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We regret that we are unable to accept for publication advertising material or notices of a personal nature.
ALL TRAINEES

1. Recent Items in the Training & Assessment Bulletin

Recent editions of the Training & Assessment Bulletin have contained important information. Please go to: www.ranzcog.edu.au/training-assessment-bulletin.html to access the most recent editions.

2. Online Portfolio – Three-monthly Formative Appraisal

The Three-monthly Formative Appraisal was launched online for the FRANZCOG Training Program NZ Trainees on 15 March. It will also be available for Australian Trainees from mid-April. The online portfolio is accessible via laptops, desktop computers, tablets and mobile phones.

Trainees are able to initiate and submit appraisals online to their Supervisor for consideration. When Trainees and Supervisors meet to discuss the appraisal; Supervisors can record their comments online. Completed appraisals are lodged electronically with the appropriate Regional Office, for consideration by the Regional Training Accreditation Committee Chair.

Information on how to access the online portfolio, as well as detailed user guides, has been emailed to all NZ Trainees and Training Supervisors. Australian Trainees and Training Supervisors will receive materials early April. Paper-based Formative Appraisals will no longer be available.

Over the 2016 training year, additional components will be implemented, including a Dashboard and the Six-monthly Summative Assessment. We will continue to provide updates to Trainees and Training Supervisors about the progress of the online portfolio.

3. Revised Regulations

In March 2016, the RANZCOG Board approved revisions to the following Regulations:

General Regulations

A9 RANZCOG Foundation

Membership / Fellowship Training - Trainees commencing from 1/12/13

B1.3 Satisfactory Completion of the FRANZCOG Training Program
   B1.3.1 - Core Training
   B1.3.2 - Advanced Training

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B3.5 Three-Monthly Formative Appraisal and Six-Monthly Summative Assessment Reports
   B3.5.1.2

Membership / Fellowship Training - Trainees who commenced 1/12/2003 to 30/11/13

C1.3 Satisfactory Completion of the FRANZCOG Training Program
   C1.3.1 - Core Training (formerly termed ITP)

C1.9 Credit for Training (Trainees who commenced 1/12/2003 to 30/11/13)
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C3.5 Three-Monthly Formative Appraisal and Six-Monthly Summative Assessment Reports
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E1.5.2
E1.5.10 – Reassessment of Comparability

E1.6 Applicants Assessed as Partially Comparable
E1.6.1
E1.6.2

For a list of revised regulations and to download the RANZCOG Regulations in PDF format, go to: www.ranzcog.edu.au/the-ranzcog/governance/ranzcog-regulations

4. Ending of Membership [MRANZCOG] Category

As a result of changes to the RANZCOG Constitution approved at the last Annual General Meeting, the category of Membership of the RANZCOG (MRANZCOG) will be discontinued as from 1 July 2016. This is to bring the College into line with other specialist medical colleges which do not have a Membership category (as distinct from a Fellowship category). Those trainees who are already Members of the RANZCOG will retain that status, but no new Members will be created as from 1 July. Current trainees who are already Members will no longer be required to pay an annual Membership subscription fee (ie after 1 July).

The current Core Training requirements which had to be met in order to obtain Membership (including passing the MRANZCOG Written and Oral Examinations) still apply. The MRANZCOG Examinations will now be known as the FRANZCOG Examinations. For those trainees who commenced training as from 1 December 2013 the rule that Core Training must be completed before they can commence Advanced Training also still applies.

In the event that an employing hospital requires documentary evidence that a trainee has completed all Core Training requirements, the Training Services Department at the College can provide a letter confirming this.

5. Advanced Training Module Trial 2015-2016

In order to provide clearer guidance for Advanced Training positions and to ensure currency of practice across the appropriate scope of practice on elevation to FRANZCOG, two Advanced Training Modules (ATMs) have been developed. Trainees who commenced training on or after 1 December 2013 will be required in their Advanced Training years to complete either the:

- Generalist O & G Advanced Training Module (G-ATM) – all trainees except subspecialty trainees.
- Essential O & G Skills Advanced Training Module (E-ATM) - subspecialty trainees only.

It is expected that the compulsory ATM will be completed within a 46 week period of the 92 weeks of Advanced Training.

A suite of optional special interest Advanced Training Modules have also been developed including:

- Pelvic Floor Disorders
- Hysteroscopic and Laparoscopic Surgery and
- Sexual and Reproductive Health
The Advanced Training Modules will be trialled in 2015-2016 and implemented for New Zealand trainees from 1 December 2017 and for Australian trainees from 1 February 2018. RANZCOG will engage with stakeholders to further develop and refine the Advanced Training Modules before their introduction.


For further information, please contact:
  Penny Holmes, Senior Education Coordinator | (t) +61 3 9412 2965 | (e) pholmes@ranzcog.edu.au

6. Introduction to Ultrasound – Everything you need to know!

Upcoming workshops:

Melbourne, Friday 6 May 2016, RANZCOG College House, East Melbourne. Register by Friday 8 April at [www.ivvy.com/event/USWV16/](http://www.ivvy.com/event/USWV16/)

Sydney, Friday 22 July 2016, Rydges, North Sydney. [www.ivvy.com/event/UWSN16/](http://www.ivvy.com/event/UWSN16/)

This full day practical workshop focuses on the knowledge and skills that RANZCOG registrars require to complete the ultrasound IHCA. The five hours of practical hands-on scanning includes training in transabdominal and transvaginal imaging using a combination of pregnant women and pelvic phantoms. Five workstations are organised which enables interactive small group teaching. Each workstation has a pregnant subject, an experienced tutor and a Sonosite ultrasound machine.

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7. Aldo Vacca Tribute Evening

In recognition of the exceptional contribution made by Aldo Vacca to the global health of women and their babies, a College Tribute Event is planned for the evening of Friday 27 May 2016 in Brisbane. Proceeds from the event, as well as those generated from the Aldo Vacca Symposium held recently in the United Kingdom, will be used to support the establishment of an Aldo Vacca Award to be presented at each RANZCOG Annual Scientific Meeting. Admirers and friends of Aldo will be most welcome at the function and are encouraged to put the date in their diaries; registration will open shortly.

8. RANZCOG 2016 Annual Scientific Meeting, Perth - Registrations are now open!

The 2016 Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RANZCOG) is being held at the Crown Perth, Western Australia on Sunday 16 to Wednesday 19 October 2016.

The overall theme of the meeting is ‘East meets West’. Not only will the meeting bring our specialty together from geographically diverse regions nationally and internationally, but the meeting will also explore the challenges of practice in Obstetrics and Gynaecology between the mind and body, the individual and the team, and local and global health.

Take advantage of early bird registration - register before 5 August 2016 and SAVE up to AUD$315.

9. **New Guidelines on Fractional/Part-time Training**

New College guidelines on fractional/part-time training in the FRANZCOG Program were approved by the Board in November 2015.

The guidelines outline the College’s requirements and expectations for training in this area, including the breadth of clinical component of such training. The document is intended not just for trainees undertaking or considering part-time training, but also Heads of O&G, Training Supervisors and hospital management.


10. **FRANZCOG Examinations (formerly known as MRANZCOG Examinations)**

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* From 1 July 2016, the MRANZCOG examinations will be known as the FRANZCOG examinations

**RANZCOG online examinations**

RANZCOG is on track to deliver all written examinations online from 2017. Paper-based examinations will not be available for candidates from 2017 unless Exceptional Circumstances apply as approved by the Education and Assessment Committee.

In July 2016 candidates may elect to take part in the final online examination trial. Online examinations will be available in Melbourne, Perth, Sydney and Wellington. Paper-based examinations will be available at all locations: Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth, Sydney, Townsville and Wellington.

**FRANZCOG (MRANZCOG) Examination applications**

As part of our commitment to improving examination processes we are implementing an online examination application and payment system.

Applications for the 2016 FRANZCOG Written and Oral Examinations will open on 1 April 2016 and close on 31 May 2016. Late applications will not be accepted.

Please note that payment of the examination fee will now be required at the time of application. Trainees are advised to read the revised RANZCOG regulations regarding examination eligibility, applications and withdrawals prior to submitting their examination application. [www.ranzcog.edu.au/the-ranzcog/governance/ranzcog-regulations.html](http://www.ranzcog.edu.au/the-ranzcog/governance/ranzcog-regulations.html)

Use this link to access the online applications: [https://store.climate.edu.au/index.php](https://store.climate.edu.au/index.php) or follow the link on the MRANZCOG examination page on the RANZCOG website.

**SIMG Trainees only**

SIMG trainees who wish to sit the July 2016 FRANZCOG Written Examination and the October 2016 FRANZCOG Oral Examination must apply for both examinations by 31 May 2016.
FRANZCOG (MRANZCOG) Examination Preparation
The College provides various resources to assist trainees with their examination preparation.
• MRANZCOG Multiple Choice Question Bank
• MRANZCOG Written Examination SAQ Guide
• MRANZCOG SAQ Model Questions
• MRANZCOG SAQ Summaries
• Information on Online Examinations and a link to an online practice examination

• MRANZCOG Oral Examination Strategies and Procedures
• MRANZCOG Oral Examination communication stations
• MRANZCOG Oral Examination Summaries
• Climate Resource on stations

For further information, please contact:
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FRANZCOG Oral Examination
Grace Sims, Examination Administrator (t) +61 3 9412 2972 (e) gsims@ranzcog.edu.au

11. Training in Resource Limited Settings (Overseas) – College Guidelines
Trainees seeking information about the College’s requirements and processes for prospective approval of FRANZCOG training in resource limited settings overseas (eg PNG, Fiji, India) should refer to the College guidelines on the website. The guidelines explain the minimum criteria for prospective approval of such training, factors to consider, the process for obtaining approval, and the supervision requirements for this training. The new guidelines are located at: [www.ranzcog.edu.au/additional-information-on-training-a-training-posts/franzcog-training-in-resource-limited-settings](http://www.ranzcog.edu.au/additional-information-on-training-a-training-posts/franzcog-training-in-resource-limited-settings)

12. Hospital Re-accreditation Reports – All Trainees & Training Supervisors at Relevant Site to be Notified of Findings
The College’s policy on re-accreditation visits to hospitals providing FRANZCOG training is that the reports are confidential. They are sent to the relevant Head of Department and hospital CEO (cc’d to the relevant TAC Chair and ITP Co-ordinator). However, the College always recommends that the relevant hospital disseminate the recommendations in the report to the trainees at that site.

Feedback from trainees has indicated that this does not always happen. In view of this, the RANZCOG Training Accreditation Committee and the Board have agreed that in future the College will email a précis of the site visit report (containing the commendations and recommendations) to all Core and Advanced trainees at the relevant site. All Training Supervisors at the site will also receive this précis.

13. Appropriate Use of Social Media by FRANZCOG Trainees in Relation to Training
All FRANZCOG trainees are reminded that when using social media applications they must consider whether comments about any aspect of their training are likely to undermine or impinge on the reputation of the College in any way.

Any social media activities/comments/discussion in which trainees may be involved should not be defamatory, obscene, threatening, harassing, discriminatory to or about the College, their training experience and training sites, Fellows, other trainees or College staff.

If trainees have concerns, then the appropriate avenue is to contact the Manager of Training Services or the Chair of the Trainees Committee.
Website & Social Media
Council Week in March raised a number of important issues relating to social media and the College’s online presence as a source of trusted information and opinion for trainees, Fellows and the community. In recognition of this, the College is investing in a redevelopment of the website to make the homepage more user-friendly and a more valuable resource. Additionally, the RANZCOG Facebook page and Twitter account have now been activated and all trainees are encouraged to access these resources to be kept informed about College activities and statements.

Women’s Health Committee
The Women’s Health Committee is continually working on new guidelines and statements. Keep a look out for the release of upcoming guidelines on vasa praevia, preconception, patient information, and exercise in pregnancy. The College has also produced a statement on vaginal seeding – a topic many of us are increasingly being asked about by our patients.

New Guidelines App
The RANZCOG Guidelines App will soon be released. This will provide an overview of College statements and guidelines in a smartphone-friendly format – an excellent resource for trainees preparing for exams.

Written Examinations
In 2017, all written examinations will be conducted online at approved computer centres. Initially, these centres will be ones located in major cities only, due to limitation of access to appropriate centres. But the College is looking at accessing appropriate computer centres in regional/provincial locations to ensure trainees don’t have to travel long distances to sit an online exam.

eLogbook
The eLogbook has been released this semester and we hope all FRANZCOG trainees are making the most of this easy-access resource. Feedback has been very positive so far, with trainees finding it very easy to log their clinical attendance and surgical procedures day by day. The College is working to ensure that both the Three-monthly Formative Appraisal form and the Six-monthly Summative Assessment form will be available via the new online portfolio system by the middle of the year ie for both documents and for trainees in NZ and AU. (The three-monthly appraisal form is already available to trainees in NZ.)

Landmark Clinical Trials Papers on Website – New Facility
Member of the Education & Assessment Committee have been developing a new ‘Reading Pane’ facility to be used in association with the current Landmark Clinical Trial papers available on CLIMATE. The facility includes easy-access tabs alongside the papers which define a range of common statistical terms found in the papers. This will be an important resource for all trainees, especially for those preparing for the Written Examination.

Surgical Skills & Anatomy Modules on CLIMATE
Trainees are reminded about the surgical skills modules on CLIMATE that demonstrate a range of procedures via video tutorials – a fantastic resource. Also, please make an effort to review and use the anatomy modules the College has purchased for trainees – An@tomedia and Biodigital.

Physical & Mental Health Issues
Finally, concern was raised at Council Week regarding our responsibility as trainees if we are worried about the physical and mental health of a colleague at work. It was agreed that further education about supporting, and appropriately reporting, colleagues was needed to ensure that all trainees are aware of both the College’s and the employing hospital’s expectations in this area. The College is developing a statement to address these issues.

Contact Us
Please email us with any feedback, concerns or comments regarding trainee or College matters.
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-Dr Fiona Langdon, Deputy Chair – AU (email: Fiona.langdon@trainee.ranzcog.edu.au)
-Dr Hayley Smith, Deputy Chair – NZ (email: Hayley.smith@trainee.ranzcog.edu.au)
15. Multi-Source (MSF) Formative Assessments for Core & Advanced Trainees

The Education Unit has developed online multi-source feedback documentation that can be used by Training Supervisors as part of a strategy for those trainees who may be experiencing difficulty or challenges with their training. Use of these forms is NOT compulsory and they are not to be confused with the formative appraisal forms which all trainees are required to submit.

Multi-source Feedback (MSF) is a method of assessing trainees’ professional competence within the scope of their daily professional practice in Core or Advanced FRANZCOG training. Multiple MSF assessors are drawn from the trainee’s multi-disciplinary team and are asked to rate the trainee’s performance against defined criteria. MSF assessors should include consultants, senior registrars, registrars, midwives and relevant nursing staff. As multiple assessors are used, the scores are collated automatically using the Survey Monkey facility and provided to the Training Supervisor by the College as a tool to identify strengths and areas requiring improvement by the trainee.


16. Mentoring Policy for FRANZCOG Trainees

A policy on the appointment of mentors for trainees has been developed. The policy does not stipulate that all trainees should have a mentor. Rather, it provides guidelines on appropriate arrangements for trainees who may request a mentor or for those trainees in difficulty for whom a mentor is considered advisable. The policy is on the College website in the College Statements & Guidelines section under Training – General: [www.ranzcog.edu.au/college-statements-guidelines.html](http://www.ranzcog.edu.au/college-statements-guidelines.html)

17. Guidelines on Supervision of Trainees in Birthing Suite

New guidelines on appropriate supervision of FRANZCOG trainees in the Birthing Suite have been developed. The guidelines are on the College website at: [www.ranzcog.edu.au/college-statements-guidelines.html](http://www.ranzcog.edu.au/college-statements-guidelines.html) and also at: [www.ranzcog.edu.au/education-a-training/specialist-training.html](http://www.ranzcog.edu.au/education-a-training/specialist-training.html) in the Additional Information on Training & Training Posts section.

18. Evaluation of the FRANZCOG Training Program – Update

The last of the training program surveys for the 2015 year were disseminated in January 2016. Completion of these surveys by trainees is important, as the feedback provided is vital to the continuous quality improvement process of the FRANZCOG Training Program.


As part of the College’s commitment to CQI, new documentation for the evaluation of the FRANZCOG Training Program includes:

- **Six-monthly compulsory trainee survey**: This asks trainees to comment on their training and supervision at each rotation. This survey is available for trainees online and is optional for those trainees who commenced training between 1 December 2003 and 30 November 2013. The College strongly encourages those in this group to complete the survey at the time of their Six-monthly Summative Assessment. The survey is compulsory for trainees commencing on or after 1 December 2013 and must be completed at the time of the Six-monthly Summative Assessment. Those who do not complete the evaluation will not receive credit for the relevant period of training.

- **Annual Year 2 & Year 4 trainee survey**: This annual online survey asks trainees who have completed Year 2 and Year 4 to review their training to date. The survey has been revised to provide more comprehensive feedback about all aspects of training and likewise completed online. Please note completion of this survey is compulsory from 1 December 2015.
• **Exit survey**: This online survey is sent to all trainees on completion of the FRANZCOG Training Program and asks recipients to critically evaluate the entire program. Please note completion of this survey is **compulsory** from 1 December 2015.

• **New Fellows survey**: All new Fellows who have been in specialist practice for 12 months will be asked to complete this online survey. This survey asks new Fellows to assess how well the training program prepared them for practice.

• **Training Supervisors & ITP Co-ordinators survey**: This survey asks Fellows who perform the crucial role of either ITP Co-ordinator or Training Supervisor to evaluate their role, the support they receive from the College and the effectiveness of the training program.

To ensure confidentiality the collection, analysis and reporting of the data is the responsibility of the WEU team. As part of this process, all data is de-identified.

If participants have any queries regarding the surveys, please contact Effie Margiolis, Manager, Workforce and Evaluation Unit, e: emargiolis@ranzcog.edu.au

19. **C-QuIP Certification for RANZCOG Trainees**

The Colposcopy Quality Improvement Program (C-QuIP) aims to improve the care of women who are referred for colposcopy and treatment of screen detected abnormalities. The process for RANZCOG trainees to become certified with C-QuIP has been updated and is available on the website at: [www.cquip.edu.au/certification/ranzcog-trainees-and-new-applicants.html](http://www.cquip.edu.au/certification/ranzcog-trainees-and-new-applicants.html)

The aim of the C-QuIP RANZCOG Trainees certification process is to enable participants to obtain the core knowledge and develop the necessary skills to perform colposcopy competently.

For further information, please email cquip@ranzcog.edu.au

20. **Taking Extended Leave from Training Program or Transfers between States/Regions**

Trainees at all levels are reminded that if they are planning on taking extended leave from the training program or transferring between states or across the Tasman they MUST discuss what they are planning with their Training Supervisor and/or ITP Co-ordinator (if applicable) before they lodge any formal application for leave or transfer. Your Training Supervisor and/or ITP Co-ordinator are among the key people who will be affected by any extended leave or transfer and it is vital that you let them know your plans and obtain their support.

The application forms for extended leave or transfer are located on the College website at: [www.ranzcog.edu.au/leave-and-transfers.html](http://www.ranzcog.edu.au/leave-and-transfers.html)

21. **Penalties for Unauthorised Absence from Training Program – New Regulation**

Additional grounds for possible removal from the training program have been introduced. If a trainee fails to indicate to the College his/her intentions for the relevant year – either by not submitting a prospective approval of training form or not lodging an application for approval of extended leave – they will face removal from the training program.

22. **Research Project**

**Project Exemption**

A change to the regulations regarding Recognition of Prior Research as grounds for exemption from the Research Project has been made.
The new regulations state:

B/C8.4.1 The following may be approved as meeting the requirement of satisfactory completion of the research study:

- A formal higher research degree qualification; or
- A successfully completed honours (by research) year in the biomedical sciences.

[Revised and ratified by the Board, November 2015]

**Research Proposal Submission**

The regulations regarding Research Proposal submission have changed. The new regulations still require submission of the Research Proposal no later the completion of 92 weeks FTE, however the Proposal must be approved by no later than the completion of 112 weeks FTE.

B/C8.2 Prospective Approval of a Research Proposal

A research proposal in the health sciences must be submitted by trainees to the Research Assessment Subcommittee no later than the completion of 92 weeks FTE of time in training in the Core Training component of the FRANZCOG Training Program.

A research proposal in the health sciences must be approved by the Research Assessment Subcommittee no later than the completion of 112 weeks FTE of time in training in the Core Training component of the FRANZCOG Training Program.

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**23. Deadline Dates for Submission of 2016 Training Documentation**

Documents must be received on or before, but no later than 12 midnight on the date below:

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**24. Victorian MRANZCOG Revision Course 2016**

This 5 day course will showcase carefully selected Victorian experts in obstetrics, gynaecology and neonatology.

The course will be run from June 20-24 at the Marriott Hotel Melbourne. There will be a course dinner, on Tuesday 21 June 2016 from 6:30pm - 10:00pm at venue TBA.
The presentations in this Revision Course represent areas of the curriculum that are, historically, the most commonly assessed in the Written and Oral Examinations.

To register for this event please go to http://www.ivvy.com/event/MWV16/

For all enquiries please contact:
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25. **NEW!! FGM Units now available on the CLIMATE eLearning site**

New online units designed to introduce health practitioners to the issue of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) in our society are now released. The units outline the sexual and reproductive health consequences of FGM and address the care and clinical support that clinicians need to be aware of, to assist women that have experienced FGM. Information to support education and advocacy about this issue is also provided.

The titles of the units are listed below
Unit 1: Introduction to FGM
Unit 2: Sexual and Reproductive Health Consequences
Unit 3: Care and Clinical Support
Unit 4: Education and Advocacy

To access the units, please click on this link https://www.climate.edu.au/course/view.php?id=169 and login with your Username (RANZCOG Member number) and Password (RANZCOG web password). Use the forgotten password if needed. For support please email to elearningsupport@ranzcog.edu.au

These eLearning resources were developed by the RANZCOG in collaboration with the NSW Government Department of Health, University of Sydney, University of Technology Sydney (WHO Collaborating Centre for Midwifery, Child and Family Health), Family Planning Queensland, Auburn Hospital, and NSW Education Program on FGM.

We welcome your feedback.

26. **Membership Offer for Trainees in Ultrasound and/or Obstetrics and Gynaecology**

ISUOG are offering all Trainees a free two year online membership of the Society.

Benefits include:
- Online access to the official journal, Ultrasound in Obstetrics and gynaecology (UOG/ The White Journal)
- Access to all online educational material including web lectures
- Discount on World Congresses, international Symposia and ISUOG organised courses
- ISUOG book club
- Access to clinical tools such as biometry calculators

Interested Trainees are advised to contact ISUOG directly via: www.isuog.org/Membership/Trainees/default.htm

The College will confirm your status as a RANZCOG Trainee if contacted by ISUOG.

27. **Complimentary AGES Membership**

Complimentary membership is available to Australian and New Zealand RANZCOG trainees on application. Please apply via the AGES website – www.ages.com.au The AGES Member conference registration rate is only available after your membership has been confirmed by AGES.
28. **Upcoming AGES Events**

AGES Pelvic Floor Symposium
15 & 16 July 2016
Grand Hyatt, Melbourne, Australia

AGES Focus Meeting
28 & 29 October 2016
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

29. **Laparoscopic Surgery for General Gynaecologists**

Sydney Laparoscopic Workshop 2016
Workshop Convenors: A/Prof G. Condous (Nepean), Dr T. Chang (Campbelltown), Dr N. Campbell (RPAH), Dr C. Smith (RNSH)

Our intensive 2 day laparoscopic course is aimed at helping the generalist to up skill and become confident at performing day to day laparoscopic procedures. The course is intended for those who have an interest and a basic skill base for laparoscopy.

LASGEG highlights:
- **Day 1**
  - Live operating: endometriosis/cystectomy/oopherectomy/hysterectomy/ureterolysis
  - Theory of laparoscopy: instrumentation/setup/energy/entry techniques/anatomy/operative techniques/complications
  - Dry lab
- **Day 2**
  - Full day live sheep operating
  - 2 participants max per sheep
  - One to one hands on step by step guidance on how to perform laparoscopic procedures

2016 Course Dates
2016 30th May – 31st May
2016 31st Oct – 1st Nov

The courses are significantly sponsored and as such can only accommodate max 8 participants.

For further information please contact:
Dr Batool Nadeem | (e) bnadeem2003@yahoo.com

30. **Handy Links**

Trainees should now be familiar with the new RANZCOG website, which has simplified and streamlined access to relevant information for users. The following links lead to commonly required sections of the College website:
- Specialist Training: www.ranzcog.edu.au/education-a-training/specialist-training.html
- Trainee Email Accounts: www.ranzcog.edu.au/trainee-email-accounts.html

31. **Update your Contact Details**

Trainees are reminded to advise the College of any changes to their contact details. Changes can be done online via: www.ranzcog.edu.au/members-services/change-of-address.html All official College correspondence, including copies of processed training documentation/reports, will ONLY be sent to your RANZCOG email address. Please use your RANZCOG email address when contacting the College, as emails from private email addresses may be blocked by the College’s spam filter.
32. Contacting College House

Trainees who are experiencing difficulties with any aspect of the training program, including registration, submission of training documentation and the research project, are encouraged to contact relevant staff at RANZCOG for assistance. Please remember that there are over 600 FRANZCOG trainees and over 80 subspecialty trainees - there is no way we can know you are in difficulty or maybe finding things challenging unless you pick up the phone or email us. Training and Assessment staff will do everything they can to assist you if you let us know that you would like our help or advice. A complete contact list of College staff is available on the RANZCOG website: www.ranzcog.edu.au/the-ranzcog/contact-the-college.html.

33. 2016 Fees

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34. RANZCOG NSW/ACT Registrar Education Days for NSW/ACT trainees for 2016

The first Registrar Education Day for 2016 was held at Liverpool Hospital on Friday 11 March. Following this day there will be an Orientation Session & function for Yr 1 trainees. All trainees are invited to the function.

The subsequent Registrar Education Days for 2016 will be held at Canberra and St George Hospitals dates to be confirmed.

35. AGES Training Positions

Centre for Advanced Reproductive Endosurgery (C.A.R.E)
A training position in Advanced Gynaecological Endoscopic Surgery for the clinical years 2017-2018 inclusive is available at the Centre for Advanced Reproductive Endosurgery (C.A.R.E). This is an AGES accredited training site.
and will be employing 1 trainee in 2017-2018. First round interviews for this position will be held at the AGES Annual Scientific Meeting at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre on Saturday morning 5 March 2016. Further interviews for this position may be required at a later time to be advised. The contact person for this position is A/Prof Alan Lam at AlanLam@sydneycare.com.au.

Further information regarding this training position may be found at ages.com.au

**Sydney West Advanced Pelvic Surgery Unit (S.W.A.P.S)**
A training position in Advanced Gynaecological Endoscopic Surgery for the clinical years 2017-2018 inclusive is available at Sydney West Advanced Pelvic Surgery Unit. This is an AGES accredited training site and will be employing one trainee in 2017-2018. First round interviews for this position will be held at the AGES Annual Scientific Meeting at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre on Saturday morning 5 March 2016. Further interviews for this position may be required at a later time to be advised. The contact person for this position is A/Prof Harry Merkur at hmerkur@bigpond.net.au. Further information regarding this training position may be found at www.ages.com.au or www.swaps.net.au.

**Gold Coast University Hospital & Robina Hospital**
A training position in Advanced Gynaecological Endoscopic Surgery for the clinical years 2017-2018 inclusive is available at Gold Coast University Hospital & Robina Hospital. This is an AGES accredited training site and will be employing one trainee in 2017-2018. First round interviews for this position will be held at the AGES Annual Scientific Meeting at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre on Saturday morning 5 March 2016. Further interviews for this position may be required at a later time to be advised. The contact person for this position is Dr Donald Angsteta on 07 5687 1125. Further information regarding this training position may be found at ages.com.au or www.swaps.net.au.

**Westmead Hospital**
A training position in Advanced Gynaecological Endoscopic Surgery for the clinical years 2017-2018 inclusive is available at Westmead Hospital. This is an AGES accredited training site and will be employing 1 trainee in 2017-2018. First round interviews for this position will be held at the AGES Annual Scientific Meeting at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre on Saturday morning 5 March 2016. Further interviews for this position may be required at a later time to be advised. The contact person for this position is Dr Anbu Anpalagan at dranbu@dranbu.com.au. Further information regarding this training position may be found at ages.com.au.

**Flinders Medical Centre**
A training position in Advanced Gynaecological Endoscopic Surgery for the clinical years 2017-2018 inclusive is available at Flinders Medical Centre. This is an AGES accredited training site and will be employing one trainee in 2017-2018. First round interviews for this position will be held at the AGES Annual Scientific Meeting at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre on Saturday morning 5 March 2016. Further interviews for this position may be required at a later time to be advised. The contact person for this position is Dr Rob O’Shea at rtosea-lgse@adam.com.au. Further information regarding this training position may be found at www.ages.com.au.

**Royal Women’s Hospital (Melbourne) – Gynaecology 1 Unit**
A training position in Advanced Gynaecological Endoscopic Surgery for the clinical years 2017-2018 inclusive is available at Royal Women’s Hospital (Melbourne) – Gynaecology 1 Unit. This is an AGES accredited training site and will be employing one trainee in 2017-2018. First round interviews for this position will be held at the AGES Annual Scientific Meeting at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre on Saturday morning 5 March 2016. Further interviews for this position may be required at a later time to be advised. The contact person for this position is Dr Catarina Ang at catarina.ang@thewomens.org.au. Further information regarding this training position may be found at www.ages.com.au.

**King Edward Memorial Hospital**
A training position in Advanced Gynaecological Endoscopic Surgery for the clinical years 2017-2018 inclusive is available at King Edward Memorial Hospital. This is an AGES accredited training site and will be employing one trainee in 2017-2018. First round interviews for this position will be held at the AGES Annual Scientific Meeting at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre on Saturday morning 5 March 2016. Further interviews for this position may be required at a later time to be advised. The contact person for this position is A/Prof Krish Karthigasu at krishkarthigasu@me.com. Further information regarding this training position may be found at www.ages.com.au.
36. Anatomy Resources on Climate

The RANZCOG Board has approved the purchase of license agreements for two external anatomy resources. The resources – An@tomedia and Biodigital – will be trialled for 12 months and, subject to feedback from trainees and Fellows, will be made permanently available on CLIMATE.

The two modules are now available for trial on CLIMATE and can be accessed at www.climate.edu.au/login/index.php. Enter your Username (RANZCOG member ID) and Password (RANZCOG web password). When requested, enter your trainee (or Fellow) enrolment key and follow the instructions. If you have any difficulty accessing these resources, please contact elearningsupport@ranzcog.edu.au. For further information about the anatomy resources, please contact:

Penny Holmes, Senior Education Coordinator | (t) +61 3 9412 2965 | (e) pholmes@ranzcog.edu.au

37. NSW MRANZCOG Revision Course 2016

This course being held 24-28 October 2016 is presented by the NSW Regional Committee and designed primarily for O&G registrars preparing for the MRANZCOG examinations.

For further information, please contact:
Dee Baines, Admin Assistant, Events, Education & Training
(t) +61 2 9436 1688 | (f): +61 2 9436 4166 | (e) events@ranzcog.nsw.edu.au

38. RANZCOG NSW/ACT Registrar Education Days for NSW/ACT trainees

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For further information, please contact:
Dee Baines, Admin Assistant, Events, Education & Training
(t) +61 2 9436 1688 | (f): +61 2 9436 4166 | (e) nswevents@ranzcog.edu.au

39. RANZCOG NSW Regional Office change of address

The RANZCOG NSW Regional Office is now located at:

Suite 2, Ground Floor 69 Christie Street ST LEONARDS NSW 2065

Phone and fax numbers will remain the same.

RANZCOG NSW Regional Office emails have been migrated to the College server. New email addresses are:

Lee Dawson: nswadmin@ranzcog.edu.au for general NSW queries and NSW Regional Committee Meeting admin ldawson@ranzcog.edu.au

Chris Dowding: nswtraining@ranzcog.edu.au for NSW training documents, Training matters and TAC Meeting admin cdowding@ranzcog.edu.au

Dee Baines: nswevents@ranzcog.edu.au for NSW events, including Senior O&Gs Meetings dbaines@ranzcog.edu.au
40. RANZCOG Fetal Surveillance Education Program Friday 29 July 2016

Venue: RANZCOG NSW Regional Committee Education Centre, Suite 2 Ground Floor, 69 Christie St, St Leonards

The full RANZCOG FSEP workshop runs for 7 hours and forms a solid foundation of knowledge for all medical and midwifery professionals. The full program includes discussion time and is carefully structured to cumulatively build understanding.

Please note that this workshop is limited to 30 places and registration is based on first come first serve basis.

For further information, please contact:
Dee Baines, Admin Assistant, Events, Education & Training
(t) +61 2 9436 1688 | (f): +61 2 9436 4166 | (e) nswevents@ranzcog.edu.au

41. OASIS Workshops

Hands on OASIS Repair Workshop (including lab training)
Prevention and education. 3rd and 4th Degree Tears.

2016 Workshops:
26th August

Workshop open to registrars, rural GP’s and consultants only, limited numbers
Cost: (Non SESLHD) Registrars $275 . Consultants $350

Location: St George Clinical Skills Centre
St George Hospital Kogarah

For registration details contact: Kylie Fraser 02 9113 2425
kylie.fraser@sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au

42. XVIII Laparoscopic Surgery Workshop 2016 - “Mastering Laparoscopic Suturing”

XVIII Laparoscopic Surgery Workshop 2016 - “Mastering Laparoscopic Suturing”
Flinders Private Endogynaecology

18th – 19th August 2016

Faculty
Dr Jim Tsaltas – Melbourne Invited Faculty
Dr Robert O’Shea – Adelaide
Dr Elvis Seman – Adelaide
Dr Fariba Behnia-Willison – Adelaide
Dr Carl Lam- Adelaide
Dr Enzo Lombardi- Adelaide

Flinders Private Hospital, Adelaide

For Information contact:
Robert O’Shea
Phone: (08) 8326 0222
Fax: (08) 8326 0622
Email: rtoshea@adam.com.au
CORE TRAINEES

1. **2016 Regional Training Year**

All Australian trainees are advised that the 2016 regional training year starts on 01 February 2016 and finishes on 5 February 2017. As such, the 2016 training year is 53 weeks long. This occurs every five years to realign the commencement of the regional training year to the first Monday in February. This is done in accordance with the Department of Health’s instructions that Australia’s regional training year is aligned to ensure national consistency.

Whilst the regional training year is 53 weeks long, the maximum number of weeks able to be credited for training undertaken remains 46 weeks. Refer to regulation B&C1.9.1.3.

For a full list of 2016 semester dates and deadlines, please see visit this website: [www.ranzcog.edu.au/assessment-workshops-forms/essential-information.html](http://www.ranzcog.edu.au/assessment-workshops-forms/essential-information.html)

2. **Registrar Obstetrics and Gynaecology (Core/Advanced) - Toowoomba Hospital**

   **Start Date:** ASAP  
   **End Date:** Negotiable  
   **Closing Date for Applications:**

Suitable for candidates requiring a period of supervision to complete FRANZCOG. Exposure to general O&G as well as Urogynaecology and laparoscopy. Approximately 2000 deliveries per annum. The unit is an accredited RANZCOG training centre. Friendly and supportive environment.

For further information please contact:  
Dr Bob Baade | (t) +61 4 2980 2221 | (e) Bob.baade@health.qld.gov.au

3. **RANZCOG Queensland Membership Pre-Exam Course: Monday, 23 May 2016 – Friday, 27 May 2016**

This five day course which is being held in Brisbane, at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre is aimed to assist those Trainees who will be sitting the MRANZCOG Written Exam.

This course will cover a wide variety of topics from the RANZCOG curriculum and will provide a good “rounding off” of your study and help you prepare for your exams.

The final session of the week will on preparation for the actual exams. There will be sessions on how to prepare for the exam including advice from current examiners, and a trainee who has recently successfully completed the exam. The final session will include mock SAQ and MCQ practice.

Registrations are now open and can be accessed at [www.ivvy.com/event/QMEM16/](http://www.ivvy.com/event/QMEM16/)

For further information please contact:  
Queensland Regional Office | (t) +61 7 3252 3073 | (e) kyoung@ranzcog.edu.au

4. **Postpartum Haemorrhage eLearning Resource**

The RANZCOG has endorsed a free online course on Postpartum Haemorrhage released by BloodSafe eLearning Australia. The course is not compulsory, but trainees are encouraged to access it as a recommended resource. The course can be found at: [www.bloodsafelearning.org.au/node/55](http://www.bloodsafelearning.org.au/node/55)

5. **RANZCOG NSW 2016 FRANZCOG Revision Course - Rydges Hotel, 54 McLaren St, North Sydney**

This course being held Monday 24- Friday 28 October 2016 is presented by the NSW Regional Committee and designed primarily for O&G registrars preparing for the FRANZCOG examinations.
For further information, please contact:
Dee Baines, Admin Assistant, Events, Education & Training
(t) +61 2 9436 1688 | (f): +61 2 9436 4166 | (e) events@ranzcog.nsw.edu.au

6. Registrar - Hervey Bay Hospital - Wide Bay Hospital and Health Service

Start Date: ASAP
End Date: 5/2/2017
Closing Date for Applications: 6/5/2016

This would suit a year 4 fully funded RANZCOG trainee who wants to move to beautiful Hervey Bay, QLD. This post is approved by RANZCOG for a year 4 trainee

For further information please contact:
Dirk Ludwig | (t) +61 7 4325 6710 | (e) dirk.ludwig@health.qld.gov.au

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ADVANCED TRAINEES

1. 2016 Regional Training Year

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2. Revised Guidelines on Advanced Training Posts

The College’s guidelines on Advanced Training Posts have been on the College website for some time. This version of the guidelines includes changes to the FRANZCOG Training Program and also contains details of scope of practice for these positions. The document is located at: [www.ranzcog.edu.au/education-a-training/specialist-a-training/specialist-training.html](http://www.ranzcog.edu.au/education-a-training/specialist-a-training/specialist-training.html)

3. Advertising Senior Registrar Positions

Training Supervisors, Heads of O&G Departments and senior trainees are reminded that this bulletin regularly features advertisements for upcoming senior registrar posts, so that all trainees are aware of available positions in Australia and New Zealand. These positions are also advertised on the College website: [http://www.ranzcog.edu.au/the-ranzcog/employment/core-advanced-a-subspecialty-positions.html](http://www.ranzcog.edu.au/the-ranzcog/employment/core-advanced-a-subspecialty-positions.html) If you wish to advertise a position, please complete the template on the website and email it to Michelle Richard: mrichard@ranzcog.edu.au

4. Registrar Obstetrics and Gynaecology (Core/Advanced) - Toowoomba Hospital

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5. Consultant Positions

Trainees nearing completion of the FRANZCOG Training Program and who are seeking consultant positions are advised that these are advertised online at: www.minnisjournals.com.au/ranzcog.php

6. Clinical Educator Training (CET) Modules

These eight interactive online modules address key aspects of clinical education and are compulsory for trainees who started in the Training Program after 1 December 2013. Although not compulsory for trainees who commenced training prior to December 2013, advanced trainees are strongly encouraged to complete the modules. Each module provides clear learning outcomes, a dynamic online lesson, links to key papers and a short MCQ test. The modules take approximately one hour per module to complete.

Access: To log in to CLIMATE (www.climate.edu.au), use your RANZCOG ID number and webaccess password. You can use the 'Lost Password' facility on the CLIMATE front page to be reminded of these. Access to the modules is further protected by an enrolment key (previously provided in your College information pack) that needs to be used once only for EACH module. Please contact helpdesk@ranzcog.edu.au if you have difficulty accessing the modules.

SUBSPECIALTY TRAINEES

1. Changes to RANZCOG Regulations

In November 2015, the RANZCOG Board approved revisions to the following Regulations:

D Subspecialty Training
   D1.2 - Entry and Commencement Requirements for the Subspecialty Training Programs
   D8.2 - Applications for Certification (Subspecialty Trainees)

Revisions to the following Regulations were approved by the RANZCOG Board in July 2015 and come into effect from 1 November 2015.

D4 Subspecialty Examinations - General Regulations
   D4.2 - Examination Fees
   D4.3 – Withdrawal

To read the revised regulations, please go to: www.ranzcog.edu.au/the-ranzcog/governance/ranzcog-regulations.html

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### 3. Contacting College House

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### 4. Master Sheets and Research Progress Report

All Subspecialty Trainees have a Master Sheet. This is to keep track of and sign off all training requirements over the training period, making it easier for all involved. This is also in line with the Master Sheet used in the Core and Advanced Training.

For subspecialty trainees who commenced from December 2014 – requirements are to be recorded and signed off from the commencement of Year 1 of training. Your first Master Sheet is due for submission along with your TAR for the current training period about to end.

The TAR is also being updated in line with this and other recent changes, so you are reminded to always access the most recent TAR template via the website.
In addition those trainees who have completed clinical training but not all training requirements, will also be required to complete a research progress report every six months as applicable.

Trainees and Training Supervisors will be contacted shortly with the form and further information.

For further information, please contact:
Kate Gilliam, Subspecialties Training Coordinator I (t) +61 3 9412 2959 I (e) kgilliam@ranzcog.edu.au

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**SIMG (IN TRAINING)**

1. **Is this you?**

If, as a Specialist International Medical Graduate (overseas-training specialist), you have undergone assessment by the College, were assessed as Partially Comparable to an Australian or New Zealand-trained specialist, and are now working towards satisfying the requirements for achieving Fellowship of the College, this section is specifically for you.

2. **Training Reports**

All SIMG trainees are asked to submit their three and six monthly reports to the College as soon as possible after the conclusion of the period of training covered in the report.

Reports are due no later than four weeks from the conclusion of the period of training for the Three-monthly Formative Appraisal, and six weeks from the conclusion of the period of training for the Six-monthly Summative Assessment.

Reports should be emailed to simg@ranzcog.edu.au. A copy should be retained for your records.

3. **The SIMG Mentoring Program**

We encourage SIMG trainees to take advantage of the SIMG Mentoring Program. The program is designed to provide a suitably-matched mentor to those SIMG trainees who enrol in the program. The SIMG Mentor can provide you with professional and supportive advice, assistance and practical instruction.

This Mentoring Program is in trial phase, and will be evaluated in early 2017.

Documents detailing the Mentoring Program are available on the College website www.ranzcog.edu.au/the-simg-mentoring-program.html

For further information please contact the SIMG Mentoring Program contact person:
Kelly Cooper, SIMG Policy Co-ordinator (t): +61 3 9412 2928 (e) simgmentor@ranzcog.edu.au

4. **SIMG Workshops**

In 2016 the SIMG team will conduct a series of workshops designed to address the specific needs of the SIMG trainees:

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5. **Upskilling Funding**

Commonwealth Government funding is currently available to address identified upskilling needs of eligible SIMGs who have been assessed as having skills and training that are Partially Comparable to an Australian-trained specialist. Upskilling needs should be identified through close consultation between SIMG trainees and their Training Supervisors. The SIMG Logbook and TAR should be used to match upskilling needs with resources. Approved funding can be used for training (workshops, seminars, clinical training, etc) and associated travel and accommodation costs.

All funded training recommendations are considered on a case by case basis and College approval is required before funds are released. As a general rule, College policy provides an accommodation and meal allowance up to a maximum of $A375 per overnight stay. Training/upskilling opportunities that will be automatically approved (on the recommendation of Training Supervisor) are listed below.

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6. **2016 MRANZCOG Examinations**

From 1 July 2016, all MRANZCOG examinations will be known as the FRANZCOG examinations.

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Applications will be made online, and payment must be made at the time of application.

Further information regarding examination applications is available on the College website: www.ranzcog.edu.au/examinations/examination-application-forms.html

7. **MRANZCOG Written Examinations – Online Trial**

In 2016 RANZCOG is continuing the trial of online MRANZCOG Multiple Choice Question (MCQ) and Short Answer Question (SAQ) examinations.

The availability of the online examination in each location is yet to be confirmed but will be documented on the examination application form.

In those locations where online examinations are available, trainees will be able to elect to sit the examination in either online format or paper-based format.
RANZCOG is committed to delivering all written examinations online from 2017.

For further information, please contact:
Lai Yue Aitken, Examination Administrator (t) +61 3 9412 2929 (e) laitken@ranzcog.edu.au

8. MRANZCOG Examination Preparation

The College provides various documents to prepare trainees for examinations.


- MRANZCOG SAQ Summaries
- MRANZCOG Multiple Choice Question Bank
- MRANZCOG SAQ Model Questions
- MRANZCOG Written Examination SAQ Guide


- MRANZCOG Oral Examination Strategies and Procedures
- MRANZCOG Oral Examination Summaries

9. MRANZCOG Pre-Exam Course_Queensland

Trainees who intend to sit the MRANZCOG Written Exam in 2016 or 2017 are invited to attend a 5-day MRANZCOG Pre-Exam Course to be held on 23-27 May 2016. The intent of the course is to enhance your own study and preparation for the examinations.

The course includes a wide variety of topics from the RANZCOG curriculum. The final session of the course includes mock MCQ and SAQ examinations.

To register, go to [www.ivvy.com/event/QMEM16/](http://www.ivvy.com/event/QMEM16/)

10. FGM Units available on CLIMATE

These online units are designed to introduce health practitioners to the issue of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) in our society. The units outline the sexual and reproductive health consequences of FGM and address the care and clinical support that clinicians need to be aware of, to assist women that have experienced FGM. Information to support education and advocacy about this issue is also provided.

The titles of the units are listed below
Unit 1: Introduction to FGM
Unit 2: Sexual and Reproductive Health Consequences
Unit 3: Care and Clinical Support
Unit 4: Education and Advocacy

To access the units, please click on this link [www.climate.edu.au/course/view.php?id=169](http://www.climate.edu.au/course/view.php?id=169) and login with your Username (RANZCOG Member number) and Password (RANZCOG web password). Use the forgotten password if needed. For support please email to elearningsupport@ranzcog.edu.au

These eLearning resources were developed by the RANZCOG in collaboration with the NSW Government Department of Health, University of Sydney, University of Technology Sydney (WHO Collaborating Centre for Midwifery, Child and Family Health), Family Planning Queensland, Auburn Hospital, and NSW Education Program on FGM.
11. Clinical Educator Training (CET) Modules

These eight interactive online units address key aspects of clinical education. Clear learning outcomes, a dynamic online lesson, links to key papers and a short MCQ test are provided in each unit. Completion time is approximately one hour per unit.

The CET Units are compulsory for all new FRANZCOG Training Supervisors and recommended for all Training Supervisors and Senior Trainees. Although not compulsory for SIMG trainees, all trainees are strongly encouraged to complete the units.

Access: Login to the CET Units here in the CLIMATE eLearning site, using your RANZCOG ID number and web access password. You can use the ‘Lost Password’ facility on the CLIMATE front page to be reminded of these. Access to the modules is further protected by an enrolment key (previously provided in your College information pack) that needs to be used once only for EACH module.

Please contact elearningsupport@ranzcog.edu.au if you have difficulty accessing the units.

12. Trainee Email

It is imperative that SIMG Partially Comparable trainees regularly check their RANZCOG trainee email account as all information regarding training and assessments will be sent to this account.

Please use your RANZCOG email address when contacting the College, as emails from private email addresses may be blocked by the College’s spam filter.

13. Update your Contact Details

SIMG trainees are reminded to advise the College of any changes to their contact details. Changes can be done online via: www.ranzcog.edu.au/members-services/change-of-address.html

14. RANZCOG Regulations

It is imperative that SIMG trainees are familiar with current RANZCOG Regulations. These are updated regularly and are published on the RANZCOG website: www.ranzcog.edu.au/the-ranzcog/governance/ranzcog-regulations.html

15. Handy Links

The following links lead to documents most commonly accessed on the RANZCOG website by SIMGs:


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The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RANZCOG) supports research in the fields of obstetrics, gynaecology, women's health and the reproductive sciences through the awarding of various scholarships, fellowships and grants. The RANZCOG Foundation proudly supports promising Fellows, clinical researchers and scientists undertaking high quality, innovative research and research training at an early stage in their career.

**Call for Applications**

The RANZCOG Foundation is pleased to announce that the Scholarships, Fellowships and Grants in the accompanying list are available for application in 2016, for commencement in 2017. Applications must be made on the prescribed application form and submitted to the RANZCOG Foundation by 30 June 2016. Applicants should ensure that their application is complete and all requested information is provided.

Applicants must also provide proof of Ethics Committee endorsement; however, this can be submitted after the close of applications if not available at the time of application.

**Selection & Allocation Process**

Applications are assessed by the RANZCOG Research Grants Committee. The selection and allocation process used is modelled on the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) processes with revisions to ensure, as much as possible, that early career support for high quality researchers with a commitment to women's health is promoted through the selection process.

**Further Information**

Visit [www.ranzcog.edu.au/foundation](http://www.ranzcog.edu.au/foundation) or contact the RANZCOG Foundation Coordinator (t) +61 3 9417 1699  (e) foundation@ranzcog.edu.au

**Research Scholarships, Fellowships and Grants**

- Glyn White Research Fellowship $60,000 (over two years)
- Luke Proposch Perinatal Research Scholarship $20,000
- RANZCOG Fellows' Clinical Research Scholarship $40,000
- RANZCOG/OvCan Scholarship $15,000
- Robert Wrigley Pain Research Scholarship up to $24,000 (over two years)
- Taylor-Hammond Research Scholarship $20,000
- Mary Elizabeth Courier Research Scholarship $30,000 (annually up to three years)
- UroGynaecological Society of Australasia (UGSA) Research Scholarship $20,000
- RANZCOG NSW Regional Committee Trainee Research Grant $10,000
- RANZCOG NSW Regional Committee Fellow Research Grant $10,000

**Travel Grants and Fellowships**

- ASGO International Travelling Fellowship $10,000
- ASGO National Travelling Fellowship $5,000
- Beresford Buttery Travel Grant $5,000
- Brown Craig Travel Fellowship $5,000

All amounts in Australian Dollars (AUD$)

Applications Close 30 June 2016