1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE
   This policy governs the awarding of the Foundation for Surgery Brendan Dooley and Gordon Trinca Trauma Research Scholarship. It covers the application and selection criteria as well as the duration, value, frequency and conditions of the scholarship.

2. KEYWORDS
   Foundation, Surgery, Foundation for Surgery, Research, Scholarship, Dooley, Trinca, Trauma, Research Scholarship, Trauma Research, Trauma.

3. BODY OF POLICY
   3.1. Background
   The Foundation for Surgery Brendan Dooley and Gordon Trinca Trauma Research Scholarship has been established to encourage surgeons, trainees and medical scientists to undertake research into the prevention and treatment of trauma injuries in Australia and New Zealand.

   This scholarship is governed under the auspices of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons’ Professional Development and Standards Board (PDSB) through the Research, Audit and Academic Surgery (RAAS) division. The Brendan Dooley and Gordon Trinca Trauma Research Scholarship Selection Committee (Selection Committee) has been convened to oversight the implementation of the scholarship.

   3.2. Eligibility Criteria
   Applications for the scholarship are open to Fellows and Surgical Trainees of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons and to medical scientists.

   Applicants to surgical training are also eligible to apply for a scholarship in anticipation of their acceptance into the SET Program. They must be accepted into the SET Program by 1 August in the year prior to the commencement of the scholarship in order to take up the award.

   All Scholarships, Fellowships and Grants are conditional upon the applicant being a permanent resident or citizen of Australia or New Zealand.

   Applicants are eligible for a maximum of four years of RACS research scholarship funding. This can be made up of multiple College research scholarships and does not have to be taken consecutively.

   The benefactors of the Foundation for Surgery Brendan Dooley and Gordon Trinca Trauma Research Scholarship may, from time to time, review the eligibility criteria and selection process of the scholarship in collaboration with the Board of Surgical Research and recommend amendments to this policy.

   3.3. Selection Criteria
   The scholarship will be awarded on the basis of the applicant's expected contribution into research of the prevention and treatment of trauma injuries in Australia and New Zealand.

   Applicants must provide and will be assessed on the following:
   - A curriculum vitae and two referees' reports.
• Details of the approximate cost of their proposed program in order to establish that the Foundation for Surgery Brendan Dooley and Gordon Trinca Trauma Research Scholarship will be appropriately expended.

• A statement that summarises their personal experience in obtaining and delivering trauma research projects and the anticipated future contribution they will make to the prevention and treatment of trauma injuries in Australia and New Zealand.

• The Selection Committee will consist of four members comprising the Chair of the Board of Surgical Research, the Chair of the College Trauma Committee, the College Dean of Education and Mr Brendan Dooley or his nominee.

3.4. Value of the Scholarship
Prospective applicants should refer to the College website www.surgeons.org for information on the current value of the scholarship.

3.5. Duration of the Scholarship
The scholarship is for a period of 12 months.

3.6. Frequency of the Scholarship
The scholarship is to be awarded, subject to availability of funding and providing there is a worthy applicant.

3.7. Conditions of the Scholarship

3.7.1. Research Program
The following conditions are based on information supplied at the point of application on which scholars’ applications were assessed and approved. Any changes from those originally approved by the College will require the College’s prior consent. To obtain this consent, scholars are required to complete an amendment form available from the College.

a) Scholars must undertake the research study as approved by the College for the award

b) Written confirmation that he/she is willing to accept the role of supervisor of the named research study is required from the proposed supervisor.

c) Preference will be given to scholars who will undertake the research study at an approved institute in Australia or New Zealand. However, consideration will be given to scholars who wish to undertake all or a proportion of their research in an overseas institution. In these cases scholars must submit a strong justification in their application and supply the names of two supervisors. One intended supervisor of their research must be situated in an approved institute in Australia or New Zealand. Written approval from the intended Head of Department where the research is planned to be conducted overseas is also required.

3.7.2. Financial Arrangements
a) It is recommended that the scholar refer to his/her financial or taxation advisor to ascertain the taxability of the award. General information about whether scholarships are exempt from income tax is available on the College Scholarship website. Please go to www.surgeons.org/scholarships/ and proceed to the FAQ section.
b) The scholarship will be paid to an administering institution on behalf of the scholar. Payment of the annual value of the award will be made in one instalment prior to 1 March in the given year. The control of the expenditure will be governed by the normal policies and procedures of the administering institution.

c) Award funds will only be paid on receipt of a valid tax invoice provided by the administering institution. Payment will only be made if the requirements outlined in points 3.7.4 (Reporting), 3.7.5 (Ethics) and 3.7.11 (Acceptance) of these conditions are satisfied.

3.7.3. Additional Scholarship/Fellowships/Awards
Scholars may not hold two College Scholarships simultaneously.

3.7.4. Reporting
a) The payment of the scholarship is conditional upon the recipient providing the College with a written report and an article for publication in *Surgical News*. The report will be requested during December in the given year for submission by a specified date in January the following year. If the above mentioned report is not received the recipient will be ineligible for any further financial assistance from the College and may be required, at the discretion of the College, to refund the value of the award. A copy of the report will be forwarded to the benefactors.

b) Scholars should submit the results of their research to a peer-reviewed journal eg. ANZ Journal of Surgery or other as applicable.

c) Scholars are required to present their research at the annual meeting of the Surgical Research Society of Australasia, at least once, during the scholarship period or within 12 months after the end of the scholarship period.

d) Scholars are required to complete two Scholarship Evaluation Surveys. The first will be requested upon completion of the award. The second will be requested five years after completion of the award.

3.7.5. Ethics Approval
The College must receive documentary evidence where applicable of ethical approval from the Ethics Committee of the Institution concerned to confirm that the project conforms to the general principles set out in the NH&MRC “Statement on Human Experimentation” and/or the “Australian Code of Practice for the Care and Use of Animals for Scientific Purposes”.

3.7.6. Reapplication for the Scholarship
Applicants can only receive the Foundation for Surgery Brendan Dooley and Gordon Trinca Trauma Research Scholarship once. Unsuccessful applicants can reapply in subsequent years through the normal application channels and observing the advertised application deadlines and formats in competition with all applications, until they are successful.

3.7.7. Part Time Research
Foundation for Surgery Scholarships and Surgeon Scientist Scholarships are available on a part-time basis. Part-time is defined as half the usual research...
hours worked by a research scholar. Part--time scholarships are restricted to scholarship recipients wishing to undertake research only. Scholarships will not be offered on this basis for scholars to concurrently undertake research and clinical loads. Refer to the Part-time Research Scholarships policy for further details.

3.7.8. Acknowledgements

The RACS Foundation for Surgery is to be acknowledged in any relevant correspondence, public announcement, advertising, publication or other material relating to the award. The Foundation logo must be included in all presentations relating to the Scholarship, including those made at the ASC.

Recipients are required to speak at Foundation dinners when invited.

3.7.9. Publications and Patents

The College must be notified of any publications as soon as practicable after acceptance by the journal, or patents arising from the award together with the results of any research that is to be commercially developed.

3.7.10. Privacy

The College takes reasonable steps to protect the information it holds from misuse or loss and from unauthorized access, modification or disclosure. The scholar has the right to access his or her personal information and to have it corrected if inaccurate, incomplete or out of date.

3.7.11. Termination of the Scholarship

The College may, at its discretion, for what is considered grave cause, suspend the tenure of the scholarship for such time as is thought fit, or deprive a scholar of his/her scholarship. From the date of either of these decisions, the entitlement to stipend and other allowances shall cease.

Upon termination, monies already paid, and not duly expended, shall be refunded to the corpus of the Foundation for Surgery Brendan Dooley and Gordon Trinca Trauma Research Scholarship.

3.7.12. Timing of Award

The commencement date for awards is 1 February each year.

3.7.13. Acceptance of Offer

The scholar, their Head of Department and a representative of their administering institution must sign the Acceptance Form as acknowledgement of the above conditions and approved trauma research project and return it to the College prior to commencement of the scholarship.

3.8. Access

This policy may be accessed by the general public, College and staff.

3.9. Communication

Scholarship recipients will be notified of the policy or any changes to the policy that impact them by email. Other stakeholders are encouraged to check the College website on a regular basis to keep up to date with policy changes.
3.10. Administering Committee

The Board of Surgical Research administers the scholarship.

4. ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

PRC: Research Scholarships - General
FRM: College Research Scholarships, Fellowships and Grants Application

Approver: CEO
Authoriser: Council