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This policy governs the awarding of the Katherine Edyvane Scholarship in Humanitarian Surgery. It covers the objectives and values of the Scholarship, the application criteria as well as the duration, value, frequency and conditions of the Scholarship.

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The Scholarship was established in 2016 in memory of Dr Katherine Edyvane FRACS who passed away in late 2015.

Dr Edyvane was a passionate and life-long advocate for humanitarian surgical aid and development. She spent nearly half of her short post-Fellowship period of only 10 years in various surgical aid postings in developing countries around the world including Pakistan, Timor-Leste, Rwanda, Malawi, and Zimbabwe. Most notable was her role under the RACS Timor-Leste Program at the Hospital Nacional Guido Valadares in Dili, Timor-Leste, where she was deployed as the RACS surgeon five times between 2006 and 2014 (including a 2 year stint in 2007-2009).

Dr Edyvane maintained a strong relationship with the Timorese surgical and medical trainees. She had a key role in mentoring young Timorese doctors, nurses and trainees. She was highly regarded by the Timorese doctors and nurses she worked with because of her generous, caring and warm nature, and was loved by all the patients she helped.

Funding to establish the corpus for the Scholarship was from Dr Edyvane's estate and has been contributed to by Dr Edyvane's family and friends.

The objective of the Scholarship is to support doctors and health specialists from developing countries in the Asia Pacific region, particularly from Timor-Leste, to access professional development opportunities to acquire the knowledge and skills needed to contribute to the improvement of surgical and medical services in their home country.

There is a shortage of trained and skilled local specialists in many developing countries. This shortage severely reduces the country's capacity to deliver surgical and medical care

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3.4.2. Applicants must be a citizen of, and permanently residing in the country from which the application is made.

3.4.3. Applicants must be working in a public/government institution as their primary appointment. Applicants working in private practice as their primary appointment are not eligible for the Scholarship.

3.5.1. Applications for the Scholarship will be through an annual Expression of Interest (Eoi) and will apply only for training activities to be undertaken in the future. The Scholarship cannot be granted retroactively.

3.5.2 .Applications must:

- be authored by the applicant;
- be accompanied by a letter of nomination from a health professional participating in the RACS Global Health Program or a RACS Fellow;
- be accompanied by a letter of support from the applicant's superior;
- include a separate page outlining total estimated costs of program and all related expenses such as airfares, accommodation, application fees, and living expenses;
- be supported by the identified host supervisor and host institution, if applicable; and
- be submitted directly to RACS.

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The Scholarship is to be offered annually, subject to the income available for the

