

## POLICY

<b>Portfolio</b>	<b>Fellowship Engagement</b>	<b>Ref. No.</b>	<b>POL-3130</b>
<b>Department</b>	<b>Victorian Regional Office</b>		
<b>Title</b>	<b>Victorian Fellows Photography Prize</b>		

### 1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy sets out the details to be considered for determining the award of an Annual Photography competition prize organised by the Victorian State Committee (VSC).

### 2. BODY OF POLICY

#### 2.1. Background

This prize established in 2022, was developed to promote engagement with Fellows following a period of restricted delivery in face-to-face activities. At a time when Fellows were particularly stretched, the VSC sought to provide an event that captured a positive moment in time.

#### 2.2. Objectives

- Increase engagement with all Fellows
- Encourage Fellows to submit a relevant photograph.
- Promote a topic that encourages all Fellows to capture a moment in their career, their insights and contribution to surgery.

#### 2.3. Eligibility Criteria

The prize is open to all Fellows in Victoria.

#### 2.4. Composition

The photograph should be based on the topic specified by the Victorian State Committee and submitted by the due date.

#### 2.5. Selection Criteria

Three representatives chosen by the Victorian State Committee will determine the prize recipient, who will judge the photographs.

Photographs will be scored from 1 to 10 on the following criteria:

- 45% Originality
- 45% Quality of Image
- 10% Compliance with Composition Criteria

There must be a minimum of five entries for the competition to proceed. The judges must reach a unanimous decision.

#### 2.6. Prize

The prize will include a certificate and an invitation to the exclusive GJ Royal Lecture. As well as listed as an award winner on the RACS website.

The photograph will be incorporated, with acknowledgment, in RACS collateral for the following year, where appropriate. The picture will be displayed in the Victorian State Office for the year.

#### 2.7. Frequency of the Prize

The prize may be presented annually, and the winner is announced as part of the annual VSC awards.

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### 2.8. Publication

The winning photograph will be included on the Victorian page of the RACS website and the VSC newsletter. The Victorian State Office will promote the prize winner through its networks and the local media. Submissions may be used in RACS publications. The winning photograph may be included in RACS Surgical News.

### 3. ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

[RACS Ethical Stories and Images Policy](#)

**Approver:** RACS Victorian State Committee  
**Authoriser:** Council