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Academic Posts

1. Purpose

- 1.1 This policy sets out the circumstances under which registrars may apply for a funded Academic Post as part of the ACRRM Rural Generalist Fellowship Program.

2. Application and scope

- 2.1 The policy only applies to registrars with training places on the Australian General Practice Training (AGPT) program.

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- 3.1 Registrars are eligible to apply to undertake an Academic Post at any time throughout the ACRRM Rural Generalist Fellowship Program.
- 3.2 Academic Posts can be undertaken on a full-time or part-time basis in line with the College Training Time policy. Part-time training must be approved prospectively by the College.
- 3.3 Academic Posts can either be undertaken as a part of:
 - 3.3.1 Advanced Specialised Training (AST) in:
 - 3.3.1.1 Academic Practice
 - 3.3.1.2 Population Health
 - 3.3.1.3 Remote Medicine
 - 3.3.1.4 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health.
 - 3.3.2 Registrars will generally complete the six months full time employment (FTE) clinical training concurrently with the Academic Post, but the two components may be undertaken non-concurrently subject to prior approval from the College.
 - 3.3.3 Core Generalist Training.
- 3.4 Registrars must remain enrolled on the ACRRM Rural Generalist Fellowship Program for the duration of their Academic Post placement and must not Fellow prior to the completion of their Academic Post.

4. Responsibilities

- 4.1 Registrars are responsible for:
 - 4.1.1 Checking their eligibility to apply for an Academic Post.
 - 4.1.2 Completing and submitting the correct Academic Post application form by the advertised due date.
 - 4.1.3 Sourcing a suitable research supervisor in a university/academic institution.
 - 4.1.4 Ensuring that the application is supported by the proposed Academic Post supervisor.
 - 4.1.5 Attending support activities provided by the university and the College.
 - 4.1.6 Adhering to the College's policy and guide on undertaking an Academic Post.
 - 4.1.7 Completing and submitting all report requirements as advised by the College by the advertised due date.
- 4.2 The relevant university/academic institution is responsible for:
 - 4.2.1 Ensuring that the registrar is provided with an appropriate academic supervisor for the

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application process and if successful, throughout the duration of their Academic Post.

- 4.2.2. Ensuring that the registrar's academic supervisor supports the registrar through the application process and endorses the registrar's Academic Post application.
- 4.2.3. Negotiating a funding agreement for the successful registrar with the College.
- 4.2.4. Ensuring that the academic supervisor meets regularly with the registrar to monitor progress of research, allocate appropriate teaching tasks, provide guidance and feedback on research and teaching, and involve the registrar in daily departmental activities.
- 4.2.5. Reviewing and completing any reports the registrar is required to complete for the College to monitor their progress through the Academic Post.

4.3. The College is responsible for:

- 4.3.1. Conducting an annual application and review process and assisting potential academic registrars with their application.
- 4.3.2. Assessment of applications through an Assessment Panel which includes members with expertise in General Practice educational research and primary care
- 4.3.3. Administer the provision of Academic Post funding to universities/academic institutions.
- 4.3.4. Supporting each Academic Post registrar.
- 4.3.5. Facilitating support from Medical Educators for registrars in relation to their individual projects.
- 4.3.6. Ensuring that the registrar's Medical Educator supports the registrar through the application process.
- 4.3.7. Developing a funding agreement with the relevant university/academic institution.
- 4.3.8. Provision of funding to the relevant university/academic institution in accordance with the funding agreement
- 4.3.9. Ensuring that the Medical Educator supports the registrar through the duration of the Academic Post.

5. Related Documentation

[ACRRM Academic Posts Guide](#)
[ACRRM Fellowship Training Program Handbook](#)
[ACRRM Training Time policy](#)
[ACRRM Performance and Progression policy](#)

6. Document Control Management

6.1 Policy information

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6.2 Document History

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