

NORMAN BEISCHER CLINICAL RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP - CONDITIONS

The Norman Beischer Clinical Research Scholarship was established in 2016 with funds provided by the Norman Beischer Medical Research Foundation (NBMRF) to support research in obstetrics and gynaecology.

Purpose

For a clinical-based research study leading to the attainment of a PhD or equivalent Research Higher Degree, in any aspect of obstetrics, gynaecology and related disciplines.

Eligibility

Open to applicants who are normally resident in Victoria, Australia and fall within one of the following categories:

- RANZCOG Fellows of less than five (5) years' standing;
- MRANZCOG-holders seeking to qualify for Fellowship of RANZCOG; and
- Advanced FRANZCOG trainees who have sat and passed both the FRANZCOG Written and Oral Examinations.
- Individuals who have been offered and accepted a position on the FRANZCOG Training program, and who are currently enrolled in a PhD or will be enrolled in a PhD in 2020.

Tenure

Two (2) years, conditional upon the approval of a progress report six (6) months into the scholarship.

Scholarship Funds

AUD\$30,000 per annum (\$60,000 in total).

Applications

Applications must be submitted using the RANZCOG Women's Health Foundation Application Form (Research-Based), together with other information as specified on that form.

The date for receipt of applications is 30 June.

Applications are assessed by the RANZCOG Research Grants Committee (RGC). A member of the Norman Beischer Medical Research Foundation (NBMRF) will be invited to attend the selection meeting in-part as an observer for the Norman Beischer Clinical Research Scholarship.

Presentation

A member of the NBMRF will be invited to present the scholarship to the successful candidate at the RANZCOG Annual General Meeting, or other appropriate forum.

Administration

The scholarship is to be undertaken in a hospital, university department or research institute in Victoria, Australia.

Time spent undertaking the scholarship may be recognised for part of the pre-Fellowship training for FRANZCOG, or towards the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) program requirements of the College for Fellows.

Reporting

Scholarship recipients must submit the following reports to the RANZCOG Women's Health Foundation:

Progress Report

- Due six (6) months into the project (i.e. normally by 31 July)
- Must be submitted on the template(s) provided and include a letter of endorsement from the Research Project Supervisor.
- Must be approved by the RGC prior to confirmation of the second year of the scholarship.

Annual Progress Report to NBMRF

- Must be provided to the NBMRF, four (4) weeks prior to the NBMRF Annual General Meeting (date to be advised).
- Should be a one (1) page lay outline of the progress of the project.

Final Report

- Due by 31 January in the year following completion of the project.
- Will be reviewed by the RGC and then forwarded to the NBMRF.
- Must be submitted on the template(s) provided and include a letter of endorsement from the Research Project Supervisor.
- Must include a Summary Report (maximum 200 words), which provides a lay summary of the research project undertaken. This may be considered for publication in O&G Magazine and/or used for other promotional purposes by RANZCOG.

Acknowledgment

Both the Norman Beischer Medical Research Foundation and the RANZCOG Women's Health Foundation are to be acknowledged in any publication or thesis resulting from work undertaken during the tenure of the scholarship.

The acknowledgement should state that the author was the recipient of the 'Norman Beischer Clinical Research Scholarship, offered under the auspices of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RANZCOG) Women's Health Foundation' for a particular period.

A copy of any published article arising from research carried out under the scholarship is to be submitted to both the Norman Beischer Medical Research Foundation and the RANZCOG Women's Health Foundation when available.

Promotion

RANZCOG and the NBMRF may publish details of the scholarship recipient and the associated project, including the lay description and/or lay summary, for promotional, educational, or membership activities in all forms of media now known or later developed, including but not limited to, the RANZCOG and NBMRF websites, Facebook, Twitter, advertising, presentations, and marketing materials.

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