

RANZCO

International Travel Grants for Overseas Based Doctors

Background

The Royal College of Australia and New Zealand Ophthalmologists (“**RANZCO**”) is committed to supporting the development of ophthalmologists or trainee ophthalmologists (“**overseas ophthalmologists**”) who reside and practice in developing countries located in its area of strategic interest (see below). RANZCO provides support including, but not limited to, supporting Australian ophthalmologists to visit those countries and assist in training and providing a special category of RANZCO membership which is available to international eye doctors and trainees.

RANZCO also supports ophthalmology in developing countries by offering annual travel grants to allow overseas ophthalmologists to attend RANZCO’s annual general congress. RANZCO believes that by attending the congress, the ophthalmologists will have the opportunity to:

- Participate in educational and skills transfer courses at the congress;
- Improve their skills and knowledge through being exposed to the latest developments in eye care health practice and policy; and
- Create networks with both regional and international colleagues.

Eligibility Criteria

In order to be eligible for an international travel grant, applicants must:

- Have completed or be undertaking formal training in ophthalmology;
- Reside in or provide ophthalmic services to the following areas:
 - South / West Pacific (excluding American Samoa)
 - New Guinea
 - South East Asia excluding India, China, Malaysia, Thailand and Singapore.
- Be or be willing to become an international member of RANZCO.

Applications

Applications for attendance at a congress are to be made on the attached application form:

- A copy of the applicant’s detailed curriculum vitae
- Contact details for two professional referees
- Confirmation of the eligibility criteria

Decision-Making Process

The Chief Executive Officer of RANZCO makes the final decision with respect to the awarding of the international travel grants having regard to the eligibility criteria, the applicant's curriculum vitae and the referee's report.

The decision of the RANZCO Chief Executive Officer is final and is not subject to appeal.

RANZCO will endeavor to advise all applicants of the success or otherwise of their applications as soon as possible after the due date for applications.