

# Developing a Career and skills in Academic Surgery (DCAS) Course

Monday 2 May 2022  
Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre

6:15am	Registrations Open and Light Breakfast
7:15am - 7:30am	Welcome and Introduction
7:30am - 9:10am	<p><b>Session 1: A Career in Academic Surgery</b></p> <p>Why every surgeon can and should be an academic surgeon <i>Christobel Saunders</i></p> <p>Where do good ideas and research questions come from and where do I begin? <i>Hari Nathan</i></p> <p>A productive mentor and mentee relationship - What's needed? <i>Callissia Clarke</i></p> <p>How to supervise a surgical higher degree and get it done on time <i>Marc Gladman</i></p> <p>Panel Discussion</p>
9:10am - 9:30am	Morning Tea with Faculty
9:30am - 10:30am	<p><b>Session 2: New Directions and Challenges in Surgical Academia</b></p> <p>Research in indigenous or vulnerable communities - Where to begin (update) <i>Kelvin Kong</i></p> <p>Beyond the impact factor - Social media and open source options in academic surgery: Pitfalls and benefits <i>Colin Martin</i></p> <p>Predatory Journals - What you need to know <i>Carrie Lubitz</i></p>
10:30am - 11:00am	Hot Topic in Academic Surgery: Burnout and mental health in academic medicine - <i>Eric Levi</i>
11:00am - 11:20am	Mid-Morning Break with Faculty
11:20am - 12:40pm	<p><b>Session 3: Tools for Academic Output</b></p> <p>Preparing an abstract <i>Shipra Arya</i></p> <p>Presenting at a scientific meeting <i>Christina Roland</i></p> <p>Writing and submitting a manuscript <i>Amir Ghaferi</i></p> <p>Panel discussion</p>
12:40pm - 1:25pm	Keynote: Reflections on building and maintaining an academic career - <i>Mark Smithers</i>
1:25pm - 2:25pm	Lunch with Faculty
2:25pm - 3:30pm	<p><b>Session 4: Concurrent Academic Workshops</b></p> <p><b>Concurrent Workshop 1: Finding My Fit</b> Translational research - Bedside to bench to bedside <i>Anthony Glover</i></p> <p>Clinical research - cohort studies, collaboration and trials <i>Deborah Wright</i></p> <p>Interdisciplinary research <i>Payal Mukherjee</i></p> <p>Panel Discussion</p> <p><b>Concurrent Workshop 2: Surgical Research Funding</b> A recipe for successful grant writing <i>Greg O'Grady</i></p> <p>Targeting surgical research funding: Philanthropy, NGO's, societies, MRFF and NHMRC - Where is best? <i>Claudia di Bella</i></p> <p>Looking for the big prize - MRFF and NHMRC - Strategies for success <i>David Watson</i></p> <p>Panel Discussion</p>
3:30pm - 4:00pm	<p><b>Session 5: Closing Session</b></p> <p>The far and wide of an academic career <i>Ian Bissett</i></p> <p>Closing Remarks</p>

Presented by:  
Association for Academic Surgery in partnership  
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**Hot topic speaker:**

Eric Levi - Victoria

**Keynote speaker:**

Mark Smithers - Queensland

**Who should attend?**

Surgical Trainees, research Fellows, early career academics and any surgeon who has ever considered involvement with publication or presentation of any academic work. If you have been to a DCAS course before, the program is designed to provide previous attendees with something new and of interest each year.

**2021 comments:**

"Great Course. Great faculty. Great Day"

"Very inspiring"

"Excellent program, well done!"

**Association for Academic Surgery and International Invited Speakers:**

Shipra Arya - California, USA  
Callissia Clarke - Wisconsin, USA  
Amir Ghaferi - Michigan, USA  
Carrie Lubitz - Massachusetts, USA  
Colin Martin - Alabama, USA  
Hari Nathan - Michigan, USA  
Christina Roland - Texas, USA

**Australasian Faculty includes:**

Claudia Di Bella - Victoria  
Ian Bissett - New Zealand  
Marc Gladman - South Australia  
Anthony Glover - New South Wales  
Richard Hanney - New South Wales  
Jonathan Karpelowsky - New South Wales  
Kelvin Kong - New South Wales  
Payal Mukherjee - New South Wales  
Greg O'Grady - New Zealand  
Christobel Saunders - Western Australia  
David Watson - South Australia  
Deborah Wright - New Zealand

**Notes:**

New RACS Fellows presenting for convocation in 2022 will be required to marshal at 4:15pm for the Convocation Ceremony.

CPD Points will be awarded for attendance at the course with point allocation to be advised at a later date.

General Surgery Trainees who attend the RACS Developing a Career and skills in Academic Surgery course during their SET Training may, upon proof of attendance submitted to [board@generalsurgeons.com.au](mailto:board@generalsurgeons.com.au), count this course towards one of the four compulsory GSA Trainees' Days. Information correct at time of printing, subject to change without notice.

**Further information:**

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**DCAS Course Participation:**

Physical registration: \$275.00 per person incl. GST (includes virtual platform access)  
Virtual registration: \$110.00 per person incl. GST

**Register online:**

[www.tinyurl.com/DCAS2022](http://www.tinyurl.com/DCAS2022)

There are fifteen complimentary spaces available for interested medical students. Medical students who would like to register their interest, please visit [www.tinyurl.com/DCAS2022](http://www.tinyurl.com/DCAS2022) for further information.