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SCHOLARSHIP NAME

The Medtronic / AGES LAP-D Workshop Scholarship

PURPOSE

The Medtronic AGES LAP-D Workshop Scholarship is designed to support access to high-quality surgical education for members of the Australasian Gynaecological Endoscopy & Surgery Society (AGES). This scholarship enables one member per year to attend the Laparoscopic Anatomy Pelvic Demonstration (LAP-D) Workshop, a cadaver-based surgical anatomy course held several times per year at the Medical Engineering and Research Facility in Brisbane, Queensland. The scholarship reflects AGES' commitment to fostering and encouraging surgical excellence and equity in training opportunities across Australia and New Zealand.

AWARD DETAILS

Awarded: Annually

Recipients: One per year

Value: Covers the full registration cost of the AGES LAP-D Workshop (2026 cost - \$2,860.00 AUD)

Exclusions: Flights, accommodation and travel expenses are not included

ANNOUNCEMENT OF RECIPIENT

The scholarship recipient will be formally announced at the AGES ASM Gala Dinner, in line with other awards given by the society.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applicants must:

- Be a current AGES member (trainee, fellow, or specialist)
- Be registered for the next AGES Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM)
- Be available to attend a scheduled AGES LAP-D Workshop in Queensland within the scholarship year
- Have not previously received this scholarship

APPLICATION PROCESS

The AGES LAP-D Workshop Scholarship will be awarded through a submission-based competition designed to foster innovation and engagement within the AGES community.

Applicants are invited to submit a one-page proposal outlining an idea or initiative for the Society to consider implementing over the coming year. This may include (but is not limited to):

- A new AGES webinar, podcast or educational resource
- A conference theme, session, or invited speaker suggestion
- An engagement or outreach activity that benefits members

Each submission should clearly outline:

- The idea or initiative
- Why it would be valuable to the Society and its members
- The impact or benefits expected
- The feasibility and potential for AGES to enact it within the coming year

Submission guidelines:

Applications would open annually, from October 1st – 31st.

Applicants must complete an online submission form and upload the required documents

- Proposal (1 A4 page max)
- Independent Referee Report
- Current CV

Application documents:

AGES Lap-D Scholarship Proposal

This document should be no more than 1 page and submitted as a word or PDF document

Current CV

Please highlight relevant strengths in the area of gynaecological surgery, training and research

Independent Referee Report

Only one referee, submitting no more than 1 page.

SCORING CRITERIA

Selection Criteria

Submissions will be assessed by the AGES Education & Training Committee and rated on:

Innovation and originality (3 points)	How unique, fresh and creative the idea is.
Feasibility (3 Points)	How practical it is to implement within the current AGES framework.
Applicability (3 points)	Relevance to the Society's aims, members, and strategic priorities.
Engagement potential (3 points)	Ability to enhance participation, education, or member connection.
Quality of submission (3 points)	Clarity, reasoning, and overall presentation.

CV (1 point)	Confirm applicant suitable for scholarship. Score <1 and the application will be rejected.
Referee Report (1 point)	Taken together, give an overall rating for the referee report for this candidate.

A selection panel, appointed by the AGES Board, will assess all applications.
The winning idea will be considered for implementation by AGES within the life of the current AGES Board.

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