

MSA TRAVELLING SCHOLARSHIP

Background

The MSA Travelling Scholarship is intended to assist senior registrars or fellows at the Royal Children's Hospital (RCH) to increase their knowledge and expertise by undertaking travel and further education.

Applicants must be medical practitioners, training in paediatric medicine, surgery or other related paediatric discipline at RCH, with preference given to applicants who can demonstrate that their proposed program will have wider benefits to the hospital's clinical and/or research activities. The scholarship is primarily provided to support travel to allow the applicant to gain further experience at a centre of excellence within Australia or overseas.

This Scholarship shall be used for:

1. Direct travel to and from the place where the work will be undertaken
2. A reasonable allowance for visiting approved centres (accommodation, course fees, incidental costs)
3. Applicants maybe in receipt of another RCH scholarship, although preference will be given to applicants who do not have access to (or who have limited access to) other means of financial support.
4. Where more than one application is received from a Department, the Department Head will be asked to assist the selection committee to assign an order of merit to the Department's applications
5. The scholarship winner is required to submit a written report to the MSA after they have completed their travel

Amount: Up to \$5000/year will be made available from MSA members contributions.

Application process

Applicants are required to write a letter outlining their proposed program and the intended benefits to the RCH. A detailed budget should be included, and any other confirmed funding sources should be acknowledged. Applications should be sent to the MSA secretary with a copy of the applicant's curriculum vitae, including the names of three professional referees. The closing date for applications is the close of business on the first Monday in October.

An MSA sub-committee will consider the applications and conduct interviews if necessary. The successful applicant(s) will be announced at the MSA Annual General Meeting in November of each year.