

## The Fred Stephens Fellowship in Colorectal Surgery

The Fred Stephens Fellowship in Colorectal Surgery has been established using the generous donation to the Macquarie University by the family of Professor Fred Stephens, a pioneer surgical oncologist in Sydney. The Fellowship will be awarded by the Macquarie University in cooperation with the Australia and New Zealand Training Board of Colon and Rectal Surgery (ANZTBCRS) to support clinical training in colorectal surgery both in Australasia and in international colorectal units as well as offering training in colorectal research. The Fellowship is offered under the following conditions:

1. The Fellowship is advertised **every two years** through the ANZTBCRS.
2. Applicants must have been accepted into the post fellowship ANZTBCRS Program and must indicate in the application for the training program whether they also wish to be considered for appointment as the Fred Stephens Fellow.
3. The Training Board submits a shortlist of ranked suitable applicants to a Macquarie University Fred Stephens Colorectal Fellowship Committee appointed by the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences. This Committee may award or not award the Fred Stephens Colorectal Fellowship with or without further interview.
4. 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.
5. Acceptance of the Fellowship is dependent on the applicant enrolling in Master of Research in the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences at the Macquarie University.
6. The Fellowship is tenable for three years. The sequence of years may be varied from Fellow to Fellow:

### Year 1

The Fred Stephens Fellow will spend the first year based at Concord Hospital Department of Colorectal Surgery and Department of Clinical Medicine at Macquarie University and be enrolled full-time in Master of Research in the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences at the Macquarie University. The Master of Research degree is normally a full-time 2 years program. However, Macquarie University may recognise the award of FRACS for the purpose of granting credit (equivalent to 1 year) towards the Master of Research degree. There is **no tuition fee** for the Master of Research in at Macquarie University as it is funded by the Australian Government under the research Training Program. Funding for Year 1 will be a **\$40,000** postgraduate scholarship paid to the Fred Stephens Fellow through the Macquarie University as a **tax-exempt stipend**.

### Year 2

In Year 2 the Fred Stephens Fellow will be appointed to a position at Concord Hospital as Training Board clinical fellow. This position is fully funded by Concord Hospital.

### Year 3

The Fred Stephens Fellow will spend Year 3 in an internationally recognised academic colorectal surgical unit\* in a position funded by the surgical unit involved. A **\$5,000 travel grant** will be paid to the Fred Stephens Fellow.

7. All publications arising from research conducted with the assistance of the Fred Stephens Colorectal Award must include suitable acknowledgement of Macquarie University and the Fred Stephens Fellowship in Colorectal Surgery.

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\*see ANZTBCRS Overseas Training Policy Document