

# Hand Surgery PFET Programme

## Process for applicants

Read Hand Surgery PFET programme documents on the AHSS website ([www.ahssociety.org.au](http://www.ahssociety.org.au)).

Applicants may apply for the programme after completing SET 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 required, of which 12 months should be in an AHSS accredited post (see below). Two years of training is preferred but allowances may be given for experience obtained in the parent orthopaedic or plastic surgery SET programme. Overseas or other Australian 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 preference 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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: [admin@austhandsurgery.com.au](mailto:admin@austhandsurgery.com.au)

## Programme Positions

		Duration	Commence	Supervisor
A	St Vincent's Hospital, Melbourne	12 months	February	Anthony Berger
B	Princess Alexandra Brisbane	12 months	August	Mark Ross
C	Sydney Hospital / St Lukes, Sydney	12 months	February	Mark Nabarro
D	Royal North Shore Hospital, Sydney	12 months	February	Richard Lawson
E	Royal North Shore Hospital, Sydney	6 months	February or August	Richard Lawson
F	Macquarie Hospital, Sydney	6 months	February or August	Graham Gumley
G	Middlemore Hospital, Auckland, NZ	12 months	August	Karen Smith
H	Flinders Medical Centre, Adelaide	12 months	February	Phillip Griffin
I	Gold Coast University Hospital	6 months	January or August	Randy Bindra
J	Jeff Ecker Hand/Wrist, Perth	6 months		Jeff Ecker

- Applicants must specify the preferred programme, detailing three preferences.  
For example, 1: E + A + I (24 months)  
2: G + I + F (24 months)  
3: E + B + J (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.