

Medtronic Educational Grants for CSSANZ Members

Members are encouraged to apply for funding for educational and training initiatives via the CSSANZ Medtronic **Educational** Grants. Details of available grants are set out below.

CSSANZ/Medtronic Visiting Colorectal Surgeon Program

CSSANZ Members can apply for their city to receive a CSSANZ/Medtronic Visiting Surgeon. All cities in Australia and New Zealand with two or more CSSANZ members are eligible to host a Visiting Surgeon.

The application process will include the name of the preferred Visiting Surgeon and the reason(s) why a visit from this surgeon would be beneficial to their city from a training and education point of view. The visitor can be any surgeon, with preference to be given to colorectal surgeons who are members of CSSANZ.

Applications will be assessed based on the following criteria:

1. Quality of the application as judged by the nomination form, including the draft Visiting Surgeon's agenda.
2. Perceived quality of the education and training activities planned, including the teaching and training expertise of the Visiting Surgeon.
3. The number of CSSANZ members and training fellows who will attend or be involved in the Visiting Surgeon's activities.
4. The time since previous colorectal educational opportunities in the region, i.e. preference may be given to cities that have not had conferences, such as the ASC or the Spring Colorectal Continuing Education Meeting, or a previous CSSANZ/Medtronic Visiting Surgeon in the recent past.

As part of the application process, there will be a nominated CSSANZ member who will act as the local organiser for the visit.

It is intended that the CSSANZ/Medtronic Visiting Surgeon would come to the host city for at least two days. The format of the visit would be at the discretion of the local organiser and the Visiting Surgeon, but there would be an expectation that the Visiting Surgeon would visit a number of colorectal units within that city. During this time, the Visiting Surgeon can be involved in a range of educational activities to suit the location but may include ward rounds, mortality and morbidity meetings, operating sessions, tutorials, lectures and informal discussions. There should be at least one half day reserved for the Visiting Colorectal Surgeon to spend with the ANZTBCRS trainees to participate in an educational activity appropriate for the location and the Visiting Surgeon's expertise. This may include lectures, review of research activity, video demonstrations, simulator or laboratory operating etc.

During the evening, a dinner could be held with the Visiting Colorectal Surgeon as the special guest. Medtronic representatives would have exclusive rights of attendance to mix with surgeons and trainees.

The organiser is required to send a report within three months of the completion of the visit.

The Visiting Surgeon would be reimbursed for travel, accommodation and living expenses as per the Medtronic guidelines.

CSSANZ/Medtronic Members' Education Fund

Many surgeons have the desire to further their professional development by spending time with colleagues interstate or abroad. This may be with the purpose to learn or develop a new surgical skill or conduct research that cannot be done locally. It may even be to develop expertise in a non-surgical colorectal area.

CSSANZ and Medtronic have created a fund that can be accessed by CSSANZ Members each year for educational purposes involving travel to interstate or overseas centres. Depending on the length of the visit, up to a maximum of \$10,000 may be granted. The maximum allowance for the airline component of this grant is \$5,000 for travel to USA or Europe, and \$2,500 for travel to Asia.

Priority will be given to proposals that demonstrate a focus on the acquisition of knowledge that will be directly transferred to patient care in colorectal surgery.

Each application will be assessed on its merits, giving priority to overseas visits that are most likely to bring back to Australia and New Zealand new operative techniques or clinical management concepts that may otherwise take much longer to reach Australia and New Zealand. For commercial reasons, applications to attend robotic training courses will not be considered.

Preference will be given to members presenting original research at such meetings.

Other criteria for assessment of applications are as follows:

1. Quality of the application and proposed agenda as assessed by the application form and the covering letter.
2. Perceived educational value to the individual surgeon of the proposed visit, as described above.
3. Perceived value of the experience to Australian and New Zealand colorectal surgery in general, particularly if a new operative or non-operative technique or concept is to be learned.
4. Priority will be given to CSSANZ members who have not previously used funds from this project.

Recipients of this fund are required to submit a report within three months of the completion of the educational visit.

CSSANZ/Medtronic Workshop Fund

Funding will be available for CSSANZ Members who wish to run hands-on intensive educational colorectal workshops.

Members wishing to apply for such funding should submit a detailed proposal of the course topic, outline and budget six months prior to the proposed course. The application will be assessed based on the perceived need for such a workshop, its value to the colorectal surgical community and the presence of alternative workshop / course availability.

The intention of this grant is not to support a profit from the workshop. If attendees are to be charged a registration fee then this would need to offset the overall cost of the workshop. Medtronic should be the primary, preferably sole, sponsor.

Recipients of this Workshop fund are required to submit a report within three months of the workshop being held.

CSSANZ/Medtronic Travel Fellowship

Travel fellowships of up to \$5,000 AUD will be available for ANZTBRCRS Fellows who have had papers accepted at an international meeting. This will include a podium presentation or a non-podium presentation, and these should include acknowledgement of support from the CSSANZ/Medtronic Educational Grants.

The Travel Fellowship will be considered for meetings held by:

- The Association of Coloproctology of Great Britain and Ireland (ACPGBI)
- ASCRS American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons (ASRCS)
- ESCP European Society of Coloproctology (ESCP)
- Other international meetings approved at the discretion of the CSSANZ/Medtronic Programs Committee

Travel fellowships will be available in the following sums:

- \$1,000 AUD for fellows with a non-podium,
- \$3,000 AUD for a 'working' (ie clinical) fellow with a podium, and
- \$5,000 AUD for a research fellow with a podium.

To be considered for the fellowship applicants must be current or Exit fellows of the ANZTBRCRS Program at the time of the meeting. Applications from fellows who have been signed off within the last 12 months prior to the *date* of application will also be considered.

CSSANZ/Medtronic Funding of a named speaker at a CME Meeting

At each Spring Colorectal CME Meeting (hosted by CSSANZ and the Colon & Rectal Surgery Section, RACS), one speaker will be funded as the CSSANZ Medtronic Speaker.

There is no separate application process for these funds. All speakers at the CME meeting will be considered, and are selected by the Conference Organising Committee, with confirmation from the CSSANZ President. Medtronic is a sponsor of the invitation, but is not involved in the selection process.

The chosen speaker will receive funds of up to \$20,000 AUD to cover expenses such as airfares, accommodation, etc.

Extract from the CSSANZ Medtronic contractual agreement:

Medtronic Guidelines

- 8.1 If the financial Grant is used:
- (a) to provide meals and hospitality for event attendees, the cost of the meal must be modest under local standards, subordinate in time and focus to the event and the following per person per day dollar limits apply:
Dinner: USD100
Other Meals: USD50
Maximum daily amount for dinner, other meals, drinks and snacks: USD150
 - (b) to pay for honoraria, travel, lodging and meals for speakers at events, such fees and expenses must be “reasonable” and relate directly to their attendance/services at the event (i.e., no sightseeing, side trips or personal expenditure);
 - (c) to offset registration fees (partially or totally), the choice of attendees to receive the benefit of the offset fees is at the sole discretion of the Organisation.
- 8.2 The Organisation will be responsible for the control and selection of the program content, faculty, educational method and materials.
- 8.3 The Grant may be used for modest meals and hospitality but not for entertainment or recreational events such as theatre, casinos, spas or sporting events.
- 8.4 The Grant must not be used to pay for the travel or other related expenses of spouses or guests of any attendees at an event who are not otherwise legitimately participating in the event.