

RCS England Elective Prize in Surgery and the PKK & SK Elective Fellowships

Terms and Conditions

We offer two types of award for medical students who are looking to pursue a career in surgery, and planning an overseas elective in surgery.

The **RCS England Elective Prizes** are awards of up to £500 for medical students planning to undertake an elective in surgery abroad during the academic year 2026/27. This award is made possible thanks to the kind donations of the Preiskel family.

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The **PKK & SK Elective Fellowships** are two awards of up to £1,000 each for medical students planning to undertake an elective in surgery in India, during the academic year 2026/27. These awards are made possible thanks to the kind donations of the PKK and SK family.

Awards are made competitively and may be used flexibly to support the award holder's elective, for the purpose described in their application form.

Eligibility

To be eligible to apply, you must:

- Be a UK based medical student affiliate member in good standing of the Royal College of Surgeons of England. Successful applicants must remain in good standing order with their membership fees throughout the tenure of the award.
- Be undertaking your elective attachment in surgery abroad during the 2026/27 academic year.
- Have the support of a consultant surgeon where the elective attachment will be undertaken, who can offer facilities and technical assistance for research in the appropriate field.
- Not have received elective funding from RCS England before.

Conditions for Award

- All elective grants are awarded on the understanding that you, your host centre and supervisor agree to accept the Terms and Conditions relating to the scheme and any amendments issued during the course of the award.
- Your project should be undertaken within the academic year of the award date.



- Your grant funding should only be used for the project detailed in the application form and identified on the award letter and may not be used for personal salaries.
- If there are any proposed changes to your project, supervisor (or wider circumstances) from the application you should notify us, at which point further guidance will be provided.
- You should advise us if you are awarded any additional funding to support the visit.
- You must remain in good standing order with your RCS England membership fees throughout the tenure of the award.
- You will be expected to provide a report for inclusion in our surgical research report at the end of your elective period.

Financial arrangements

Successful candidates should sign this document to accept the terms and conditions, giving details of the account to which the funds should be paid, to researchinvoices@rcseng.ac.uk. At the end of the award period, any unused funds should be returned to RCS England.

Change of Project

The funding has been awarded for the project outlined in the application form only.

Change of Circumstance

RCS England Research must be notified of any change of circumstance from those originally approved, at which point further advice will be provided.

Presentations and publications

The College's research award should be acknowledged at all presentations and in publications. The Royal College of Surgeons of England and the elective award must be acknowledged as the source of funds in any publication dealing with the work carried out during the tenure of an award. Publications and papers should be forwarded to the Research Department. The award holder may occasionally be asked to make presentations on behalf of the College.

Final Report

At the end of the year, award holders will be required to write a short report on the use they have made of the award together with photographs for inclusion in our surgical research report.