

Award

Subject: **RCPA Foundation Roger Crouch Award for Ophthalmic Pathology Publication**
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1. Purpose

To encourage Trainees to undertake and publish original research in Ophthalmic Pathology.

The Award is named in honour of Dr Roger Crouch, an extraordinary pathologist and retired Fellow of the College, who taught generations of ophthalmology and pathology trainees. In addition to his rare and tireless dedication to diagnostic pathology, he was a uniquely talented, engaging, patient and effective teacher. Roger was always willing to learn from his students as he was to impart knowledge. This commitment to continuous learning resulted in teaching sessions of remarkable depth and originality. Of his many exceptional qualities, perhaps the one most valued by his students was his ability to inspire curiosity and wonder in the study of human pathology. It is in this spirit of encouraging constant enquiry that this award was established.

2. Funding source

Dr Svetlana Cherepanoff FRCPA through the RCPA Foundation Fund.

3. Value

One award of AUD \$1000.

4. Payments

One payment to be made to nominated bank account at time of award.

5. Applicant eligibility

- Anatomical Pathology Trainees in Australia; **or**
- Pathology Trainees at Fiji Medical School, Fiji National University; **or**
- Fellows of the RCPA of less than five years' standing

Preference will be given to Trainees.

The prize is limited to Australia and Fiji to foster excellence in training in ophthalmic pathology due to the involvement in these areas by the funding source.

Previously successful award recipients may apply for the same award in subsequent years on the condition that they declare (on their application form) that they have previously received this award.

6. Project eligibility

- An original paper on an aspect of ophthalmic pathology which has been published or accepted for publication in an indexed scientific journal with an impact factor.
- The applicant must
 - be the first author on the publication, *or*
 - enclose a statement from the senior author outlining the role of the applicant in preparing the publication.

- A copy of the published manuscript, or acceptance notification with date of inclusion, must be submitted for consideration for the prize.

7. Allowable expenses

Not applicable.

8. Excluded expenses

Not applicable.

9. Timeline

To apply for this award, the publication or acceptance notification must have been dated between 1 January to 31 December of the preceding year.

10. Method of application

Applications open 1 February each year.

Submission of a single document in electronic format (preferably PDF) by 30 June each year.

Submission document must include:

- Completed Application Form
- Copy of the manuscript and acceptance notification with date of inclusion.
- Statements of support from two Fellows of the College.

11. Co-applications for other Awards/Grants

An applicant may only apply to the RCPA Foundation for one award or grant per calendar year.

Concurrent applications to other funding sources are encouraged, and must be detailed in the application, and will not disadvantage an application to the RCPA Foundation.

12. Assessment and Decision

- Calibre of application as piece of original research
- Impact factor of publishing journal
- Relevance of the article to ophthalmic pathology
- Referee's reports on the potential of the applicant and the merit of the article

Applications are assessed by the RCPA Foundation Grants Committee, with co-opted expertise from Discipline Advisory Committees as required.

The Award is granted by the RCPA Foundation Board on the advice of the RCPA Foundation Grants Committee.

The RCPA Foundation reserves the right to not make an Award in a given year.

13. Notification

Applicants will be advised in writing of the outcome of their applications by 30 September in the year in which they applied.

14. Reporting

The applicant must provide a photo and brief non-technical summary of the article and benefits gained (300-500 words) to the RCPA Foundation within 3 months of publication for use in College promotional material, including social media.

15. Concessions

The RCPA Foundation Grants Committee may relax or modify these requirements in special circumstances or to avoid hardship to a candidate or recipient of an Award.

16. Suspension

The RCPA Foundation Board may at any time suspend or terminate an Award or require the forfeiture or refund of the Award as the Board may determine, if it is satisfied that the recipient has failed to comply with any of the terms and conditions under which the Award was granted.

17. Additional Funding

Not applicable

18. Citation and Acknowledgement

Not applicable