

# Hugh Johnston ANZ ACS Travel Fellowship Learning & Development Guideline GDL-4884

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Governing Policy: POL-4914 Learning and Development Grant Policy

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**Eligibility summary** RACS early career Fellows (Fellowship within past ten years)

**Interest area** Surgical science, ACS Annual Clinical Congress

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The Hugh Johnston Australia and New Zealand (ANZ) Chapter of the American College of Surgeons (ACS) Travel Fellowship encourages the international exchange of information concerning surgical science, practice and education.

The Fellowship, as part of a bi-lateral exchange with the ACS, enables the recipient to attend the ACS Annual Clinical Congress and establish academic and professional collaborations and friendships.

## 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.

### Duration and timing

Minimum three weeks to coincide with the ACS Annual Clinical Congress held every October.

### Applicant eligibility

Applications are open to RACS Fellows:

- who have gained their Fellowship within the past ten years

It is expected applicants have a major interest and accomplishment in basic or clinical sciences related to surgery.

### Application criteria

The application is to include:

- the potential benefits from the travel to the individual, the ANZ Chapter of the ACS and to RACS.

### Eligible activity

The recipient must spend a minimum of three weeks in the USA. While there, they are required to:

- attend and participate in the ACS Annual Clinical Congress
- participate in the congress' formal convocation ceremony
- visit at least two medical centres in North America before or after the congress to lecture and share clinical and scientific expertise with local surgeons.

The academic and geographic aspects of the travel itinerary are to be finalised in consultation and agreement with the recipient and the president of the ANZ Chapter of the ACS prior to the commencement of travel. Any changes to the travel program require approval by the president and RACS.

Applicants must not have commenced their travels prior to the closing date for applications.

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### Selection process

Should two or more applicants be equal in merit, preference will be given to those who hold an academic appointment in Australia or New Zealand.

Additional funding from external bodies may affect selection.

The selection panel is comprised of:

- The Chair or their nominee and a second member of the ANZSGC
- ANZ Chapter President and executive member.

### Recipient obligations

The recipient is expected to make a brief (5-10 minute) presentation outlining their report and including the impact this opportunity will make on surgery in Australia and New Zealand. It is expected this is presented at the ANZ Chapter of the ACS meeting at the RACS Annual Scientific Congress in May of the following year.

The recipient must provide RACS with a written report in the requested format on the meeting attended and institutions visited, as well as information on sessions attended and benefits gained.

### Reapplication

Past recipients are ineligible to reapply to the Hugh Johnston ANZ Chapter ACS Travel Fellowship.

### Partner committee

The ANZ Chapter of the American College of Surgeons.

### Financial arrangements

The grant funding will be paid to the recipient following receipt of a valid tax invoice as requested by the Scholarships and Grants department. Payment will be made in one instalment before 1 March in the grant activity year.

### Funding source

This Fellowship is funded as follows:

- 50% from income derived from the Hugh Johnston Travel Grant Corpus under the Foundation for Surgery
- 50% from the ANZ Chapter of the American College of Surgeons