

Grants and Awards

Subject: Criteria for RCPA Pathology Update Pathology Education Outreach (PEO) Grant
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Background

Following a request from the RCPA Pathology Education Outreach Committee (PEOC) it was decided that the College will provide, on an annual basis, funding to cover four (4) pathologists or pathology trainees from developing communities to attend Pathology Update.

Concessions

The College will provide each successful applicant with

- Economy return airfare
- Hotel accommodation for up to four nights including breakfast
- Full registration cover for Pathology Update (excluding Workshops) which includes morning/afternoon tea and lunches plus social events

Criteria for Selection

Applicants may be Pathologists or Trainees from centres in the South Pacific and South East Asian geographical region or who have an affiliation with College programs (Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Samoa, Tonga and other South Pacific nations, Vietnam, Indonesia, East Timor, Nepal and Bhutan). Applications will only be considered from applicants from South East Asian countries where there is not already a formal RCPA Fellowship training program. Applicants must be able to verify (via Department/Institution Head) that they are currently actively practicing pathology in a developing community. Areas which may be considered by the awarding committee are level of seniority, demonstrated activity in the area of pathology, interest in pathology programs/training, support/contact with the College.

Unsuccessful applicants are welcome to apply again in future years. A successful applicant cannot apply again.

Terms of the Sponsorship

1. Applicants need to be available to attend all 3 days of the conference. During the conference they will give a short case presentation, also incorporating a brief description of their laboratory, in the scientific program of their relevant Pathology scientific discipline.
2. On returning home, applicants are expected to pass on to their colleagues knowledge gained at the Update.

3. Applicants are required to provide a 300 word written report to the Pathology Update Overseeing Committee outlining their experiences at the event. The report is to be provided no later than 3 weeks after the event and may be reprinted in part/in full in College publications.

Application Process

1. Applications must be on the prescribed Application Form available from the College website.
2. Applicants must attach a CV of no more than two pages.
3. Applicants must include a one page covering letter explaining how they meet the criteria and why they wish to attend.
4. Applications to be forwarded to the Pathology Update Overseeing Committee.
5. The closing date for applications is the end of June of each year.
6. All applicants will be notified of the outcome to allow time to organise their leave and documents as well as bookings via the College travel agents.
7. The decision of the awarding committee will be final.