is comprised of the Chair (or nominee) and two members of the ANZ Scholarship and Grant Committee.

Committee

ANZSGC

Funding source

The grant is funded from the income revenue derived from the Poate Family Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Travel Grant corpus under the Foundation for Surgery.