

The Robert Wrigley Pain Research Scholarship was established in 2012 by a donation from the late Robert Wrigley, with specific instruction that the funds be used for the improvement of treatment of pelvic pain.

Purpose

To promote improved care of patients with pelvic pain.

Eligibility

The Scholarship is open to applicants who fall within the following categories and who are normally resident in Australia or New Zealand:

- RANZCOG Fellows of less than five years standing;
- RANZCOG Members seeking to qualify for Fellowship of RANZCOG; and
- Advanced FRANZCOG trainees who have sat and passed both the FRANZCOG Written and Oral Examinations.

It is desirable, but not essential, that applicants intend to achieve Fellowship in the Faculty of Pain Medicine as well as Fellowship of RANZCOG.

Tenure

Two (2) years, conditional upon the approval of a progress report six (6) months into the scholarship.

Scholarship Funds

AUD\$12,000 per annum (\$24,000 in total).

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 RANZCOG Research Grants Committee.

Administration

This two-year Scholarship may be used by the recipient in a variety of ways, as long as the funded activity/research is reasonably expected to contribute to improved treatment of pelvic pain. As an example, the award can be used as seed money for a particular research project, or toward an extended stay at a pain treatment centre overseas. The recipient and/or their supervisor should keep the Research Grants Committee abreast of any significant change(s) to the project.

Time spent undertaking the Research Scholarship may be recognised for part of the pre-Fellowship training for FRANZCOG, RANZCOG subspecialist training or towards the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) program requirements of the College for Fellows.

Reporting

Fellowship recipients must submit the following reports to the RANZCOG Women's Health Foundation for review by the RGC:

Each must be submitted on the form(s) provided and include a letter of endorsement from the Research Project Supervisor.

Progress Report

- Due six (6) months into the project (i.e. normally by 31 July).
- Must be approved by the RGC prior to confirmation of the second year of the Fellowship.

Final Report

- Due by 31 January in the year following completion of the project (unless otherwise stipulated).
- Must include a Summary Report (maximum 200 words), which provides a lay summary of the research project undertaken. This may be considered for publication in O&G Magazine and may also be used for other promotional uses by RANZCOG.

Acknowledgment

The RANZCOG Women's Health Foundation is to be acknowledged in any publication or thesis resulting from work undertaken during the tenure of the Fellowship by stating that the author was the recipient of the Robert Wrigley Pain Research Scholarship for a particular period.

A copy of any published article arising from research carried out under the Robert Wrigley Pain Research Scholarship is to be submitted to the Foundation when available.

Promotion

RANZCOG may publish details of the Scholarship recipient and the associated research project, including the Summary Report, 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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