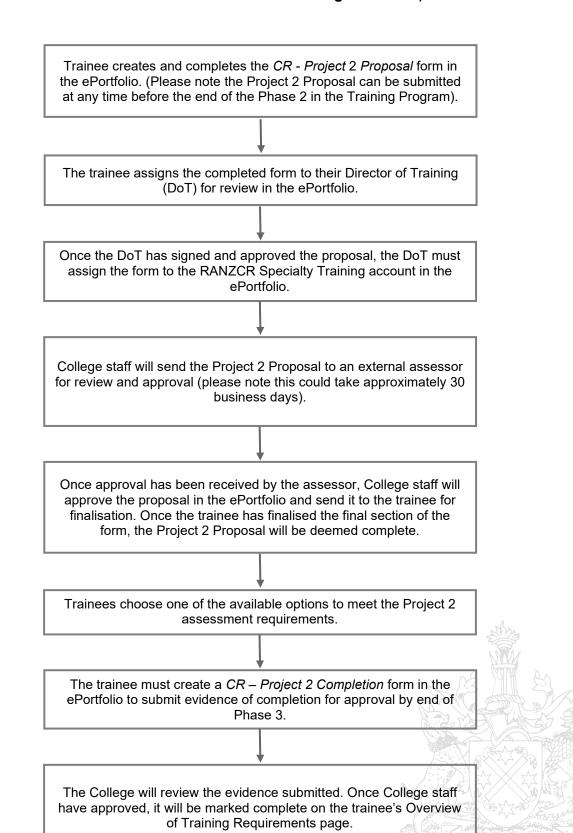


The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists®

The Faculty of Clinical Radiology

PROJECT 2 - MANDATORY PROJECT

(For transitioning trainees only – trainees that started from February 2022 onwards must refer to the Training Handbook)





Mandatory Projects - Project 2

What is it?

Project 2 is a high standard senior-level project in Clinical Radiology that trainees will undertake which includes a mandatory literature search. Types of appropriate research study would include: research in human subjects, audit or systematic review, including: randomized controlled study, cohort study, case controlled study, systematic review, meta-analysis, cross-sectional study or qualitative research with proper methodology and statistic support that leads to change of practice.

Project 2 will take approximately 12 months in duration to complete and will be part of the assessment requirements for Radiology trainees. Project 1 projects, that have previously been approved and completed, can be extended into Project 2 projects if there is sufficiently strong rationale and evidence to do so.

Project 2 can be collaborative amongst trainees (no more than 3 trainees for each project); if it is a centre study it is likely that there will be many contributors.

There are two options for collaborative projects:

- 1. Three trainees can contribute equally
- 2. Up to three trainees can contribute different aspects of the project and must be the first author for that particular aspect.

In both instances, trainees will need to outline the role of each contributor to the project in the proposal document.

What's involved?

Trainees have four options with regards to meeting the Project 2 assessment requirements:

OPTION 1 – Peer Reviewed Journal Manuscript

Trainees that choose this option will be required to produce a research paper of a standard that is to be submitted to a Medline Indexed Journal (any Medline Indexed Journal is acceptable). If a Project 2 paper is accepted for peer review or published by a Journal, then Project 2 will be considered as satisfactorily completed.

OPTION 2 – Dissertation

A dissertation of no more than 15,000 words (excluding references and appendices). Before Option 2 can be started, a letter from the University stating the trainee's acceptance to the higher degree which includes details of the dissertation must be sent into the College via CRtraining@ranzcr.edu.au Note: trainees do not have to complete the Proposal form; just provide the letter to the College. The College will then update your ePortfolio.

OPTION 3 - Oral Presentation

Oral presentation at an International Conference or equivalent (including the College ASM and approved Special Interest Group conferences) as deemed suitable by the Curriculum and Assessment Committee (CAC) (trainees should seek approval from the College if they are unsure what constitutes a suitable conference).

OPTION 4 - Poster Presentation

Poster presentation at major International Conferences (ECR, RSNA, ARRS, etc., excluding the College ASM) or subspecialty conferences in Europe and North America. Trainees should seek prior approval from the College for all other countries.



When is the Project 2 proposal due for Option 1?	The Project 2 proposal <i>should</i> be completed and approved before work on the Project is started. The Proposal must be completed before the end of Phase 2 in the Training Program. The Project 2 Proposal is required to be completed to progress in to Phase 3 of the Training Program.
How do trainees submit their Project 2 proposal for Option 1?	 Trainee creates and completes the CR - Project 2 Proposal form in the ePortfolio. The trainee submits the proposal to the Director of Training (DoT) in the ePortfolio to review and approve. Once the DoT has approved the proposal in the ePortfolio, the proposal is assigned to the RANZCR Specialty Training account in the ePortfolio. College staff will send the Project 2 Proposal to the external assessor for review and approval (please note this could take approximately 30 business days). Once approval has been received by the assessor, College staff will approve the proposal in the ePortfolio and send it to the trainee for finalisation. Once the trainee has finalised the final section of the form, the Project 2 Proposal will be deemed complete.
When can trainees commence Project 2?	Following approval of the Project 2 Proposal, trainees are permitted to commence Project 2 at any time throughout their training.
When is Project 2 due?	Option 1: Trainees that choose this option must submit their email confirmation (that their manuscript has been processed for peer review) from the med-line indexed journal in the ePortfolio no later than the 54th month of training, which will allow for revision feedback time, or by end of Phase 3 of training. Option 2: Trainees that choose this option must submit in the ePortfolio evidence that their dissertation has been submitted to the University (no later than the 54th month of training, which will allow for revision feedback time, or by end of Phase 3 of training). Option 3: Trainees that choose this option must submit evidence in the ePortfolio using the Project 2 Completion form that they provided an Oral Presentation at an International Conference (no later than the 54th month of training, or by end of Phase 3). Evidence for this option would constitute a copy of the letter from the Conference Organiser indicating acceptance as a presenter AND a copy of the Certificate of Attendance at that Conference. Option 4: Trainees that choose this option must submit evidence into the ePortfolio that they provided a Poster Presentation at an International Conference (no later than the 54th month of training, or by end of Phase 3 of training in the 2022 TP). Evidence for this option would constitute a copy of the letter from the Conference Organiser indicating acceptance as a presenter AND a copy of the Certificate of Attendance at that Conference.



Meeting the assessment requirement for Option 1

OPTION 1 – Peer Reviewed Journal Manuscript

Trainees that choose this option will be required to do the following to meet the assessment requirement:

Submit their manuscript to a Medline Indexed Journal (any Medline Indexed Journal is acceptable). If a Project 2 paper is processed for *peer review* or *published* by a Journal, evidence of this is to be submitted in the ePortfolio no later than the 54th month of training, which will allow for revision feedback time, or by end of Phase 3 of training.

Should a trainee fail to be processed for peer review or accepted for publication, this will indicate an 'Unsatisfactory' submission and that revision is needed. The trainee will be permitted to make amendments to their manuscript and can provide the revised paper to the 'Project 2' assessment as long as it is received 3 months before the completion of training.

It is therefore recommended that trainees submit their paper to a Medline Indexed Journal with enough time to allow for amendments and re-submission to be made, should that be necessary.

How do trainees get their results?

OPTION 1:

Trainees will be notified by the Journal via email as to whether their manuscript has been processed for peer review or has been accepted for publication or not.

Trainees will be required to submit the email confirmation from the Journal in the ePortfolio the assessment evidence no later than the 54th month of training, or by end of Phase 3. Once College staff have approved the evidence, the status of this assessment will be deemed as complete.

OPTION 2, 3 and 4:

Trainees are required to submit their evidence in the ePortfolio no later than the 54th month of training, or by end of Phase 3 of training. Once the College has approved this evidence, the status of this assessment will be deemed as complete.

Transitioning trainees must receive a satisfactory completion of Project 2 to progress to Completion of Training.

