



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 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 public 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.

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