

Mitchell J Notaras Fellowship in Colorectal Surgery

Terms and Conditions June 2018

1. Background

- a. Established in 2003, following a generous donation by Dr Mitchell J Notaras, a colorectal surgeon and graduate of the University, this Fellowship supports clinical training in colorectal surgery and colorectal research in Australia and overseas.
- b. This Fellowship is awarded by the University of Sydney in cooperation with the Australia and New Zealand Training Board in Colon and Rectal Surgery (ANZTBCRS).

2. Eligibility

- a. Applicants must have been accepted into the provisional or post fellowship colorectal training program of the ANZTBCRS.
- b. Applicants must be currently enrolled or have an unconditional offer of admission in an appropriate postgraduate coursework or research degree in the Faculty of Medicine and Health at the University of Sydney.
- c. Applicants must demonstrate an interest in colorectal research and a future direction in academic colorectal surgery as well as a desire to obtain further training overseas.

3. Selection Criteria

- a. The Fellowship will be awarded on the basis of:
 - I. academic merit,
 - II. acceptance into the post fellowship colorectal training program of the ANZTBCRS, and
 - III. research, training and career interests.
- b. The University of Sydney Notaras committee will convene firstly with applicants supplied by the ANZTBCRS and then supply the ANZTBCRS with a ranked shortlist of applicants recommended as suitable for the Notaras Fellowship.
- c. Applicants may be required to attend an interview.
- d. The Fellowship will be awarded by a selection committee convened by the Head of the Surgical Outcomes Research Centre and agreed to by the Executive Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Health or a nominee.

4. Value

- a. The Fellowship is for three years and will be under the supervision of the Surgical Outcomes Research Centre (SOuRCE). It can be performed in any order as agreed by the Head of SOuRCE and will consist of the following benefits:
 - I. Year one: a stipend of \$50,000 for the first year of the Fellowship, paid in two equal instalments after the census date of each semester, and a contribution of \$20,000 (one-

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off lump sum payment) will be made to the Surgical Outcomes Research Centre (SouRCe) to support the research of the recipient.

- II. Year two: the recipient will be appointed to a position at and funded by the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital as a Training Board clinical fellow.
 - III. Year three: the recipient will spend the year in an internationally recognised academic colorectal surgical unit in a position funded by the surgical unit involved. This Fellowship will provide a travel grant of \$10,000 to the recipient and a contribution of \$25,000 (one-off lump sum payment) will be made to the international unit to support the research of the recipient.
 - IV. Applicants will be eligible to be considered as the Notaras Fellow upon completion of the Fellowship.
- b. Deferral of the Fellowship is not permitted without the prior permission of the University of Sydney and the ANZTBCRS.
 - c. The Fellowship is not transferable to another University of Sydney school or faculty, or another university.
 - d. The Fellowship will be offered subject to the availability of funds.
 - e. No other amount is payable.

5. Ongoing eligibility

Progression is subject to passing the annual progress review (research degree) or maintaining a minimum Weighted Average Mark (WAM) of 65 each semester (coursework degree).

6. Termination

- a. The Fellowship will be terminated if the recipient:
 - I. withdraws from an eligible course or fails to enrol,
 - II. commences part-time study without prior approval,
 - III. does not maintain satisfactory academic performance,
 - IV. is determined by the University to be guilty of serious misconduct, including, but not limited to, having provided false or misleading information as part of their Fellowship application,
 - V. is awarded an alternative primary scholarship/fellowship. In such circumstances this Fellowship will be terminated in favour of the alternative scholarship/fellowship where the alternative is of higher value,
 - VI. does not resume study at the end of a period of approved leave, or
 - VII. any other provision as indicated in these terms that would lead to termination.
- b. Once the Fellowship has been terminated, it will not be reinstated.

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- c. Where a student is found guilty of serious misconduct or withdraws from the relevant course, the University reserves the right to request that any Fellowship funds paid to the Fellowship recipient be reimbursed.

7. Acknowledgement

- a. All publications arising from the research while receiving this Fellowship must acknowledge the University of Sydney and the Mitchell J Notaras Fellowship in Colorectal Surgery.

Approval

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Awarding: Mitchell J Notaras Fellowship in Colorectal Surgery

Name: Professor Alan Pettigrew
Title: Acting Executive Dean
Faculty of Medicine and Health

Date: _____