

### RANZCOG NSW REGIONAL COMMITTEE TRAVELLING SCHOLARSHIPS - CONDITIONS

*The RANZCOG NSW Regional Committee Traveling Scholarships were established in 2017 to support NSW FRANZCOG Trainees to train in a developing country in the Asia-Pacific region. The scholarship Funds are provided by the NSW Regional Committee of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists and administered through the RANZCOG Women's Health Foundation.*

#### Purpose

To assist the successful applicant(s) to travel to a developing country in the Asia-Pacific region for the purposes of undertaking training.

The scholarships:

- provide excellent opportunities for trainees to improve skills in open surgery
- promote a unique perspective on clinical care issues beyond the scope of usual training
- allow the development of clinical skills in a different manner to that available for the majority of locally based training
- contribute to RANZCOG's commitment to engaging with the Asia-Pacific region on issues of reproductive health

#### Scholarship Funds

Up to AUD \$10,000 for each of two (2) scholarships or one (1) scholarship of up to AUD \$20,000.

Each scholarship shall be utilised for the purposes of an Asia-Pacific region training rotation, and may include:

- Return economy airfares / travel to and from the training location
- Accommodation
- Living Allowance (to a maximum of AUD \$50 per day)
- Travel medications and pre-departure medical consultations

#### Tenure

Up to two (2) scholarships per annual training year as defined by RANZCOG.

#### Eligibility

The successful applicant/s is/are expected to spend three (3) or six (6) months in a developing country located in the Asia-Pacific Region.

#### Definition of developing country located in the Asia-Pacific Region

**Asia-Pacific region**, as included in the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies (APCSS) listing (<http://apcss.org/about-2/ap-countries>).

**Developing country**, as defined by the United Nations World Economic Situation and Prospects (WESP). For the purposes of these Scholarships, Developing Countries, Small Island Developing States and Least Developed Countries are included. (Table C Developing economies by region, Pages 142 and 145 of World Economic Situation and Prospects 2018 Report: [https://www.un.org/development/desa/dpad/wp-content/uploads/sites/45/publication/WESP2018\\_Full\\_Web-1.pdf](https://www.un.org/development/desa/dpad/wp-content/uploads/sites/45/publication/WESP2018_Full_Web-1.pdf)).

Countries included in both definitions are:

**Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei, Cambodia, China, Cook Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia, India, Indonesia, Kiribati, Laos, Malaysia, Maldives, Marshall Islands, Myanmar, Nepal, Niue, Pakistan, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Singapore, Solomon Is, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Vietnam.**

The Scholarships are open to NSW FRANZCOG Trainees who:

- occupy an accredited FRANZCOG specialist training position in NSW at the time of application and
- have completed a minimum of 138 wks FTE (three (3) years) of Core Training and have sat and passed the FRANZCOG Written Examination, or are an Advanced Trainee at the time of travel.

Applicants can only be awarded one (1) RANZCOG NSW Asia-Pacific Region Travelling Scholarship to a developing country in the duration of their training.

For the purposes of accredited FRANZCOG training, applicants must apply for and receive Prospective Approval of Training from the NSW Regional TAC Chair via the online portfolio <https://logbook.my.ranzcog.edu.au/>  
The successful applicant(s) will need to be actively involved in the education of local colleagues; midwifery or medical depending on the setting.

### **Applications**

Applications are to be submitted using the RANZCOG Women's Health Foundation Application Form (Travel-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.

### **Reporting**

A formal presentation of the training must be submitted for consideration for presentation at a RANZCOG Annual or Regional Scientific Meeting within one (1) year of return.

Recipients must submit an article outlining their experience which would be suitable for consideration for publication in *O&G Magazine*.

### **Acknowledgement**

The RANZCOG Women's Health Foundation and the NSW Regional Committee are to be acknowledged in any publication or thesis resulting from work undertaken during the tenure of the Scholarship by stating that the author was the recipient of the Scholarship for a particular year.

### **Promotion**

RANZCOG may publish details of the Scholarship recipients and the associated training including the article outlined above, for promotional, educational, or membership activities in all forms of media now known or later developed, including but not limited to, the RANZCOG website, Facebook, Twitter, advertising, presentations, and marketing materials.

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