

Division:	Fellowship Engagement	Ref. No.	POL-3142
Department:	Global Health Scholarships		
Title:	Rowan Nicks Lecture Travel Scholarship		

1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy governs the Rowan Nicks Lecture Travel Scholarship. It covers the selection, value, frequency, and conditions of the lecture as well as the expectations of the lecture.

2. KEYWORDS

Rowan Nicks Lecture, ASC, Global Health Forum, Rowan Nicks, Global Health, International Development

3. BODY OF POLICY

3.1. Purpose

The purpose of the Rowan Nicks Lecture Travel Scholarship is to foster mutual understanding between the Australasian surgical community and colleagues internationally. If the lecture is delivered at the College's Annual Scientific Congress (ASC) it should be given at the Global Health Forum and will constitute the keynote address of the Forum. However, the lecture may be given at another time as deemed appropriate by the Global Health Scholarship Panel and endorsed by the Global Health Program Steering Group (GHPSG) and International Engagement Committee (IEC).

3.2. Theme of the lecture

The title and theme of the lecture are for the Lecturer to decide. However, the topic and content should be in alignment with the humanitarian and development aspirations of Rowan Nicks, OBE, FRACS, AO (1913-2011), who was a New Zealander and pioneer cardio-thoracic surgeon in both his own country and in Australia.

After retirement Rowan devoted his long life to international travel, visiting and teaching in surgical communities particularly in emerging nations. He was a prominent member of the International Society of Surgery. With this background he has established scholarships for young surgeons from a variety of backgrounds to work in Australasia with the central aim that the recipients should become surgical leaders and teachers in their home country.

3.3. Nomination and selection

The Rowan Nicks Lecturer is nominated by the ASC Global Health Convenors and with consultation with the Global Health Section. Thereafter the nomination is forwarded to the Global Health Scholarship Panel for approval to be endorsed by the Global Health Program Steering Group (GHPSG) and International Engagement Committee (IEC)

RACS Global Health will formally request the Global Health Convenors submit their selected individual via email to Head of Global Health and Chair of Global Health Scholarships Panel (GHSP) by November 30th the year prior to the upcoming ASC.

The successful nominee will be informed by RACS Global Health and Chair of GHSP following endorsement by GHPSG and IEC.

The Lecturer need not be a Fellow of the RACS and special consideration should be given to choosing a former Rowan Nicks scholar as the nominee.

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3.4. Funding

The successful nominee will be provided funding from the Rowan Nicks Scholarship Fund to support the following requirements:

- his/her economy travel return flight and accommodation for duration of the event at an ASC approved hotel. These must be booked through RACS internal travel system by a Global Health staff member.
- Any travel visa related expenses.
- Travel insurance.
- Per Diem based on RACS Global Health Per Diem policy (POL-3133). RACS Global Health will not reimburse additional expenses additional to the Per Diem provided other than reasonable taxi/transport expenses to/from airport.
- ASC registration fees and Global Health related ASC dinner event.

3.5. RACS due diligence requirements

RACS is a DFAT Australian Non-Government Organisation Cooperation Partner (ANCP) accredited agency and signatory to the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID). Strict due diligence must be maintained for all individuals (staff/volunteers/scholarship recipients) as outlined in **Attachment 1.1**.

If the applicant does not meet the standards outlined in **Attachment 1.1**, RACS reserves the right to withdraw the Award offer.

If there is not sufficient funding available to support the Rowan Nicks Lecture Travel Award, RACS retains the right to not advertise an Expression of Interest (EoI) in any given year.

3.6. Frequency of the lecture

The lecture is to be delivered annually provided there is a worthy nomination.

3.7. Proceedings

The lecture is intended to commemorate the important contribution that Rowan Nicks has made to international development as well as the international standing of RACS. Mention of the role should be made at the commencement of the lecture by the Convener or Chair of the session.

The Lecturer is presented with a medal in acknowledgement of his/her delivery of the Rowan Nicks Lecture. The production and inscription of the medal is funded through the Rowan Nicks Scholarship Fund.

4. ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

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Approver International Engagement Committee
Authoriser Council

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Attachment 1.1

