

Portfolio:	Fellowship Engagement	Ref. No.	REG-3139
Department:	Global Health		
Title:	International Engagement Committee Terms of Reference		

1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This regulation defines the terms of reference of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS) International Engagement Committee.

As a fellowship based organisation, RACS Fellows are guardians of the highest standards of the surgical profession. RACS seeks to deploy Fellows in their roles of advisors, researchers, trainers and knowledge transfer partners as the voices for the College in the global surgery arena and as advocates for universal access to safe surgical care.

There are numerous national and international organisations whose activities and reach overlap or complement those of RACS. Building collaborative partnerships can provide mutual benefit and contribute to improving surgical services and outcomes worldwide.

The International Engagement Committee is a committee of Council, accountable to Council for the strategy that fosters international collaborations and leverages shared experiences to expand the surgical, professional and cultural standards and contributions of RACS Fellows.

2. KEYWORDS

Governance, International Engagement, Global Health, International Activities, International Development, International Projects, Advocacy, Overseas, Aid, Capacity Building, Global research, International partnerships

3. BODY OF POLICY

3.1. Overview

The International Engagement Committee advises Council on matters pertaining to international collaborations, partnerships and services that promote the fellowship and surgical education and standards.

3.2. Duties and Responsibilities

3.2.1 To encourage and promote international engagement by RACS and oversee the Global Health Committee and/or other relevant committees.

3.2.2 To oversee collaboration between RACS and international organisations including specialist medical colleges, specialty societies, medical and research institutions.

3.2.3 To recommend the RACS International Engagement Strategy.

3.2.4 To recommend the RACS Global Health Program Strategy and ensure alignment with the International Engagement Strategy.

3.2.5 To approve new projects, initiatives and activities in accordance with the International Engagement and Global Health Strategies and budget.

3.2.6 To approve RACS International Engagement and Global Health policies.

3.2.7 To approve the principles of agreements with partners and collaborating organisations that cover international engagement activities and ensure compliance with budgetary constraints.

3.2.8 To monitor and report on the effectiveness and broad impact of the RACS International Engagement Strategy and of the RACS Global Health Programs.

3.2.9 To provide guidance, as requested on issues relevant to international engagement on behalf of RACS.

3.2.10 To ensure RACS international activities including partnerships and global health programs operate within the budget determined by Council.

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3.3. Composition

The International Engagement Committee aims to have broad representation with input from Councillors, Fellows and Honorary Advisors with expertise in international engagement, health and international development.

3.4. Terms of Appointment

- a) The Vice-President, appointed by Council, automatically becomes the Chair of the International Engagement Committee.
- b) Committee members are
 - the President,
 - Chair of Global Health
 - Chair, Global Health Section
 - Chair of ASC, Conferences and Events and
 - another Councillor as appointed by Council.

There must be at least one Aotearoa New Zealand Councillor and one Australian Councillor on the Committee. The Chair may nominate an additional four members for Council approval. These additional members may be Fellows or Honorary Advisors with expertise in international engagement, health and international development sectors.

- c) The additional members are appointed for a period of 3 years from the date of the approval of their appointment by Council, and upon expiry of that term may be re-appointed for a maximum of two additional terms of three years.
- d) A member may resign by advising the Chair in writing or be removed by Council at any time.

3.5. Voting Rights

Only committee members are entitled to vote.

3.6. Quorum and Attendance

A quorum shall be a majority of the members (or nominee where appropriate) of the Committee.

3.7. Frequency of Meetings

The International Engagement Committee meets at least three times a year and as often as required.

3.8. Governance and Reporting

The Committee is accountable to Council.

Each member of the Committee is equally accountable.

Committee proceedings are recorded in minutes and reported to Council.

4. ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

International Engagement Strategy

Approver **CEO**
Authoriser **Council**