Planning Your Scholarly Project

Start early in your training to ensure your project can be completed in a timely fashion. Allow ample time to plan and implement.

See the Scholarly Project Procedure document for the full details of these steps.

Select a Supervisor
Find a principal or co-supervisor with appropriate expertise in the area of study you are considering. Principal supervisor must be RANZCP accredited.

Select a Topic
Base topic choice on your own interests, relevant to psychiatry. Must be original work.

Choose Appropriate Project Option
Consult with your supervisor to choose the most appropriate project option for your chosen topic:

- Quality assurance or clinical audit
- Systematic and critical literature review
- Original and empirical research (qualitative or quantitative)
- A case series
- An equivalent other project.

Consider if Local Ethics Committee approval is required
It is not necessary to wait for the ethics committee approval in order to submit the proposal to Branch Training Committee (BTC). The BTC may conditionally approve a scholarly project proposal pending ethics committee approval.

Submit a Scholarly Project Proposal to your BTC
Use the appropriate form for your project format. These forms can be found on the College website – Scholarly Project Forms and documents.

BTC Approval
It’s time to commence your project!

Changes to the Approved Proposal?
It is important that you notify the BTC of any changes to the proposal.