



SCHOLARSHIP / FELLOWSHIP ELIGIBILITY – INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

This information is specific to the following four (4) RANZCOG Research Foundation awards:

- Brown Craig Travelling Fellowship
- Fotheringham Research Fellowship
- RANZCOG Fellows' Clinical Research Scholarship
- Taylor-Hammond Research Scholarship

Background

The eligibility conditions of the RANZCOG Research Foundation's scholarships, fellowships and travel grants vary. Eligibility of the Fotheringham Research Fellowship, RANZCOG Fellows' Clinical Research Scholarship, Taylor-Hammond Research Scholarship and Brown Craig Travelling Fellowship are, however, open only "to Fellows of the College of less than five years standing or Members of the College seeking to qualify for Fellowship of The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, who are normally resident in Australia or New Zealand".

The requirements for admission to Membership of The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists are set by the College Council and are stipulated in the College regulations. They include, in addition to other specific requirements, satisfactory completion of the MRANZCOG written and oral examinations and 48 months of prospectively approved ITP training. On occasion, applications for the three named scholarships have been received from candidates who have not yet attained their Membership but can reasonably be expected to do so prior to the commencement of their planned research.

Conditional Award of a Scholarship / Fellowship

With regard to the Foundation's aims of helping to drive research excellence in women's health and encouraging young researchers, the Board of Directors has approved two scenarios in which the Grants & Scholarships Committee can recommend to the Board of Directors that a scholarship be awarded conditional upon the intended recipient attaining their Membership prior to commencement of the scholarship.

They are as outlined below:

1. That at the time of the meeting of the Grants & Scholarships Committee, an applicant has satisfactorily completed all training and assessment components and has been granted Membership certification by the RANZCOG Council, with only administrative matters (e.g. presentation of pre-Membership logbooks, payment of fees, signing of declaration) outstanding.
2. That at the time of the meeting of the Grants & Scholarships Committee, an applicant has satisfactorily completed all training and assessment components, but has not yet submitted an application for certification, or has submitted an application that has yet to be considered by the RANZCOG Training Accreditation Committee and Council.

Please note:

- Applicants who have yet to sit and pass the MRANZCOG Written Examination and/or the MRANZCOG Oral Examination are NOT eligible for consideration.

Attainment of Membership

The Research Foundation Coordinator will liaise with the relevant department(s) at College House regarding the status of an applicant's Membership certification/application.

Please note:

- Conditional award of a scholarship under the two scenarios described above **does not** replace the requirement that the recipient **MUST** attain Membership of the RANZCOG prior to commencing their scholarship.

Applicants wishing to clarify their eligibility for these scholarships should contact the RANZCOG Research Foundation Coordinator (t: +61 3 9417 1699 e: researchfoundation@ranzcof.edu.au).