



The Royal Australian
and New Zealand
College of Radiologists*

RANZCR ANNUAL INDIGENOUS SCHOLARSHIP

PURPOSE

The purpose of the RANZCR Annual Indigenous Scholarship is to attract doctors who identify as being Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander or Māori to one of the RANZCR training programs and to support these trainees during their studies in either clinical radiology or radiation oncology. The scholarship can be used towards a RANZCR Indigenous trainee's expenses for educational activities such as training fees, exam sitting fees, training workshop or conference attendances, research projects or other professional development activities deemed appropriate by RANZCR, or for an Indigenous doctor who has applied to and been accepted onto the training program.

The ultimate goal of the RANZCR Annual Indigenous Scholarship is to increase the number of Indigenous trainees who successfully complete one of the RANZCR training programs, and to ultimately reach population parity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander medical specialists in Australia and Māori medical specialists in New Zealand.

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications will be invited each year, and any trainee member of the College or doctor who has been accepted onto the training programs, who identifies as being Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander or of Māori descent, would be eligible to apply. Eligible applicants are able to apply for the scholarship every year throughout their training program, provided they are a current trainee member of RANZCR.

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING

An annual amount, of up to a total of the AUD\$30,000 will be made available for the Scholarship—to fund up to six individual annual scholarships of up to AUD\$5,000 each to be used towards a RANZCR Indigenous trainee's educational activities expenses.

For more information visit www.ranzcr.com

The Royal Australia and New Zealand College of Radiologists (RANZCR) is a not-for-profit professional organisation for clinical radiologists and radiation oncologists in Australia, New Zealand and Singapore. We are the leaders in medical imaging and cancer care. We enable best practice of clinical radiology, radiation oncology and associated subspecialty areas through engagement, education, and advocacy; and by supporting clinical excellence. We are dedicated to enhancing the health outcomes of Māori, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and to increasing their participation in the professions of clinical radiology and radiation oncology by ensuring our educational programs support best outcomes for them.

CLINICAL RADIOLOGY

This relates to the diagnosis or treatment of a patient through the use of medical imaging. Diagnostic imaging uses plain X-ray radiology, computed tomography (CT), magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), ultrasound and nuclear medicine imaging techniques to obtain images that are interpreted to aid in the diagnosis of disease.

WHAT DOES A CLINICAL RADIOLOGIST DO?

A clinical radiologist assists doctors in diagnosing and treating illness by understanding when an imaging test may be needed to answer a clinical question about a symptom, disease, injury or treatment. Clinical radiologists can also perform image guided procedures for diagnostic and/or therapeutic purposes.

WHY BECOME A CLINICAL RADIOLOGIST?

Clinical radiology is at the forefront of technological advances in clinical medicine, offering tremendous scope for a varied career in clinical medicine, teaching and research using cutting-edge technology. The practice of clinical radiology is becoming more highly specialised as imaging technology increases in sophistication and complexity.

IS IT THE CAREER FOR ME?

- You have an eye for detail
- You are motivated and disciplined
- You are able to work under pressure
- You make good decisions and solve problems
- You are a good communicator and inspire confidence in others

RADIATION ONCOLOGY

This is a medical specialty that involves the controlled use of radiation to treat cancer – either for cure or to reduce pain and other symptoms. Around half of all cancer patients would benefit from radiation therapy at some point in their cancer journey.

WHAT DOES A RADIATION ONCOLOGIST DO?

The radiation oncologist is responsible for assessing the patient by clinical evaluation, and organising imaging and other tests, in order to establish a management plan for the individual.

WHY BECOME A RADIATION ONCOLOGIST?

It is an intellectually challenging and exciting career with vast opportunities in the public and private sectors. It combines the best aspects of clinical patient management with a technologically advanced and continually evolving treatment modality. It is truly a dynamic and exciting field of medicine.

IS IT THE CAREER FOR ME?

- You have an interest in science
- You are a logical thinker
- You are a problem solver
- You are a good communicator
- You have a focus on patient care
- You enjoy working in a team environment
- You are interested in emerging technology.

