

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

Monday 1 May 2023  
Adelaide, South Australia

**Keynote Speaker**  
Gordon Wallace - New South Wales

**Hot Topic Speaker**  
Rhea Liang - 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.

**Association for Academic Surgery and International Invited Speakers**  
Dawn Coleman - Michigan, USA  
Lola Fayanju - Pennsylvania, USA  
James Glaseby - Birmingham, UK  
Fabian Johnston - Maryland, USA  
Colin Martin - Alabama, USA  
Joseph Phillips - Pennsylvania, USA  
Susanne Warner - Minnesota, USA

**Australasian Faculty includes**  
Claudia Di Bella - Victoria  
Samantha Bunzli - Victoria  
Kerin Fielding - New South Wales  
Richard Hanney - New South Wales  
James Lee - Victoria  
Michelle Locke - New Zealand  
Payal Mukherjee - New South Wales  
Charles Pilgrim - Victoria  
Toby Richards - Western Australia  
Cameron Wells - New Zealand

**Further Information**  
Visit [www.tinyurl.com/DCAS2023](http://www.tinyurl.com/DCAS2023) for further information or contact:  
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## DCAS Course Participation

Physical registration:  
\$250.00 per person incl. GST

**Register online:**  
[www.tinyurl.com/DCAS2023](http://www.tinyurl.com/DCAS2023)

## Medical Students

There are fifteen complimentary spaces available for interested medical students. Medical students who would like to register their interest, please visit [www.tinyurl.com/DCAS2023](http://www.tinyurl.com/DCAS2023) for further information.

6:30am

Registration Opens

7:30am - 9:10am

**Session 1: A Career in Academic Surgery**

The difference between a surgeon and an academic surgeon  
Leadership development through service  
How to snag a (good) research mentor?  
Academic surgery and work-life balance  
Discussion

9:10am - 9:30am

Breakfast

9:30am - 10:10am

**Session 2: Choose Your Own Research Adventure**

Opportunities for research in regional centres  
Full-time researchers: If you can't beat them, join them

10:10am - 10:40am

**Hot Topic in Academic Surgery: Intersectionality of a surgeon**

10:40am - 11:00am

Morning Tea

11:00am - 11:30am

**Keynote Lecture: Research, translational and clinical deployment - the sky's not the limit!**

11:30am - 12:45pm

**Session 3: Tools For Academic Output**

Writing the abstract: Make every word count  
Presenting your study: Make every second count  
Writing and submitting a manuscript: Not all about the word count  
When a journal reviewer swipes right  
Discussion

12:45pm - 1:45pm

Lunch

1:45pm - 3:00pm

**Session 4: Concurrent Academic Workshops**

**Session 4A: Finding My Fit: Try Before You Buy**

Qualitative research  
Interdisciplinary research team  
The role of academic surgeons in the world of industry-driven research  
Rewards and challenges of the academic lifestyle: POV early years  
Discussion

**Session 4B: I Found My Fit: Money Can't Buy Happiness, but...**

How to start: Seed funding and alternative funding sources  
Writing an irresistible grant application  
Make your research dollar go further: Managing project, personnel, and other expenses  
Discussion

3:00pm - 3:30pm

**Session 5: Closing Session**

My journey as an academic surgeon  
Closing remarks

Presented by:

The Association for Academic Surgery in partnership with the RACS  
Section of Academic Surgery: