

Urogynaecological Society of Australasia (UGSA) Research Scholarship Condition



The Urogynaecological Society of Australasia (UGSA) was established to advance all aspects of urogynaecology. UGSA aims to encourage clinical and scientific research in urogynaecology, and the UGSA Research Scholarship was established in 2015 to promote 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 FRANZCOG 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).

Scholarship Funds

UGSA will provide up to \$20,000 in scholarship funding.

There will be two (2) funding models offered:

1. One year scholarship funding worth up to \$20,000; or
2. Up to two (2) scholarships funding worth up to \$10,000

Applications

- Applications are to be submitted online through the Good Grants platform.
- The date for receipt of applications is 30 June.
- Applications are assessed by the RANZCOG Research Grants Committee.

Presentation

A representative of the UGSA Executive Committee will be invited to present the scholarship to the successful candidate at an appropriate RANZCOG event. In situations where the recipient is unable to attend the offered events, awards will be posted.

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Requirements

- The UGSA Research Scholarship recipient will be invited to present their research project findings at a subsequent UGSA, and/or international meeting.
- The UGSA Research Scholarship recipient is expected to submit their research project and findings for publication within a major scientific journal

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).
- 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 and UGSA. A copy of the article may also be published on the UGSA website.

If for any reason the scholarship recipient cannot complete their research project by the conclusion of the scholarship period, the recipient must notify the RANZCOG Women's Health Foundation prior to the report due date via email foundation@ranzcof.edu.au to seek approval from the RGC and the UGSA Executive Committee for an extension. If an extension is approved an additional Final Report must be submitted to the RANZCOG Women's Health Foundation at the conclusion of their project.

Variations to the project

Should the need arise for the project scope and/or funding to be varied please send an email to foundation@ranzcof.edu.au to request a Scholarship Variance Form. Your request will be reviewed by the RGC. Please note there is not any scope to request extra funding.

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Acknowledgment

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 and the Urogynaecological Society of Australasia when available.

Promotion

RANZCOG and UGSA 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 UGSA and RANZCOG websites, Facebook, Twitter, advertising, presentations, and marketing materials.

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