

Division:	Research Audit and Academic Surgery	Ref. No.	REA-RES-078
Department:	Research and Scholarships		
Title:	Damian McMahon Trauma Research Travel Grant for Trainees Corpus Terms of Reference		

1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy contains the Terms of Reference for the management of funds held in the *Damian McMahon Trauma Research Travel Grant for Trainees Corpus* which is administered by the Research, Audit and Academic Surgery Division (RAAS). It establishes the value, frequency and conditions of fund withdrawals.

The grant, established in 2014, is awarded to the best trauma research paper delivered by a trainee at the Annual Scientific Congress (ASC). The eligibility of entrants for the ASC abstract competition is managed by Conference and Events together with the convener of the Trauma program. The Trauma Committee is responsible for the governance of the Grant including selection process and award presentation.

The successful applicant is entitled to present at the next American College of Surgeons Committees on Trauma (Region XVI) meeting which is held annually in the Asia-Pacific region.

The prize is named in honour of Damian McMahon, FRACS (18 December 1958 – 19 July 2012). Dr McMahon was an integral and influential member of the RACS Trauma Committee, Chair of the Trauma Verification Sub-Committee and a passionate educator of Trainees, especially in the area of trauma.

The bi-national Trauma Committee supports research into the causes, prevention and management of trauma. The aim of the competition is to encourage Trainees to undertake research into trauma.

2. KEYWORDS

Damian McMahon, trauma paper prize, Trainee, Annual Scientific Congress, RAAS, grant, trauma

3. BODY OF POLICY

3.1. Management of the Fund

The RAAS Division of RACS will administer the fund, in line with the usual RACS investment corpus policies and procedures. Interest from the Fund is available for any use as deemed appropriate by the Trauma Committee.

3.2. Accessing the funds

Applications to withdraw funds from the Fund (namely to award the ASC best trauma research paper) must be made from the Trauma Committee in writing to the Finance Manager of RACS via the Scholarship Program Coordinator and will be reviewed and approved in accordance with delegated authorities.

3.3. Financial Reporting

A financial statement will be provided on a quarterly basis and the accounts will be audited as part of the annual accounts audit each year.

3.4. Conditions for withdrawal

At least 21 days written notice must be given for the fund withdrawal.

The withdrawal amount will be limited to the available balance of funds as at the date of the request.

The Trauma Committee must advise RACS in writing of the nominated bank account details or account code for remittance of the funds.

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Funds will be disbursed to the winner of the ASC best trauma paper by the Trauma Committee.

4. ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

Damian McMahon Trauma Research Travel Grant Procedure [Fellowship & Standards Division]

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