

Hand Surgery PFET Programme

Process for applicants

Read Hand Surgery PFET programme on website (www.ahssociety.org.au) including the summary of May 2014.

Applicants may apply for the programme at the end of SET Year 4 to enable appointment to the programme after completion of SET 5.

Failure to obtain FRACS during SET Year 5 precludes appointment to the formal PFET programme.

A minimum of 18 months of Post-Fellowship training is demanded, of which 12 months should be in Australia/New Zealand. Two years of training is preferred but allowances may be given for experience obtained in the parent orthopaedic or plastic surgery SET programme. Overseas training in positions approved by the AHSS Hand Surgery PFET Committee at the recommendation of the Training Centre Accreditation (TCA) Sub-committee may contribute to 6 or 12 months of the duration of the Hand Surgery PFET training programme. A designated supervisor must be prepared to oversee the training period and conduct routine assessments which are to be forwarded to the PFET Committee.

Applicant should specify a preferred programme detailing preferences 1, 2 and 3 – see “Programme positions” below. Please also note the list of available positions by year. All positions are not available every year as this is an 18-24 month programme.

Applications close February 5th each year.

· Applications will be assessed on a competitive basis with appointments announced at the end of March.

Send application form and enquiries to: AHSS secretariat (email: austhandsurgery@qldnet.com.au)

		Duration	Commence	Supervisor
A	St Vincents Melbourne	12 months	Jan /Feb or July/August	Anthony Berger
B	Princess Alexandra Brisbane	12 months	July/August	Mark Ross
C	Sydney Hospital / St Lukes, Sydney	12 months	Jan/Feb	Mark Nabarro
D	Royal North Shore Hospital, Sydney	12 months	Jan/Feb	Richard Lawson
E	Royal North Shore Hospital, Sydney	6 months	Jan/Feb	Richard Lawson
F	Royal North Shore Hospital, Sydney	6 months	July/August	Richard Lawson
G	Macquarie Hospital, Sydney	6 months	Jan/Feb	Graham Gumley
H	Macquarie Hospital, Sydney	6 months	July/August	Graham Gumley
I	Middlemore Hospital, Auckland, NZ	12 months	July/August	Karen Smith
J	Flinders Medical Centre, Adelaide	12 months	Jan/Feb	Phillip Griffin

- Applicants must specify the preferred programme, detailing three preferences.
For example 1: E + A + H (24 months)
 2: G + I + F (24 months)
 3: E + B + H (24 months)
The duration must be a minimum of 18 months, preferably 24 months.
A minimum of 12 months must be completed within Australian and New Zealand positions.
- Application for an 18 month programme must include evidence of substantial hand surgery training during the SET programme.
- Overseas positions will be considered for approval on application. Organisation of a position and provision of details which confirm that the centre fulfils the PFET programme criteria are the responsibility of the applicant.
- A designated supervisor must oversee the training and conduct assessments 3 monthly.

Availability of PFET positions

	Duration	Start Date
St Vincents	12 months	February
RNSH	12 months	February
RNSH	6 months	August
Brisbane	12 months	August
Macquarie	6 months	August
Middlemore	12 months	August
Flinders	6 or 12 months	February / August
Sydney/St Lukes	12 months	February

Availability of positions may alter