

The Mary Elizabeth Courier Research Scholarship was established in 2008 by the generous bequest of Auguste John Courier, dedicated the memory of his late wife.

Purpose

For Research into gynaecological cancer or high risk pre-cancerous lesions.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the Mary Elizabeth Courier Research Scholarship, applicants must be:

- undertaking research into gynaecological cancer or high risk pre-cancerous lesions.
- undertaking their research study in a hospital, university department or research institute in Australia or New Zealand.
- medical graduates within five (5) years of the award of a Masters, PhD or FRANZCOG.
- resident in Australia or New Zealand.

Tenure

Up to three (3) years

Scholarship Funds

AUD\$40,000 per annum (up to \$120,000 in total)

Applications

Applications are to 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.

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.

Administration

Time spent undertaking the 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

Scholarship recipients must submit the following reports to the RANZCOG Women's Health Foundation. Each must be submitted on the form(s) provided and include a letter of endorsement from the Research Project Supervisor.

Progress Report/s (for two (2) and three (3) year scholarships)

Due six (6) months (for two (2) year scholarships) or six (6) and 18 months (for three (3) year scholarships) into the project. Must be approved by the RGC prior to confirmation of the second and third years of the Scholarship.

Final Scholarship Report

One month following the completion of the scholarship period (i.e normally by 31 January in the year following completion of the research) unless otherwise stipulated, the scholarship recipient must submit a Final Report to the RANZCOG Women's Health Foundation. The report will be reviewed by the RGC and 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/or used for other promotional purposes by ACW and RANZCOG.

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@ranzcog.edu.au to seek approval from the RGC 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@ranzcog.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.

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 Scholarship by stating that the author was the recipient of the Mary Elizabeth Courier Research Scholarship for a particular period. A copy of any published article arising from research carried out under this 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 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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