

Daniel Christidis Scholarship

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Purpose and Scope

This cover sheet identifies the relevant documents that govern the relationship between the Urological Society of Australia and New Zealand (USANZ) and the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS) for the management of the Daniel Christidis Scholarship (Scholarship).

Appendix A to this document sets out the Terms and Conditions of the Scholarship including the eligibility requirements, application, assessment and disbursement processes.

Policy

1. **Terms and Conditions (USANZ Policy)**

USANZ is responsible for administering the Scholarship including but not limited to determination of eligibility criteria, advertising the Scholarship, choosing an appropriate recipient. The Daniel Christidis Scholarship Terms and Conditions (Annexure A) will be advertised publicly to encourage both donations to the Scholarship and to encourage eligible members to apply.

2. **Terms of Reference (RACS Policy)**

The Terms of Reference is a Royal College of Surgeons (RACS policy document under the RAAS Division, reference "REA-RES-082 *Daniel Christidis Scholarship Corpus Terms of Reference*" ([RACS Policy](#))).

The RACS policy sets out the management of the corpus, conditions for disbursement of funds, the processes for determining the value of the funds available for disbursement and the processes for USANZ to submit a request to the RACS Australian and New Zealand Scholarship and Grant Committee (ANZSGC) to access the funds.

Disbursement of funds will only be transacted upon approval from the RACS ANZSGC and will only be paid directly to the scholarship recipient.

3. **Donations and Donation Form (RACS Form)**

Donations to the fund should be made using the RACS Daniel Christidis Scholarship Donation Form (Donation Form) and directed to RACS. RACS may also make available an on-line option for accepting donations from time to time.

4. **Financial Reporting**

RACS will provide USANZ with biannual financial reports, showing the donations received, the names of the donors and the balance of funds including any interest earned. The names of donors who have requested to remain anonymous will not be provided to USANZ.

5. **Abstract Scoring**

The template used by the Committee to assess abstracts is attached as Annexure B.

Superseded documents

- None

Revision history

Version	Date approved	Notes	By
1.0	12/4/2018	Policy Developed and Approved	Board of Directors
1.1	3/8/2019	Extension to period in which presentation is to be delivered. Addition of abstract scoring system as Annexure B	Board of Directors
1.2	10/8/2019	Clarification of T&C Application Process	President. Endorsed by Board 30 Nov 2019.

Review date

This policy will be reviewed every 3 years. The next review will be in April 2021.

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Daniel Christidis Scholarship

This Scholarship was established to honour the memory of Daniel Christidis, a respected and valued SET1 trainee member of the Urological Society of Australia and New Zealand (USANZ). Daniel was an outstanding doctor with significant leadership potential who had already made a strong impression on his colleagues. He was dedicated to research and this Scholarship is intended to assist USANZ members who are current urological trainees and eligible USANZ Associate Members to present their research at an International Urological Meeting.

1. Eligibility

Only one (1) application may be submitted per member in any year. To be eligible for consideration for the Scholarship an applicant must meet the criteria set out below.

1.1 Applicant criteria:

Applicants must be either:

- a USANZ Trainee Member who has commenced the SET Urology Training Program; or
- an Associate Member who is a trainee resident or registrar conducting urological research prior to entry into formal urological training (pre-SET trainee).
- To qualify, the applicant's research must be supervised by a Full Member or Fellow of USANZ.

Applications will not be considered from members if:

- the applicant has not paid all debts due to USANZ at the time the call for applications is issued;
- the application is received after the advertised closing date or is incomplete;
- the applicant has been a previous recipient of this Scholarship; or
- the applicant is a Trainee member who has been identified with significant and/or recurrent performance issues and whose participation in the scholarship may have detrimental effects on their performance as a trainee.

1.2 International Meeting criteria

- The International Meeting must be the annual meeting of one of the following societies "Meeting Host":
 - American Urological Association (AUA)
 - British Association of Urological Surgeons (BAUS)
 - European Association of Urology (EAU)
 - Société Internationale D'Urologie (SIU); or
 - Urological Association of Asia (UAA).
- The date of the applicant's presentation (Presentation) must fall between 1 July in the year in which USANZ calls for applications and 31 December of the following calendar

year. For example, if USANZ calls for applications in 2019, the Presentation must take place between 1 July 2019 and 31 December 2020.

2. Scholarship Amount

The Scholarship has been established in perpetuity, meaning that only the interest from the Corpus will be made available for disbursement. This is determined by the RACS Investment Committee.

The current value of the Value of the Scholarship is \$2,500 (excluding GST).

3. Activities supported

The Scholarship is to support recipients to present their academic research at one of the meetings identified under clause 1.2 and will typically be directed towards travel and accommodation costs associated with attendance. The Scholarship will not support research tools or materials.

4. Application Process

USANZ will advertise the Scholarship on its website and member newsletters.

Applications should be submitted in writing to the secretary@usanz.org.au and must include:

- Confirmation, issued by the Meeting Host, that the Presentation was accepted or confirmation that the abstract has been submitted to the Meeting (but not necessarily confirmed for presentation yet).
- If an abstract submitted and chosen as the winning entry is not accepted for presentation at the meeting for which it was submitted, then the abstract will need to be submitted and presented subsequently before the Scholarship is awarded.
- A Synopsis setting out the project's results, conclusions and a description of the data used to support the research conclusions (up to 1,000 words).
- Details of other external support or funding (for example, is the Meeting Host providing any support?).
- If the Presentation has not yet taken place, an undertaking from the applicant that they agree to pay for all costs that are not funded by the Scholarship.
- In the case of an Associate Member, the applicant must also include their primary research area and the name of the supervising USANZ member.

5. Distribution of Scholarship Funds

Funding will be distributed by the RACS Australian and New Zealand Scholarship and Grant Committee (ANZSGC) directly to the Scholarship recipient.

Prior to funds being distributed, the Scholarship Recipient must:

5.1 If the Presentation has not yet taken place

- Acknowledge that the reapplication of the funding to a purpose other than for which it was awarded is not permitted without the prior approval of the Scholarship Committee;
- Agree to acknowledge the Daniel Christidis Scholarship, USANZ and RACS in their Presentation
- Agree to meet the requirements set out under 5.2 below.

5.2 After the Presentation has taken place

- Provide documentation verifying their attendance and Presentation at the International Meeting. This may take the form of a copy or screen shot of the publicly advertisement for the presentation, certificate of attendance or a letter of thanks from the meeting host.

- Agree to their promotion as a Scholarship Recipient to assist efforts to ensure the ongoing viability of the Scholarship.
- Within one month after the Presentation, provide a brief report to USANZ summarising the Presentation experience and suggestions for improvement.

6. Scholarship Committee and the Assessment Process

6.1 Scholarship Committee

The role of the Daniel Christidis Scholarship Committee (Scholarship Committee) is to receive and assess applications and to make recommendations to the USANZ Board of Directors (Board). The Scholarship Committee consists of:

- USANZ Past President (Committee Chair)
- Deputy Chair of the Board of Urology
- A USANZ Member with current involvement in academic research projects, appointed by the Committee Chair.

6.2 Scholarship Committee and Conflicts of Interest

The composition of the Committee necessarily requires the inclusion of at least one member with an understanding of academic research processes. This gives rise to a likelihood an applicant's research is known to a member of the Committee and may present a conflict of interest that risks compromising USANZ's impartiality and accountability.

When a conflict issue arises, the Committee Member must as soon as possible disclose the nature of the interest to the Committee. After disclosing an interest, the Committee Member may be requested to remove him/herself from any discussion in respect of the application. Any conflicts of interest will be recognised in the recommendation to the Board to ensure the Board's decision-making is not compromised by the conflict.

6.3 Assessment Criteria

The selection of the Scholarship recipient will be based solely on the scientific merit of the academic research.

7. Process for Awarding the Scholarship

- The Committee Chair will submit their recommendations to the Board.
- The Board will determine the Scholarship Recipient.
- The Committee Chair will contact the all applicants and provide confidential feedback. The Committee Chair may delegate these tasks to other members of the Committee.
- The USANZ office will contact the successful Recipient to ascertain their willingness to receive the Award.
- The selection process will be scheduled so that the announcement and award of the Scholarship to the Recipient is made at the USANZ Annual Scientific Meeting immediately following the Board's decision.
- The USANZ office is responsible for liaising with RACS to access the funds.

8. Presentation at future USANZ meetings

The Scholarship Recipient may be requested to give their Presentation at a future USANZ ASM, Section Meeting or other USANZ event. This will be subject to both the Recipient's availability and requirements of the scientific program.

Introduction

The Corpus was been established after the tragic death of Dr Daniel Christidis in November 2018 through the generosity of Dr Christidis' family, friends, colleagues and USANZ. Dr Christidis is remembered fondly as a young man dedicated to academic research. The Corpus is established.

Eligibility

The Scholarship will contribute to supporting USANZ Urology Trainees and eligible USANZ Associate Members to present their research at an International Urological Meeting to present their academic research at an international meeting.

Part 1 – Study Design

Scoring: Choose one of the first three tables that best describes the type of study and score according to the descriptors. b) Score the originality and impact tables.

Maximum Score for Part 1 = 12 points

Table 1: Interventional	Max Points
parallel controlled trial	4
cross over trial	3
time series trial (before-after)	2
non-concurrent / historic controls	2
natural experiment	2

Table 2: Observational	Max Points
cohort, prospective	4
cohort, retrospective	3
cross-sectional	3
case-control	3
descript., case report/series	1

Table 3: Other	Max Points
meta analysis	4
instrument validation	1
literature review	1
other:	0
don't know / not sure	0

Table 4: Originality	Max Points
Novel or innovative approach to problem	4
Logical extension based on previous findings	3
Derivative approach - used in other settings but newly applied to this area of research	2
Previously published/presented approach or method or confirm previous findings	1

Table 4: Impact	Max Points
Likely to impact upon or improve patient care or outcomes	4
May impact upon or improve patient care or outcomes	3
Unlikely to impact upon or improve patient care or outcomes	2
Will not alter or improve patient care or outcomes	1

Part 2 – Quality Assessment

Scoring: For each applicable item, 0-2 points are awarded. The Maximum Score for Part 2 = 38.

		Met 2	Partially Met 1	Not Met 0	N/A to study (-)
1.	Is the question or objective of the study sufficiently described?				
2.	Is the design evident and appropriate to answer study question?				
3.	Are the subject characteristics sufficiently described?				
4.	Are the subjects appropriate to answer the study question?				
5.	Have controls been used and are they appropriate? (if no control, tick 'Not Met')				
6.	Is the method of subject selection described and appropriate?				
7.	If random allocation to treatment groups was possible, is it described? (if not possible, tick 'N/A to study')				
8.	If blinding of investigators to intervention was possible, is it reported? (If not possible tick 'N/A to study')				
9.	If blinding of subjects to intervention was possible, is it reported? (If not possible, tick 'N/A to study')				

		Met 2	Partially Met 1	Not Met 0	N/A to study (-)
10.	Is the outcome measure well defined and robust to measurement bias? Is the means of assessment reported?				
11.	Are confounding variables accounted for?				
12.	Is the sample size adequate?				
13.	Are post hoc power calculations or confidence intervals reported for statistically non-significant results?				
14.	Are the statistical analyses appropriate?				
15.	Are the statistical tests stated?				
16.	Are p-values or confidence intervals stated?				
17.	Is the attrition of subjects and reason for the attrition recorded?				
18.	Are the results reported in sufficient detail?				
19.	Do the results support the conclusions?				
Subtotal Part 2					

Total Abstract Score

The maximum total abstract score is 50 (12 + 38).