

Division:	Fellowship Engagement	Ref. No.	TOR-3089
Department:	Section of Academic Surgery		
Title:	Surgical Research Society of Australasia Research Fund		

1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy sets out the terms of reference for the use of funds gifted to the College by the Surgical Research Society of Australasia.

2. KEYWORDS

Surgical Research Society of Australasia, SRS, Academic Surgery, Terms of Reference

3. BODY OF POLICY

3.1. Background

Established in 1961 with Professor Richard P Jepson as its inaugural President, the Surgical Research Society of Australasia (SRS) has a long history of contribution to the advancement of surgical research and support for academic surgery. As one of its most valuable achievements over the years, the SRS has provided an excellent forum for the presentation of original research by surgical Trainees. However, following a resolution of its members, the SRS determined to wind-up its affairs, in accordance with the provisions of its Articles of Association.

To ensure that the key activities and objectives of the Society could endure for the benefit of the surgical community, the SRS expressed a desire that these activities be continued through the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons and has provided a gift of funds to the College to be used for this purpose.

3.2. Use of the funds

In keeping with the charter of the Society, the SRS Research Fund is to be used for the furtherance of surgical research and support for academic surgery. This includes the following specific purposes described below.

- 3.2.1. To support the running of an annual research meeting to be held jointly with the Section of Academic Surgery (SAS) Annual Meeting of Academic Departments. The name of the Surgical Research Society of Australasia will be perpetuated in the naming of the annual research meeting, in recognition of the significant contribution that the Society has made to surgical research during its existence and the esteem in which the SRS is held within the surgical community.
- 3.2.2. To provide funds to support the availability of various prizes at the annual research meeting. In the past this has included:
 - The Young Investigator Award for the best presentation, which provides support for the winner to attend and present their work at the Association for Academic Surgery Annual Scientific Meeting in the United States.
 - Several small travel awards
 - An additional prize to support attendance at the Developing a Career in Academic Surgery (DCAS) course at the RACS Annual Scientific Congress.
- 3.2.3. To provide funds to sponsor prizes at Student Conferences for academic presentations up to a value agreed by the Academic Surgery Committee

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- 3.2.4. To provide travel funds for the designated SRS representative attending the Annual meeting of the Society of University Surgeons (SUS). The SRS representative will be funded for an airfare capped at AUD\$5,000. Any upgrades to the class of travel beyond the AUD\$5,000 provided will be at the expense of the representative.
- 3.2.5. To seek sponsorship to augment the SRS Research Fund and offset the cost of provision of the prizes at the annual research meeting.
- 3.2.6. To publish the Abstracts from the research papers presented at the annual research meeting in an appropriate medium such as the ANZ Journal of Surgery (or an equivalent publication). Publication may be in print form and/or on-line, as appropriate.

3.3. Administration of the SRS Research Fund

Given the Society's past relationship with the Section of Academic Surgery and the two groups' shared ambitions with regard to furthering surgical research and supporting academic surgery, stewardship of the SRS Research Fund will be the responsibility of the SRS Sub-Committee (consisting of the SRS Chair, the Chair of the Academic Surgery Committee and at least two other members from the Academic Surgery Committee as determined by the Academic Surgery Committee).

4. ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

Terms of Reference for the Section of Academic Surgery

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