

# RANZCOG NSW State Committee Travel Scholarship Conditions



*The RANZCOG NSW State Committee Travel Scholarships were established in 2017 to support NSW FRANZCOG Trainees undertake training in a country in the Asia-Pacific region. The scholarship is funded by the NSW Regional Committee of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RANZCOG) and administered by the RANZCOG Women's Health*

## 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.

## Eligibility

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- be a FRANZCOG NSW Trainee who occupies a prospectively approved training position in NSW at the time of application and has completed a minimum of 138 weeks FTE (three (3) years) of Core Training. Additionally, applicants need to have sat and passed the FRANZCOG written examination or is an Advanced Trainee at the time of travel. 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/>.
- spend three (3) or six (6) months in a developing country located in the Asia-Pacific Region and be actively involved in the education of local colleagues, midwifery or medical depending on the setting.

\* Please note that this scholarship will not be awarded to any applicants who have previously been awarded a RANZCOG NSW Asia-Pacific Region Travelling Scholarship to a developing country in the duration of their training.

### 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 <https://dkiapcss.edu/about/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, Page 118 and Table H Small island developing states, Pages 121 of [World Economic Situation and Prospects 2023 Report](#);

### Countries included in both definitions are:

Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Fiji, Cook Islands, 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.

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## Tenure

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

## Grant 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 used 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

## Applications

Applications should be submitted online via the Good Grants platform using the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (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).

## Presentation

The successful recipient will be offered the opportunity to be presented with the scholarship at an appropriate RANZCOG event. Please note there is no funding available, and therefore attendance is at the expense of the recipient. In situations where the recipient is unable to attend the offered events, awards will be posted.

## Reporting

The successful applicant shall agree to submit a report to the RANZCOG Women's Health Foundation within three (3) months of their return. This report will be reviewed by the RGC.

Following completion of the Scholarship and acceptance of the final report by the RGC, the recipient is to submit an article for consideration for publication by RANZCOG. The article should be a lay summary of the training undertaken (maximum 200 words) and must be submitted by 31 January in the year following completion of the Scholarship. The article will be considered for publication in O&G Magazine and may also be used for other promotional uses by the Foundation and/or RANZCOG.

## Acknowledgment

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

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## Promotion

RANZCOG may publish details of the grant 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 website, Facebook, Twitter, advertising, presentations, and marketing materials.

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