1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE
This policy provides details on the Skills Training Faculty Scholarship awarded to senior faculty.

2. KEYWORDS
Skills Training, ASSET, CCrISP®, CLEAR, EMST, OWR, TIPS, scholarship, criteria, eligibility

3. BODY OF POLICY
3.1. Background
The Skills Training Faculty Scholarship is awarded to a Senior Instructor or Director in recognition of their significant pro-bono work.

The aim of the scholarship is to provide a professional development opportunity to senior Skills Training Faculty. Examples of activities include:

- Attend a related international course
- Conference, hospital visits or other activities that relate to program content

This Scholarship is governed by the Prevocational and Skills Education Committee (PSEC).

3.2. Eligibility criteria
The applicant must have current Senior Instructor or Director status in one of the following RACS programs:

ASSET  Australian and New Zealand Surgical Skills Education and Training
CCrISP®  Care of the Critically Ill Surgical Patient
CLEAR  Critical Literature Evaluation and Research
EMST  Early Management of Severe Trauma
OWR  Operating with Respect
TIPS  Training in Professional Skills

3.3. Application
The scholarship opening and closing dates are advised to eligible faculty annually.

Applicants are required to:

3.3.1. Complete all components of the scholarship application form and submit by the indicated due date.

3.3.2. Provide a copy of their Curriculum Vitae outlining their level of interest and involvement in activities related to the application.

3.4. Selection criteria
Each application is assessed against the following criteria:

3.4.1. The aim, background, rationale, benefits and outcomes are relevant to the program.

3.4.2. The contribution back to the related program as a result of the proposed activity.

3.4.3. Personal and professional development which may be achieved.
3.4.4. Details of the approximate cost of the proposed activity in order to establish that the Scholarship will be appropriately expended.

3.5. Value of scholarship

The value of the Skills Training Faculty scholarship is awarded at AU$10,000. Funding for the scholarship is allocated from the College Education Corpus.

3.6. Frequency of scholarship

The scholarship is awarded annually, subject to availability of funding and provided there are suitable applicants.

3.7. Financial arrangements

3.7.1. Funds are awarded to the recipient by electronic funds transfer upon receipt of nominated bank account

3.7.2. It is recommended the recipient refer to their financial or taxation advisor to ascertain the taxability of the award. General information about whether scholarships are exempt from income tax is available on the RACS Scholarship website. Please go to [www.surgeons.org/scholarships/](http://www.surgeons.org/scholarships/) and proceed to the FAQ section.

3.8. Additional scholarship/fellowships/awards

Scholars may not hold two RACS Scholarships simultaneously

3.9. Requirements on completion of scholarship

On completion of the scholarship, the recipient is required to:

3.9.1. Provide a written report on their activity for inclusion in Surgical News and for the relevant skills committee.

3.9.2. Be prepared to present a brief descriptive paper at a scientific meeting if requested to do so.

3.9.3. Be involved with a skills course program for a minimum of five years.

3.10. Selection committee

The Scholarship Selection Committee decides the successful scholarship recipients in line with the selection criteria (refer 3.4).

The Selection committee comprises:
- Chair of PSEC
- Deputy chair of PSEC
- General Manager, Education Development and Assessment
- Skills Training Manager

4. ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

Skills Training Faculty Scholarship Application Form

Approver: Education Board
Authoriser: Council