

Division:	Fellowship Engagement	Ref. No.	POL-3076
Department:	VIC Regional Office		
Title:	Developing a Career in Academic Surgery Prize (DCAS Prize)		

1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy details the awarding of the Victorian Regional Committee Developing a Career in Academic Surgery (DCAS) Prize at the Victorian Annual Surgical Meeting (Vic ASM).

2. KEYWORDS

Prize, Victoria, academic surgery, research paper, Vic ASM, Victorian Regional Committee

3. BODY OF POLICY

3.1. Background

The Victorian Regional Committee (VRC) initiated the awarding of this prize in 2012 as a means of encouraging younger surgeons or keen medical students to participate further in academic surgery.

The Prize enables the recipient to attend the DCAS course which is run in conjunction with the Association of Academic Surgeons (US). This course is held just before the main RACS ASC at the same location.

The Prize is in the form of a paid registration to the DCAS meeting.

3.2. Criteria

This award is only available to Victorian presenters/or presenters of Victorian based research at the Vic ASM and the paper shows a real interest in academic surgery. The prize will be awarded to the presenter deemed to have the most potential in academic surgery and who will most benefit from attending the DCAS course.

The Convener and the Coordinator of the Scientific meeting appoint two judges to the panel.

The Judges score the participants under a 9 point set of criteria score sheet;

- Abstract
- Idea, novelty, importance of study
- Is study based within Victoria?
- Personal effort
- Background, Introduction and Literature Review
- Study Design and Protocol

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- Results and Statistical Analysis
- Discussion, Conclusions, Question Handling
- Presentation, Timing, Audio visuals

The panel may choose not to award the Prize, if, in their opinion, no presentation is of sufficient standard.

The prize is announced at the Vic ASM and a paid registration to the following DCAS Course is arranged by the Victorian Regional Office for the recipient.

3.3. Budget

The Victorian Regional Office budgets for the registration fee annually.

4. ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

The following documents form part of this policy:

- Judges Score Sheet
- Victorian ASM Prizes and Awards Procedure

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