

Certification in
Obstetrical and Gynaecological Ultrasound (COGU)
Scholarly Elective: Non-Research Stream
Core Framework and Approval for Trainees



COGU trainees who want to submit a Non-Research Stream prospective approval are required to provide a statement discussing in detail how the chosen course will progressively build on the COGU training and benefit their future career.

A *Prospective Approval of Scholarly Elective Proposal and Timeline* must be submitted and approved by the COGU Committee Research Advisors/Chair. This will be based on the merit of each application and be within the current research project guidelines.

Eligible Trainees

COGU trainees who may apply for Prospective Approval of the Scholarly Elective: Non-Research Stream for the 2023 training year are:

- Year 1 Trainees commencing on 6 February 2023; or
- Year 2 Trainees commencing on 6 February 2023; or
- Trainees who fall outside the above may submit a Special Consideration Application form and be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

Core Course Framework and Requirements

The Non-Research Stream course framework must follow the requirements and guidelines as follows:

- A minimum of:
 - Australian Qualification Framework (AQF) or
 - New Zealand Qualification Framework (NZQF)
- The course must have vocational relevance for the COGU trainee
- There must be *no repetition* of previous content and/or training within the COGU Curriculum: this excludes the DDU
- Limited to one course only (not a combination of several courses)
- A personalized statement of how the course will provide *complementary skill or educational development* to the COGU Training Program noting that the course is to:
 - Prepare practitioners for their future careers; and/or
 - Broaden their education and educational opportunities
- All trainees need to have an approved Mentor who is appropriately qualified within their chosen field of study.
- The course submitted must be recognised at a Tertiary Institute or Professional College within Australia or New Zealand
- Each assessment is approved based on the merit of the application made by the trainee. The *Prospective Approval (PA) of Scholarly Elective Proposal and Timeline* and /or *Special Consideration Applications* must be submitted and approved by the COGU Chair or nominated Research Stream / Non-Research Stream Advisors.
- Trainees must spend 20% of their clinical training time in their nominated Non-Research Stream course and present this within the PA timeline.
- All trainees are responsible for funding their own Non-Research Stream course

[Proposal and Timeline Application Form Approval](#)

Scholarly Elective Non-Research Stream Proposal and Timeline form must be submitted within 46 weeks of commencing the COGU Training Program, by the COGU Chair or the nominated Research Advisor.

If the Non-Research Stream Proposal and Timeline application form is submitted and does not meet the framework requirements, feedback to the trainee will be provided.

[Submission of Completed Course](#)

All trainees who have elected the Non-Research Stream, must complete their course within three (3) years of completing the clinical component of training.

Trainees are required to submit progress reports at six-month intervals until successful completion of the course.

To satisfactorily complete the Non-Research Stream training requirement, all trainees must submit a Certificate of completion of the prospectively approved course. Evidence of completion will be approved by the COGU Committee. In all cases, the assessment of satisfactory completion rests with the COGU Committee.

All assessment related components of the Non-Research Stream will be independent of RANZCOG and will rest solely with the institution with whom the training is conducted.

[Recognition of Prior Learning \(RPL\)](#)

Where a course equivalent to that required in the Non-Research Stream has been completed prior to Subspeciality training it may be approved as meeting the requirement for satisfactory completion of the Non-Research Stream of the scholarly elective.

To be considered for Recognition, the course must meet the following criteria:

- The course must have future vocational relevance
- Limited to one course of study (not a combination of several courses)
- The course of study submitted must be recognised at a Tertiary Institute or Professional College.

Assessments for all RPL in the Non-Research Stream will be sanctioned by the relevant COGU Committee.

Core Course Additional Features

Minimum of Diploma Level 5	Australian Framework Qualification (AQF) Diploma Level 5 New Zealand Framework Qualification (NZQF) Diploma Level 5	
Structured Assessment Tools: These may be part of the course or determined by the institution.	Exams	
	Workplace assessment	
	Ongoing progress reports	
	Submission of thesis and/ or assignments	
	Other	
Subjects: Diploma Level 5 A list of suggested courses but is by no means exhaustive. Other courses may be chosen but are subject to COGU Committee approval. The course must build progressively on the COGU Training Program curricula and must have future vocational relevance.	Business Administration	Medical Administration
	Clinical chemistry	Microbiology / infectious disease
	Education	Pathology
	Epidemiology	Pharmacology
	Ethics	Philosophy
	Genetics (Advanced knowledge)	Physics of Ultrasound
	Grief or Bereavement Counselling	Psychological Medicine
	Information technology / systems engineering	Public Health
	Law	Sociology
	Management	Other