2017 RCPA Scholarships in Pathology for Medical Schools

The Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia (RCPA) makes available to every medical school in Australia and New Zealand annually, a $2000 scholarship for medical students to pursue a project in the area of Pathology. These projects should be such that the student learns about the principles of the scientific method in the practice of Pathology.

Graduate Medicine is required to support the application and is responsible for selection of the recipient. Professor Peter McLennan and Associate Professor Kylie Mansfield are available for advice. Clinical Associate Professor Sarbar Napaki (Sarbar.Napaki@health.nsw.gov.au) is available to discuss options.

Applications will be accepted for one of following:

1. The study of Pathology as the focus of a selective or elective in MEDI604
2. Other suitable Pathology projects will also be considered.

For the projects, the successful applicant will be expected to contribute at least 150 hours within a 12 month period. This will be negotiated between the Project Leader and the successful student. The student will be paid in two instalments to ensure that requirements of the agreement are being met.

The scholarship may be supervised by more than one supervisor, but at least one supervisor must be a Fellow of the RCPA. The application should outline the project in no more than 200 words, and the application form must be signed by the relevant supervising Fellow of the RCPA. Previously successful applicants may not reapply.

The successful applicant will be selected by a panel of GM staff.

The Board of Education of the RCPA requires a formal report on the project following its completion. The RCPA must also be acknowledged in any publication arising from work funded by the scholarship.
THE SCHOLARSHIP PROCESS

Application Process

Applicants must provide the following information in their application to the Curriculum Officer, Sarah Perez, of GM, at the Wollongong Campus:

- A copy of the student’s academic record
- A current CV
- Completion of the application form provided by the RCPA, inclusive of a 200-word (max) outline of the project
- Statement of whether you are applying for Pathology-focused selective/elective in MEDI604, or for a project.

Selection Criteria

The quality and purpose of the project, and the quality of the outline.

The overall performance of the student in the course so far.

Award and Selection Process

Closing date is 9am on Monday 22nd May 2017; Applications to Katie Pijper email katiep@uow.edu.au all applications will then be forwarded to the selection panel of the GM for a short-listing process.

Should there be more than one eligible candidate, the panel will be convened to decide on a recipient, based on the strength of the application and followed by a personal interview, should this be required.

The selection panel, consisting of the Academic Leader (or similar position) Pathology, the Academic Leader Medical Sciences, and Head of Students of the GM, will shortlist the applicants, conduct the interview if necessary and select the preferred candidate of the Medical School.

The candidate will be notified and the recommendation with a supporting letter will be sent to the Royal College of Pathology of Australasia.