

Dinning Memorial Neurosurgical Scholarship (DMNS) 2026

Application Guidelines

Purpose

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- to learn new surgical skills and techniques
- to an overseas laboratory to expand and collaborate on research work for 1-3 months
- to attend a skills course not available in ANZ
- up to \$20,000 available.

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Definitions

“DMNS” Dinning Memorial Neurosurgical Scholarship.

“NRF” Neurosurgical Research Foundation

Description Established 2021

The Dinning Memorial Neurosurgical Scholarship honours the life and neurosurgical contributions of Dr Trevor Dinning who was instrumental in establishing the Neurosurgical Research Foundation in 1963 and was Secretary 1963 – 1982 and President 1983 – 1993.

Eligibility criteria

To be eligible for the DMNS the applicant must be an accredited neurosurgical trainee in the RACS training programme or a recent graduate of that programme namely within 4 years of gaining the FRACS in neurosurgery. Some connection with South Australia is preferred but not essential.

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Projects that would not be suitable include attendance at an overseas meeting (unless it was linked to clinical or lab visit), capital expenditure on lab or clinical equipment, employment of research assistant.

Recipients will be required to provide a written report to the NRF within 3 months of the conclusion of their travel or project on the impact the DNS had and how it supported their training or research.

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Applicants will be required to provide a written statement (maximum 1,000 words) outlining:

- CV
- academic and clinical achievements
- the nature of the research (if the application is for a research project)
- **the nature of the meeting or clinical project**
- **how the scholarship will be spent, including a budget**
- how the scholarship will enhance the applicant's neurosurgical skills and knowledge.

In addition to providing a personal written statement, the applicant must provide the names of two referees.

The DMNS will be awarded on the basis of meeting the eligibility criteria, written statement and references.