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SCHOLARSHIP NAME

AGES/Medtronic Travelling Fellowship

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Travelling Fellowship Program is to support meaningful educational immersion, professional development, and the advancement of minimally invasive gynaecological surgery both within Australia/New Zealand and internationally.

AWARD DETAILS

Awarded: Annually

Recipients: One per year

Value: \$7,500

Exclusions: A fellowship will not be awarded for the sole purpose of attending conferences.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF RECIPIENT

The fellowship recipient will be formally announced at the AGES Annual Scientific Meeting.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applicants must:

- Be a current AGES member, either Trainee or Fellow, within five years of attaining FRANZCOG or completion of AATP.

APPLICATION PROCESS

The fellowship will be awarded through a submission-based competition.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to design unique fellowship programmes that demonstrate clear educational value, structured learning opportunities, and the potential for sustained impact within their local institution, region, or healthcare system.

Applications will be viewed more favourably where they include:

- Longer-duration observerships or placements
- Detailed and well-structured fellowship itineraries
- Clearly defined learning objectives
- Exposure to high-volume, multidisciplinary, or specialised surgical units
- Opportunities for mentorship, teaching, collaboration, or service development
- Tangible plans for implementation of knowledge, skills and research following completion of the fellowship
- Clear evidence of benefit to the broader AGES community or to women's health

Applicants should clearly explain:

- Why the selected unit(s) or institution(s) were chosen
- What specific skills, knowledge or systems they hope to learn
- How the fellowship aligns with their current and future clinical role
- How the experience will improve patient care, training, research or service delivery within their home institution or community

Applications will not be successful if they are focused primarily on:

- Conference attendance alone
- Very short observational visits (e.g. 1–2 day visits)
- General travel without defined educational objectives

The selection panel will place particular emphasis on applications that demonstrate:

- Thoughtful planning
- Commitment to minimally invasive gynaecological surgery
- Leadership potential
- Educational depth
- Capacity for broader local impact and sustainability upon return

Applicants are encouraged to provide sufficient detail within their application to allow the selection panel to fully appreciate the quality, structure and potential impact of the proposed fellowship experience.

Submission guidelines:

Applications open annually, from October 31st – 31st January.

Application documents:

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

- Fellowship Objective
- Current CV
- 3 x Referee Reports

SCORING CRITERIA

The scoring rubric is available for download from the AGES website.

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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