

## Award

**Subject: RCPA Visiting Professors (To Australasia)**  
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## Guidelines

- The College will establish annual RCPA Visiting Professorships (Australasia) to be known as RCPA Visiting Professors.
- The visits will be timed to coincide with the RCPA Pathology Update Meeting, at which the Visiting Professors will be keynote or principal speakers. The venue for the Update meeting would comprise one of the centres visited.
- Activities of Visiting Professors will be coordinated in conjunction with the organisation of the Pathology Update meeting by the Overseeing Committee for the Update.
- The Board of Directors at its July meeting, will appoint the Visiting Professors for the year after the next year. That is, at the July Board of Directors meeting, or at least 18 months prior to the Pathology Update, the Visiting Professors will be selected for the year after the next.
- The Discipline Program Committees for the Update may nominate Fellows, Fellows of Faculties or other pathologists or persons with expertise in pathology for the RCPA Visiting Professorships. Nominations are to be received by the Board of Directors Committee by 30 June each year for decision.
- The RCPA Visiting Professors (Australasia) will be Fellows of the College, Fellows of Faculties or other persons with expertise in pathology who will be able to present state-of-the-art education in an area of their choice.
- The Visiting Professors (Australasia) would generally visit two centres, in addition to the Pathology Update.
- Each state and New Zealand will be offered the opportunity to express interest in hosting a visit from one of the Professors for that year. State Councillors and the New Zealand Vice President will be advised once the Visiting Professors have accepted an invitation. Expressions of interest to host a visit must be received 9 months prior to the visit, to allow time for suitable travel arrangements to be made.
- During their visits to each centre, the Visiting Professors (Australasia) may undertake a variety of teaching activities, as practicable, including lectures, workshops or slide seminars.

- The invited audience for these sessions will include Trainees, Fellows and Affiliates of the RCPA and members of other medical colleges and societies.
- The Visiting Professors' (Australasia) visit to each centre will be widely advertised at a College and State or Regional level, as well as to other medical colleges and societies. The RCPA will be acknowledged in all promotional material.
- The RCPA will organise the travel arrangements for the RCPA Visiting Professors (Australasia) and liaise with the State and New Zealand Committees in relation to local organisation.
- The Visiting Professors (Australasia) will be provided with a business class airfare, accommodation and reasonable expenses in accordance with the College's Travel Policy. The funds available for the RCPA Visiting Professors (Australasia) will be in the vicinity of AUD \$15,000 in total.
- In the case of social events in the course of the visit, apart from the Pathology Update, the College will provide a contribution of \$500 to each host location. Local hosts will be encouraged to seek other funding or sponsorship opportunities.
- Where a Visiting Professor (Australasia) is also the guest of another organisation, cost sharing arrangements will be negotiated.
- The funding source for the RCPA Visiting Professors (Australasia) will be the RCPA Education and Research Fund.
- The Visiting Professors (Australasia) will be presented with a suitable gift.