

RANZCOG INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM IN COLLABORATION WITH FIGO

1. Background and purpose

The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RANZCOG), in collaboration with the International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics (FIGO), is pleased to announce the International Fellowship Program.

The Program offers a one-week intensive experience at an Australian hospital for early-career O&G specialists from countries in the Asia-Pacific region, in addition to supporting their attendance at the FIGO World Congress 2021.

2. The Program

The Fellowship Program enhances professional and personal development by giving international Fellows new clinical insights and experiences. The program provides opportunities for interaction with other Fellows and senior colleagues in the host country, and guided immersion in the local health system. By participating in the program, international Fellows will develop their professional networks and connections, to ensure a continuing legacy of engagement and collaboration as they develop their careers.

Successful applicants will be offered a place in the face-to-face Fellowship Program hosted by RANZCOG in 2022, once international travel has resumed in Australia and travel restrictions have been lifted.

Successful applicants will also be offered complimentary attendance to the virtual FIGO World Congress of Obstetrics and Gynecology 2021 (21–28 October 2021).

2.1 Eligibility

Applicants must:

- Be practicing in country in the Asia-Pacific region
- Be able to communicate fluently in English
- Hold a postgraduate degree in Ob/Gyn
- Be specialists or advanced trainees
- Spend 50% of their working time in a medical school, teaching hospital or government agency
- Attend program of Congress sessions as devised by the Scientific Committee

2.2 Fellowship

The Fellowship will cover:

- Reasonable economy return air travel from the applicant's country to Australia
- Accommodation for the duration of their stay in Australia
- A placement at a hospital in Australia (1 week)
- Registration fee for the FIGO World Virtual Congress 2021

2.3 Certification

Certificates will be issued on completion of the Fellowship and following the submission of the feedback form.

3. Application Form and Supporting Documentation

Applications will only be considered if the following documentation is enclosed with the completed application form:

- 3.1 A letter of recommendation in English from the chair of the candidate's department or government/project director
- 3.2 A letter of recommendation from the candidate's national society of Obstetrics and Gynaecology
- 3.3 A written statement in English on the potential benefits to the applicant of this Fellowship
- 3.4 A curriculum vitae with details of current employment
- 3.5 Scanned copies of passport, medical degree and postgraduate degree

Application form and supporting documentation must be submitted in English.

Completed application form and supporting documentation should be submitted via the online submission portal:

<https://www.cognitofirms.com/RANZCOG/RANZCOGInternationalFellowshipProgramInCollaborationWithFIGO>

4. Deadline for submission

The application and supporting documents must be received by **Monday 27 September 2021**. Applications received after this date will not be considered. The selection of Fellows will take place after this date. Recipients of the Fellowship will be notified immediately.

6. Visa and Travel Insurance

With the exception of New Zealand citizens travelling on New Zealand passports, all foreign nationals must obtain a visa/Electronic Travel Authority before travelling to Australia. Following notification of acceptance, all successful candidates will be required to apply for a visa and purchase their own travel insurance for the duration of their visit.

For information about visa applications to enter Australia, please visit: www.homeaffairs.gov.au/Trav