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College 'Leave' Policy

As per the College Policy (*4.1.2 Leave restrictions per rotation*), the College restricts the amount of training leave that can be taken in order to maintain educational and clinical standards. Trainees are entitled to take up to 4 weeks of leave per 6-month full-time equivalent (FTE) rotation. Leave entitlements are calculated pro rata. The College does not require trainees to seek approval from their Director of Training (DOTs) or Branch Training Committee (BTCs) for up to 4 weeks of training leave. Trainees should adhere to their local approval process.

The four weeks leave is not subtracted from the end-of-rotation In-Training-Assessment (ITA). Therefore, at the time of submission, trainees do not need to date their end-of-rotation ITA at the first date they may begin their 4 weeks entitled leave. This date can remain as the end of rotation date for the particular zone training period.

More information in relation to the Leave policy can be found in the Administration policy & procedure

<https://www.ranzcp.org/Files/PreFellowship/2012-Fellowship-Program/RPP-ADMINISTRATION.aspx>

EXAMS

Psychotherapy Written Case

Following discussions with the Faculty of Psychotherapy, Associate Professor Beth Kotze (Chair, Case History Subcommittee, Committee for Examinations) has prepared a video primarily aimed at psychotherapy supervisors, to help them assist trainees in the preparation and submission of the Psychotherapy Written Case. The video will also be useful for trainees in their preparation for submission of the written case. The video, lasting 19 minutes can be found under Resources on the Psychotherapy Written Case page of the 2012 Fellowship Program of the College website. There is also an accompanying power point PDF.

<https://www.ranzcp.org/Pre-Fellowship/2012-Fellowship-Program/Assessment-overview/Psychotherapy-Written-Case.aspx>

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Training records can be accessed via www.ranzcp.org by logging onto 'Member Access' and selecting 'My RANZCP' and then 'My Training Reports'. Should you have any questions regarding your training record please contact training@ranzcp.org

Information regarding the RANZCP complaints process is available on the College website via [Pre Fellowship – Complaints Resolution](#)

Multiple Choice Question (MCQ) Examination

Candidates are advised to familiarise themselves with the computer based multiple choice examination format prior to sitting the paper by completing the practice examination available on the Pearson Vue website. This provides an experience of the functionality of the online exam and future candidates are recommended to avail themselves of this opportunity.

It has been brought to the attention of the Committee for Examinations that in the February 2016 MCQ examinations there were a couple of instances where candidates who chose to commence the MCQ examination with CAPs (rather than EMQs) found themselves exiting the examination prematurely at the end of the CAP section.

Candidates who choose to commence the MCQ exam with the CAP component should read carefully the instruction pages at the conclusion of the CAP component and carefully note the warning messages that appear on the screen. The College has been in discussions with Pearson Vue to further clarify the wording in those warning messages.

Candidates are also advised to familiarise themselves with a set of instructions that has been prepared if they decide to commence the examination with CAPs. This document is located on the [Exam Centre Page](#), under **Computer-based practice exam**.

Essay-style Examination

The **February 2016 Advice to Essay-style Candidates** is now available under **News and notices** from the [Exam Centre page](#) of the College website.

The Written Subcommittee, Committee for Examinations has published two sample MEQ questions from the February 2016 examination. These questions plus feedback commentary can be found on the [Exams Centre page](#) under **Written exams past exam questions**.

Exam Assistants for OSCE Examination – Saturday, 10 September 2016 - Volunteers required for Brisbane

The Committee for Examination would like to invite local trainees and SIMGs to assist with the running of the OSCE examination. The September 2016 OSCE Examination is to be held in Brisbane on Saturday, 10 September 2016. Your attendance at the examination venue would be required from 7:00am to 5:30pm. The examination will be held at the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital and The Prince Charles Hospital.

Exam assistants play a pivotal part in the smooth running of this event. This is an excellent opportunity for future candidates to improve their chances of success by seeing the examination process in action. A training webinar will be conducted on Friday afternoon, 9 September 2016 at 3:00pm. Your help will be very much appreciated by the College and your colleagues who will be sitting these examinations.

If you are interested, please contact the Exams Department at clinical@ranzcp.org

September 2016 OSCE Examination

Candidates undertaking the September 2016 OSCE are not to bring their travel luggage with them to the examination site. One small handbag/document satchel only will be accepted for storage by examination staff, and personal belongings should be kept to a minimum. Please note that local security protocols will prohibit any baggage being left unattended.

Whilst the College aims to start the examination on time, there are instances where it can be delayed. For candidates who are travelling / flying, we ask that they **do not** book flights immediately following the examination. We highly recommend that you book a flight at least 2.5 to 3 hours after the scheduled conclusion of the examination.

The College regrets any inconvenience these arrangements may cause, but thanks candidates in advance for their cooperation. Please contact the exams department at clinicals@ranzcp.org if you have any further questions.

Candidates are reminded that should their performance be seriously affected by illness, injury or other personal circumstances, they should consider withdrawing from the examination.

OSCE Examination Attire

The Committee for Examinations recommends that candidates presenting at the examinations, wear comfortable modest clothing and footwear but still be professionally presented. Candidate attire should not restrict movement and their attire should allow them to move swiftly and freely across stations as well as within a station.

Committee for Examination correspondence

All written examination queries from trainees, SIMGs and supervisors should be directed to the Committee for Examinations, care of the Examination Secretariat. Correspondence should be emailed as follows:

- MCQ and Essay-style examination writtens@ranzcp.org
- Psychotherapy Written Case cases@ranzcp.org
- Scholarly Project scholarly@ranzcp.org
- OSCE clinicals@ranzcp.org

CBFP

New Stage 3 EPAs approved

Two new Stage 3 EPAs have been approved by the Education Committee. They are

- (Medical education) ST3-EDU-FELL-EPA4: Training to become an effective and competent supervisor.
- (Medical education) ST3-EDU-AOP-EPA6: Planning a course, workshop or learning session.

The new EPAs can be found on the [EPA forms](#) page of the website.

Which Stage 3 EPAs can trainees do?

Stage 3 trainees are reminded that there is no such thing as a 'General' rotation as there was in the previous 2003 Training Program. Trainees pursuing the 'Generalist' pathway (as opposed to a Certificate pathway) are placed in rotations which are designated as one of the specific areas of practice (AOP) e.g. Adult, Addiction, Forensic etc.

All trainees may attain **any** FELL (Fellowship) EPAs in **any** rotation whereas AOP (area of practice) EPAs can be attained in the relevant area of practice only. For example, trainees can attain the adult psychiatry EPA, *ST3-AP-AOP-EPA4: Recovery and rehabilitation*, in adult psychiatry rotations **only** but can attain the medical education EPAs, *ST3-EDU-FELL-EPA1: Small and large group teaching* and *ST3-EDU-FELL-EPA3: Assist learning through receiving and providing feedback* in **any** rotation.

EPAs cannot be repeated

Trainees are advised EPAs can only be entrusted once; an EPA cannot be repeated after it has been attained.

2003 Psychological Methods Case History resubmission countdown: 2 to go

Trainees who have submitted and were not successful in the 2003 Psychological Methods Case History before transitioning are able to **resubmit** the Psychological Methods Case History under the 2003 Regulations throughout 2016 (after transition has taken place).

Please remember that there are only two resubmission dates left for the 2003 Psychological Methods Case History. They are the **19 August 2016** and **18 November 2016**.

Trainees who are eligible to re-submit and do not PASS the 2003 Psychological Methods Case by the 18 November 2016 submission are required to successfully complete the 2012 Psychotherapy Written Case. A **PASS** of the 2003 Psychological Methods Case will result in gaining exemption from the 2012 Psychotherapy Written Case.

For any queries regarding transition, please contact transition@ranzcp.org. For any queries regarding the 2003 Psychological Methods Case History or the 2012 Psychotherapy Written Case please contact cases@ranzcp.org.

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Reminder: Updated Advanced Training Selection Notification (ATSN) and Dual Certificate of Advanced Training Selection Notification (DCATSN) now available

Trainees and Fellows completing a Certificate of Advanced Training or Dual Certificate of Advanced Training in any of the subspecialties are required to submit an ATSN or DCATSN to the College prior to commencement of training. The forms can be found on the [Certificates of Advanced Training](#) web page. These forms are fillable PDFs and users are able to complete them onscreen. Previous versions of the forms will no longer be accepted by the College.

Reminder: New entry requirements for Certificates are now in effect from rotation two, 2016

Please be aware that in order to be eligible to enter any of the seven Certificates of Advanced Training, trainees must fulfil the following requirements from rotation two 2016:

- eligible to enter Stage 3 of the 2012 Fellowship Program
- passed the MCQ exam
- participated in an interview with the relevant Director of Advanced Training (DOAT) or their delegate
- been formally selected to the Certificate of Advanced Training.

In addition to the above selection criteria, in order to be eligible for selection into the Certificate of Advanced Training in Forensic Psychiatry, trainees must have also have passed one other written assessment (e.g. Essay-Style exam, Psychotherapy Written Case, or Scholarly Project).

In addition to the above selection criteria, in order to be eligible for selection into the Certificate of Advanced Training in the Psychotherapies, trainees must have also passed the Psychotherapy Written Case.

CPD

The RANZCP CPD Online is available for all Trainees to use. It was developed in partnership with The Royal College of Psychiatrists and provides College members with interactive learning modules covering a range of topics relevant to the practice of psychiatry.

- Learning modules are all peer-reviewed and provide a dynamic and rich information source to improve your knowledge, help you acquire new skills quickly, and enable you to keep up to date with new research and best practice in psychiatry.
- Each module consists of 30 to 90 minutes worth of educational experience and interactive activities and tests are incorporated to engage users
- Completion of modules can count towards RANZCP CPD claim
- Currently there are over 165 learning modules and over 100 podcasts on CPD Online

Some of the latest modules and podcasts are:

- Metabolic syndrome and schizophrenia by [Dr Arijit Bose](#) and [Dr Sepehr Hafizi](#)
- Rapid tranquillisation in children and adolescents by [Dr Jose Mediavilla](#), [Dr Paul Tiffin](#) and [Dr Melanie Willetts](#)
- The mental health needs of refugees presented by [Dr Raj Persaud](#)
- C.G. Jung's approach to life and psychotherapy presented by Dr Raj Persaud

[Access the module via RANZCP's CPD online](#) [member log-in required].

Should you wish to provide any feedback about CPD modules, feel free to email cpd@ranzcp.org.

Trainee Representative Committee

Incoming Chair of TRC, Jan-Paul Kwasik

The Trainee Representative Committee (TRC) held its first face-to-face meeting for the year in June at College headquarters Melbourne. This was an opportunity to bring together the incoming, outgoing and continuing members of the bi-national TRC to set the agenda for the coming twelve months.

The new Committee was introduced in last month's newsletter and can be found on the [TRC page](#) of the College website. On behalf of the TRC, new and old, I would like to thank the outgoing members for all their efforts over the last year or more. David Ward (NSW), as TRC Chair, has been particularly

instrumental, demonstrating his robust leadership and tenacious dedication to trainee representation which has seen the professionalism and impact of the committee within the College continue to improve. Thank you David, for all your work and for continuing on as Immediate Past Chair. Similarly, Andrew Hill has provided several years of service to the TRC and trainees across New Zealand and Australia and we wish him well as he moves on to bigger and better things. There are several outgoing TRC representatives and I have enjoyed working with all of them in one way or another - their contributions to trainee representation must be acknowledged; Rodney Blanch (ACT), Dan Brass (VIC), Bonita Lloyd (SA), Karen McDonnell (NZ), Sarah Matthews (WA), and Lauren Taylor (NSW). The Chair and Committee shoes are big ones to fill, however I am excited for the year ahead as we have some very talented and enthusiastic registrars taking up the challenge.

With the formalities of elections and portfolio allocations out of the way, the Committee can now get down to the business of improving the trainee experience. This will be a year of stability and consolidation as we continue to work on a number of strategic priorities including;

- trainee health, welfare and safety,
- increased involvement of trainees in the accreditation of local training programs,
- voting rights for trainees and an increased engagement in decision making within the College,
- an increased trainee presence at our annual Congress,
- an audit of the bi-national Formal Education Programs, and
- improvements to assessment in the 2012 Competency-Based Fellowship Program.

At the June face-to-face meeting, several productive sessions were held with guests from senior College leadership. Dr Margaret Aimer, Chair of Education Committee and RANZCP Board Member, joined us for a discussion about the CBFP and we look forward to working with Dr Aimer and her colleagues to improve trainees understanding of their training trajectory and ironing out some aspects of assessment. Prof. David Castle, Chair of the Membership Engagement Committee, who continues to be a great supporter of trainees, met with us to discuss ways in which trainee representatives can become more active in College decision making processes and renewed the College's commitment to improving trainee activities at our annual Congress. The TRC also met with Callie Kalimniou, Manager of Legal Services, Anita Hill, Project Manager of the Specialist Training Programme, and Catherine Hunt, College Webmaster. The TRC is always heartened by the enthusiasm of College leadership and staff in listening to trainees concerns and being involved in the solutions.

The TRC responds to issues that we can see within the training program through our roles on various College subcommittees. We also have a responsibility to address issues that are important to you as trainees so we need to hear from you in order to serve you better. Your local representative can be contacted via the [TRC website](#).

We also hope to improve the way the TRC, and the College as a whole, communicates with trainees, and in-turn improve and increase the flow of communication from trainees to the TRC. Our aim is to become more visible and accessible to trainees, so keep an eye out and ear to the ground for the TRC in the coming months.

Let's make trainees great again!

Jan-Paul Kwasiak
Chair, RANZCP Trainee Representative Committee
and Remote Registrar for Cape York & Torres Strait Islands

CONFERENCES

Section of Electroconvulsive Therapy and Neurostimulation Conference 2016

[Secure your place now](#) for the Section of Electroconvulsive Therapy and Neurostimulation Conference 2016, taking place at the Crowne Plaza Hunter Valley from Friday 26 August to Sunday 28 August 2016.

A special conference dinner will be held on the Saturday night at the Crowne Plaza. A certain highlight of the evening will be a mental health Trivia Pursuit on pop culture, led by Dr Shane Gill. The quiz promises to be fun and relaxed, with questions set at all levels of difficulty. One- and two-day registrations are available, which include the conference welcome reception and dinner. Accommodation is available at the Crowne Plaza – [click here](#) to book your accommodation now. The Hunter Valley also features a wide range of other accommodation options which delegates may choose to book directly.

Visit the [conference website](#) now to view the [program](#) and to [register](#) your attendance today. A special trainee rate is available for RANZCP trainees.

Conference Program

A diverse and stimulating program has been developed and we are delighted to have as our keynote speaker Dr. Jeff Daskalakis, who will speak on “Novel Brain Stimulation Techniques” and “Transcranial Direct Current Stimulation (tDCS)”.

Dr Daskalakis is a Professor of Psychiatry, Chief of the CAMH Mood and Anxiety Division and Temerty Chair in Therapeutic Brain Intervention. The Temerty centre uses brain stimulation to treat severe mental illness (e.g., depression, schizophrenia and obsessive compulsive disorder) and also studies important brain mechanisms such as plasticity to understand how these treatments work.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Dr Alan Weiss
Conference Convenor

Faculty of Psychotherapy Conference 2016

With the theme of ‘**A fine balance: Maintaining a balance between despair and hope in psychiatric organisations**’, the conference will be held from Friday 2 September to Sunday 4 September 2016, at the Crowne Plaza Coogee Beach in Sydney.

The Organising Committee is pleased to announce that a special Trainee Breakfast will be held on the Saturday morning.

Early bird [registrations](#) are also now open.

The conference dinner will be held on Saturday evening at L’Aqua Restaurant, Darling Harbour. A certain highlight of the evening will be a Psychiatric Trivial Pursuit, hosted by Dr Jeffrey Streimer, as well as a live jazz trio.

Visit the [conference website](#) now to view the [program](#) and to [register](#) your attendance today. A special trainee rate is available for RANZCP trainees.

Conference Program

A diverse and stimulating [program](#) has been developed and we are delighted to have Dr Anton Obholzer as our international keynote speaker. Dr Obholzer will speak on “*The role of psychiatrists*,”

and of other health works in society” and “Cigarette pack warning – doing this job could seriously damage your health”, as well as host a workshop on Saturday morning.

Dr Obholzer is a Fellow of the Royal College of Psychiatrists, honorary senior clinician at the Tavistock Clinic, a member of the British Psychoanalytic Society and chairman of the Tavistock Institute of Medical Psychology, and in addition to a conference keynote he will also run a workshop for delegates. He will be joined by additional invited speakers; Dr Jenny Randles, Dr Nick O'Connor and Dr Paul Foulkes.

Call for Abstracts are now open. For more information, please visit the conference [website](#). Abstracts close on **Thursday 30 June 2016**.

Early bird [registrations](#) close on **Friday 22 July 2016**.

For more information, please see the [conference brochure](#) or visit the conference [website](#).

We look forward to seeing you there.

Ilana Nayman, **Conference Convenor**
Loyola Maclean, **Conference Co-convenor**

Faculty of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Conference 2016

Save the Date

The [RANZCP Faculty of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Conference](#) 2016 is taking place in Hobart, Tasmania from Friday 30 September to Monday 3 October 2016 at The Hobart Function and Conference Centre.

The conference will welcome [keynote speakers](#), Dr Rachael Bryant-Waugh (UK), Professor David Coghill (UK), Professor Louise Newman (VIC), Professor Professor Tuula Tamminen (Finland) A diverse and stimulating academic program will be complemented by a range of half-day pre-conference workshops and a memorable social program.

Registrations will be open shortly and a special trainee rate will be available for RANZCP trainees. Please visit the [conference website](#) to [register your interest](#) today.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Dr Fiona Wagg
Convenor, FCAP 2016

RANZCP 2016 New Zealand Conference, 12–14 October 2016

The Organising Committee is pleased to announce Associate Professor Sue Luty will be running a pre-conference Interpersonal Psychotherapy [workshop](#) on 11 October.

In the ensuing days delegates will hear from international keynote [speakers](#) as well as New Zealand invited speakers.

Keynote speakers Professors Gin Malhi and Jon Jureidini are both from Australia. Professor Malhi is Editor of the Australian and New Zealand Journal of Psychiatry and was Chair of the Mood Disorders Committee which authored the newly published College Guidelines on Treatment of Mood Disorders. Professor Jureidini recently published a controversial new analysis of Study 329 and will speak on issues raised by this and other pharmaceutical trials.

The 2016 RANZCP Travelling Professor is Professor Lars Kessing from Denmark. Dr Kessing's scientific contributions are within clinical, epidemiological including register-based, genetic and neurobiological research in bipolar and unipolar affective disorders.

Visit the conference website for further information on [submitting an abstract](#), [registration](#), [scientific program](#), [accommodation options](#) and [social program](#).

RANZCP Faculty of Psychiatry of Old Age Conference 2016

The RANZCP Faculty of Psychiatry of Old Age Conference 2016 will be held from 3 to 5 November 2016 at Rydges Melbourne in Victoria.

[Registrations](#) are now open and a discounted rate is available for RANZCP trainees. There will also be an Advanced Trainee Day held on Saturday morning - more details will be available on the [conference website](#) once the program has been finalised.

We are delighted to have Professor Craig Ritchie as our international keynote speaker who will speak on *"The prevention of Alzheimer's Dementia: How, where and when?"*. Professor Ritchie is Professor of the Psychiatry of Ageing at the University of Edinburgh, having moved from his role as Senior Lecturer in the Centre for Mental Health at Imperial College London in October 2014. He is also the Director of the Centre for Dementia Prevention at the University of Edinburgh, as well as Associate Director of the Wellcome Trust Clinical Research Facility in Edinburgh.

Professor Ritchie is a world-leading authority on Clinical Trials in Dementia and has been senior investigator on over 30 drug trials of both disease modifying and symptomatic agents for that condition. This emerged from his ongoing clinical leadership of the MPAC (Metal Protein Attenuating Compound) pipeline for Prana Biotechnology dating back to 1998 when he worked for just over 3 years as a Senior Visiting Research Fellow at the Mental Health Research Institute in Victoria, Australia. He has sat on advisory boards of numerous pharmaceutical companies, biotechnology companies and clinical research organizations with an interest in developing drugs and trials infrastructure for Alzheimer's disease.

To [register](#) or for more information, please visit the [conference website](#). We look forward to seeing you there.

Dr Stephen Macfarlane
Conference Convenor

Resources

New mental health and supported decision making web resource

An [online educational resource](#) has been launched as part of a joint Monash University and University of Melbourne research project, *'Options for Supported Decision Making to Enhance the Recovery of People with Severe Mental Health Problems'*.

The resource documents the experiences of people diagnosed with severe mental health problems, and of their carers and family, relating to diagnosis, medication, hospitalisation, experiences with health professionals, discrimination and personal recovery.

It features their views on how they could best be supported by health professionals in making informed decisions about treatments and other aspects of their lives.

The Victorian Mental Health Act 2014 introduced a supported decision making framework, to enable people with mental illness, who are receiving compulsory treatment and care, to make or participate in decisions about their assessment, treatment and recovery.

The College has been contracted by the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services to develop training and resources for psychiatrists to support them to implement the new aspects of the Act within their clinical practice and an Enabling Supported Decision Making Subcommittee has been established to support, guide and assist the College with this work. Please contact Paul Carter, Project Officer, Enabling Supported Decision Making on paul.carter@ranzcp.org or 03 9601 4978 for more information.

International Medical Symposium (IMS) 2016: Future Challenges for the Medical Profession

The RANZCP participated in the organisation and delivery of IMS 2016 in March 2016 which explored the future of the medical profession, specifically in the areas of:

- Future roles and responsibilities for doctors: who is the doctor of the future?
- Doctors and performance at work.
- Diversity in the profession and medical practice.
- How ageing affects physicians and their patients.

Please find videos of all the symposium sessions on the College website:

<https://www.ranzcp.org/Publications/Presentations/International-Medical-Symposium-2016.aspx>

GRANTS

RANZCP Research Awards – New Investigator Grants

The 2016 New Investigator Grant application process is now open. RANZCP encourages research as an important activity for psychiatric training and believes that knowledge of research theory and methods is essential for the practice of clinical psychiatry.

The New Investigator Grant program provide grants of up to A\$6000 to facilitate research projects and is open to trainees.

The deadline for applications is **5.00 pm Monday 18 July 2016**. Application forms and guidance notes are available on the Research grants section of the RANZCP website.

The NIG forms part of the RANZCP's Research and Education Foundation (REF). The REF was established to support the research and educational endeavours of RANZCP Fellows, trainees and Affiliate members in the area of mental health.

For further information, or to submit an application, please contact research@ranzcp.org

Block Family Memorial Grant in Perinatal and Infant Psychiatry 2016

Grant applications are now invited from trainees and Fellows (within five years of Fellowship) interested in further training focusing on perinatal and infant psychiatry research in Australia and New Zealand.

Grants of up to A\$3000 are available to undertake research-based courses with a focus on perinatal and infant health that are relevant to psychiatry, with the general expectation that the course will be run through a university or other appropriate research setting. Online courses may also be suitable.

Applications close at **5 pm (AEST) on Monday 18 July 2016**. Application forms and guidance notes are available on the Research grants section of the RANZCP website

For more information and details on how to apply please click here. For further enquiries please email: research@ranzcp.org

2016 MIGA Doctors in Training (DIT) Grants Program - "Supporting skills development amongst doctors in training"

The MIGA DIT Grants Program is now in its ninth year and in 2016 we are pleased to again offer funding to assist doctors in training pursue specialist training opportunities in Australia and abroad.

Since its establishment in 2008, the Program has continued to grow in popularity with doctors across Australia and we are always encouraged to see the dedication they show towards expanding their skill sets. Whilst we congratulate these doctors on their additional training, it is the future flow on benefits to the community and the profession arising from their newly acquired skills that really excites us.

The continuing theme of the MIGA DIT Grants Program is *"Supporting skills development amongst doctors in training"*, and through the Program we aim to:

- Promote the development of medical expertise amongst doctors practising in Australia
- Assist the proliferation of enhanced clinical skills across Australia to improve the standard of care available for patients
- Ease the financial burden on doctors seeking to undertake additional training.

This year MIGA is offering **four individual DIT Grants of \$5,000 each** to assist in covering the costs incurred by the doctor in funding their training opportunity. This may include Program fees, travel, accommodation and other expenses.

The DIT Grants Program is open to doctors in training who are in their 1st to 5th postgraduate year, or who are enrolled in an accredited training program or have completed their accredited training program within the last two years. Where applicable, the intended training must be beyond the scope of training prescribed through their College or Society.

Examples of training opportunities eligible for Grants include:

- Post graduate study
- Specialised fellowships
- Placements with volunteer organisations (e.g. Medecins Sans Frontieres)
- Indigenous community placements
- Research in a specific area of medicine
- Other advanced training outside of an accredited College or Society training program.

Key dates for the 2016 MIGA DIT Grants Program

Applications Opened: Monday, 2 May 2016
Applications Close: 5.00pm (CDT) Friday, 4 November 2016
Recipients Notified: By mid-December 2016



Educational grants available for Rural Trainees

Grants of up to \$2000 are available to RANZCP trainees who show a commitment to training in rural Australia.

www.ranzcp.org/ruralgrant2016



Are you a Rural Trainee and need some support to attend educational events in 2016 including:

- lectures
- coaching for exam preparation
- workshops
- RANZCP conferences

Apply now! Applications are open now and will be available up to 31 October 2016 with activities to be completed by 31 December 2016.

To apply and find out more, visit www.ranzcp.org/ruralgrant2016 or email ruralprojectSTP@ranzcp.org.

All RANZCP trainees based in RA2-RA5 are eligible to apply. Applications are assessed by a Panel of College Fellows from the Rural Working Party. All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their grant application after Panel review. The College reserves the right to close the Grant applications at any time should allocated funds be expended.



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The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists has received Australian Government funding under the Specialist Training Program for this grant initiative.