

Australian Endocrine Surgeons

for the advancement of surgery of the thyroid, parathyroid, adrenal, endocrine pancreas, carcinoid & other neuroendocrine tumours

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The Australian and New Zealand Endocrine Surgeons Travelling Fellowship

1. Purpose and Scope

This policy governs the award of The Australian and New Zealand Endocrine Surgeons Travelling Fellowship. It covers the application and selection criteria as well as the value frequency and conditions of the scholarship.

2. Key Direction Statement

2.1 History

Australian and New Zealand Endocrine Surgeons was established in 1999 to promote all aspects of clinical delivery, research and training and education in Endocrine Surgery.

2.2 Objectives

Specifically, objectives included:

- 1. To encourage high standards in the practice of Endocrine Surgery.
- 2. To maintain communication with other endocrine surgical associations internationally.
- 3. Communicate with other Australian professional groups to serve the needs of patients with endocrine surgical disorders.
- 4. Work with the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons to achieve its charter with particular reference to Endocrine Surgery.
- 5. Represent endocrine surgeons in matters of common professional interest.
- 6. Coordinate multicentre endocrine surgery research.
- 7. Provide a point of contact for government, public and media and assist with education regarding endocrine surgery disorders.

3. Eligibility Criteria

The applicant must be a member of the Australian and New Zealand Endocrine Surgeons (AES) at the time of submitting their application.

All applicants are required to provide specific details of their planned visit to the particular endocrine surgery meeting, including a proposed itinerary, explicit details of work and/or study to be undertaken and envisaged benefits of the activity. Details of any financial support or funding already secured (eg research grants, sponsorships and/or other grants) and the proposed use of the funds should also be included. Please note that additional funding from additional bodies may affect selection.

4. Guidelines for Selection

The aim of the Scholarship is to financially assist Younger Fellows+/- senior trainees attend Conferences held overseas.

- 1. An important aspect relevant to selection will be the candidate's ability to demonstrate the benefits of their attendance at the Conference and share this with the endocrine surgery community in Australia & New Zealand.
- 2. Selection will be dependent upon the applicant's ability to provide a clear plan of their proposed trip emphasising the benefits to be gained.
- 3. Selection will be dependent on inclusion of a confirmation letter from the Society holding the Conference with regards to any funding provided.
- 4. Consideration will be given to those in their earlier post Fellowship years (ten years), and to those who have not secured alternative financial support.

5. Value of the Scholarship

The Scholarship shall be valued at AUD\$7500.

6. Frequency of the Scholarship

The Scholarship is to be awarded annually, subject to sponsorship and provided there is a worthy applicant. The scholarship maybe awarded to more than 1 applicant at the discretion of the awards committee.

7. Financial Arrangements

- 1. The recipient must refer his/her financial or taxation advisor to ascertain the taxability of the stipend.
- 2. Payment of the award will be made in one instalment.
- 3. The Scholarship shall only be paid on receipt of a valid tax invoice.

8. Reporting and Other Requirements

On completion of the Scholarship, the recipient is required to:

- Provide a written report on their experience for Australian & New Zealand Endocrine Surgeons.
- Prepare a paper suitable for production on their educational experience at the meeting.

9. Procedures

9.1 Application Timeline

Applications open 1 June 2012 and close on June 30 2012. Successful applicants will be notified in August. The proposed travel must be undertaken by June 30 2013.

9.2 Selection Process

Australian & New Zealand Endocrine Surgeons will have a Selection Committee.

9.3 Application Details

- **1.** The application should not exceed 2 A4 pages in 12 Arial font with 1 cm margins. Please address the eligibility criteria and guidelines for selection listed above.
- 2. Please enclose a brief 2 page summary CV.
 3. Send all applications via email to:

Professor Peter Stanton: peter.stanton2@bigpond.com