

Portfolio:	Operations	Ref. No.	REL-PCS-014
Department:	President & Council Support		
Title:	Sir Hugh Devine Medal		

1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy governs the awarding of the Sir Hugh Devine Medal. It covers the application and selection criteria as well as the value, frequency and conditions of the Award.

2. KEYWORDS

Awards Committee, Awards, Sir Hugh Devine Medal, Annual Scientific Congress

3. BODY OF POLICY

3.1. Background

- 3.1.1. Approved by Council in 1972, the Sir Hugh Devine Medal is awarded for meritorious service to Surgery and is the highest honour the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS) can bestow upon a Fellow in their lifetime.
- 3.1.2. The medal was created to honour and perpetuate the name of Sir Hugh Devine as he played a leading role in the original concept of RACS, being one of the three signatories to the “foundation letter” of 1925. He achieved world fame for his surgical skills and originality of thought, and was knighted for his contributions to surgery.
- 3.1.3. A nominee for the medal must be a RACS Fellow.

3.2. Presentation

The presentation is normally made at the Annual Scientific Congress (ASC).

3.3. Criteria for Award

Meritorious service to Surgery.

3.4. Nominations

- 3.4.1. The Sir Hugh Devine Medal is a Singular Award and a nomination can be accepted for discussion at any Awards Committee meeting but will usually only be approved and presented to Council for final approval at the October Awards Committee meeting.
- 3.4.2. A nomination for the Sir Hugh Devine Medal shall be made in confidence in writing to the Chair of the Awards Committee by a minimum of two current members and a past member of Council at least six (6) weeks prior to the Awards Committee meeting and shall contain biographical details, information on appointments, membership of learned societies (and office held), and a list of publications or a CV. Each nomination requires the nominator to substantiate the recommendation with a demonstrable reason for the nomination for the award. Nominations without this additional background information will be returned to the nominator for further documentation.
- 3.4.3. After approval by the Awards Committee, the name of the recommended nominee will be presented to Council for final approval. Approval by three quarters of Councillors present and voting at the Council meeting must be received

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3.5. The Award

The award is in the form of a gold medal bearing the RACS Coat of Arms on the obverse and the name of the medal, the object of the award and the recipient's name on the reverse as follows:

"Sir Hugh Devine Medal of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons – for Meritorious Service to Surgery" to be followed by the recipient's name and the date".

3.6. Financial implications for recipient of the Award

As this award is presented at the ASC it is important to note that:

- 3.6.1. Travel and accommodation are not provided by RACS and costs will not be paid or reimbursed by RACS.
- 3.6.2. ASC registration and banquet costs for the recipient and partner will be paid by RACS for the ASC at which the presentation is made.

4. ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

No associated documents

Approver: Awards Committee
Authoriser: Council