

*The Urogynaecological Society of Australasia (UGSA) was established to advance all aspects of urogynaecology. UGSA's aims include encouraging clinical and scientific research in urogynaecology, and the UGSA Research Scholarship was established in 2015 in keeping with this objective.*

## **Eligibility**

To be eligible for the UGSA Research Scholarship, applicants must:

- be undertaking a research project in the field of urogynaecology
- undertake their research study in a hospital, university department or research institute in Australia or New Zealand
- have a demonstrated interest in urogynaecology by either:
  - holding a membership of UGSA for two (2) or more years;
  - attended at least two (2) of the last three (3) UGSA Annual Scientific Meetings or other international urogynaecology scientific meetings; or
  - have applied for or be undertaking RANZCOG subspecialty training in Urogynaecology
- fall within one of the following categories:
  - are RANZCOG trainees;
  - RANZCOG Fellows of less than five (5) years' standing; or
  - RANZCOG Fellows who have been awarded the RANZCOG Certification in Urogynaecology within the last five (5) years
  - have not received a RANZCOG Women's Health Foundation awarded scholarship in the previous two (2) years (this exclusion does not apply to CU or CU trainees).

## **Tenure and Scholarship Funds**

UGSA will provide \$40,000 in scholarship funding per award, with some flexibility depending on the number and nature of applications received.

There will be three funding models:

1. One 1-year scholarship with \$40,000 scholarship funding
2. Up to two 1- year scholarships with \$20,000 scholarship funding
3. One 2-year scholarship with \$40,000 scholarship funding

Under this flexible funding model the availability of models 1, 2 and 3 will necessarily vary from year to year.

## **Applications**

Applications are to 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 Research Grants Committee (RGC).

## **Presentation**

A representative of the UGSA Executive Committee will be invited to present the scholarship to the successful candidate at an appropriate RANZCOG event.

## 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. by 31 July).
- Must be submitted on the template(s) provided and include a letter of endorsement from the Research Project Supervisor.
- Will be reviewed by the RGC.

### Final Scholarship Report

- Due one month following completion of the scholarship period (i.e. usually 31 January).
- will be reviewed by the RGC and the UGSA Executive Committee.
- 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, and which may be considered for publication in O&G Magazine and/or used for other promotional purposes by RANZCOG. A copy of the article may also be published on the UGSA website.

### Final Project Report

For any reason that the scholarship recipient cannot complete their research project by the conclusion of the scholarship period, and which has received prior approval from the RGC, an additional Final Report must be submitted to the RANZCOG Women's Health Foundation at the conclusion of their project. This will be reviewed by the RGC and the UGSA Executive Committee.

## Acknowledgement

The RANZCOG Women's Health Foundation and the UGSA Research Scholarship 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 RANZCOG Women's Health Foundation's UGSA Research Scholarship'* for a particular period.

A copy of any published article arising from research carried out under the UGSA Research Scholarship is to be submitted to the RANZCOG Women's Health Foundation when available.

## Promotion

RANZCOG may publish details of the scholarship recipient and the associated research 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 website, Facebook, Twitter, advertising, presentations, and marketing materials.

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