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| <b>Division:</b>   | <b>Research, Audit and Academic Surgery</b>                                     | <b>Ref. No.</b> | <b>REA-RES-046</b> |
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### 1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy governs the awarding of the Foundation for Surgery Ian and Ruth Gough Surgical Education Scholarship. It covers the application and selection criteria as well as the duration, value, frequency and conditions of the Scholarship.

### 2. KEYWORDS

Foundation, Surgery, Foundation for Surgery, Research, Scholarship, Gough, Surgical, Education, Award, Surgical Education, Gough Scholarship, Education Scholarship, Ian Gough Scholarship, surgical education award, Trainee

### 3. BODY OF POLICY

Applications for the Scholarship are open to Fellows and Surgical Trainees of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons.

All Scholarships, Fellowships and Grants are conditional upon the applicant being a permanent resident or citizen of Australia or New Zealand.

The benefactors of the Ian and Ruth Gough Surgical Education Scholarship may, from time to time, review the eligibility criteria and selection process of the Scholarship in collaboration with the Board of Surgical Research and recommend amendments to this policy.

#### Selection Criteria

The Scholarship will be awarded on the basis of the applicant's expected contribution to surgical education in Australia and/or New Zealand and their capacity to become an expert surgical educator.

Applicants must provide and will be assessed on the following:

A curriculum vitae and one referee's report

An outline of a program proposal that includes documentation of their acceptance of visits to specialist centres or into courses that will enhance their ability to become expert surgical educators. The Dean of Education is available to advise on suitable activities.

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College and may be required, at the discretion of the College, to refund the stipend. A copy of the report will be forwarded to the benefactors.

**3.7.5. Reapplication for the Scholarship**

Applicants can only receive the Foundation for Surgery Ian and Ruth Gough Surgical Education Scholarship once. Applicants can reapply in subsequent years while eligible, until they are successful.

**3.7.6. Acknowledgements**

The RACS Foundation for Surgery Ian and Ruth Gough Surgical Education Scholarship is to be acknowledged in any relevant correspondence, public announcement, advertising or other material relating to the Scholarship. The Foundation logo must be included in all presentations relating to the award, including those made at the ASC

**3.7.7. Privacy**

The College takes reasonable steps to protect the information it holds from misuse or loss and from unauthorized access, modification or disclosure. The scholar has the right to access his or her personal information and to have it corrected if inaccurate, incomplete or out of date.

**3.7.8. Termination of the Scholarship**

The College may, at its discretion, for what is considered grave cause, suspend the tenure of the Scholarship for such time as is thought fit, or deprive a scholar of his/her Scholarship. From the date of either of these decisions, the entitlement to stipend and other allowances shall cease.

Upon termination, monies already paid, and not duly expended, shall be refunded to the corpus of the Foundation for Surgery Ian and Ruth Gough Surgical Education Scholarship.

**3.7.9. Acceptance of Offer**

Fellows and Trainees must sign the Acceptance Form as acknowledgement of the above conditions and approved surgical education proposal and return it to the College prior to commencement of the Scholarship.

**3.8. Access**

This policy may be accessed by the general public, College Fellows and Trainees and staff.

**3.9. Communication**

Scholarship recipients will be notified of the policy or any changes to the policy that impact them by email. Other stakeholders are encouraged to check the College website

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