Division:	**Fellowship and Standards**	**Ref. No.**	**FES-FEL-075**
Department:	**Fellowship Services**		
Title:	**Indigenous - ASC Awards Fund**		

1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy determines the function of the Indigenous - ASC Awards Fund. The Fund was established to finance the Foundation for Surgery Annual Scientific Congress (ASC) Awards for Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and final year medical students and doctors. The Awards enable recipients to participate in the educational program of the ASC, network with Fellows and meet influential healthcare professionals in the surgical profession; and discuss

medical professionals.

This policy is to be administered in conj 3.1.

Background

The critical need to address the low determinates of health experienced in Aboriginal

Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS). The Indigenous Health Committee seeks to address these issues in the long-term through increasing the number of

One of the key strategies identified in the RACS Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Action Plan 2014-16 and RACS Health Action Plan is to support young Indigenous doctors and final year medical students from Australia and New Zealand to attend the RACS ASC.

3.2. Funds

3.2.1. The funds for the “Indigenous - ASC Awards Funds” will be held in 93-9312-xxxx held by the College. This is not a perpetual fund and will continue to operate as funding allows.

3.2.2. The annual budget of the “Indigenous - ASC Awards Fund” will be based on funding and subject to approval by the College and Indigenous Health Committee.