

A GUIDE TO APPLICATIONS FOR APPROVAL OF NON-CORE TRAINING POSTS IN NEUROLOGY

Preamble

The advanced training program in Neurology comprises two years spent in accredited core training posts and one year spent in an approved non-core training post. It is strongly recommended that trainees complete core training prior to non-core training, so as to maximize the benefits of the elective training experience.

Non-core training may include research (clinical or basic science), and/or clinical work in another specialty (providing there is suitable neurology experience) or subspecialty within neurology. There are no set requirements for the elective year. Currently approved non-core posts offer additional general neurology exposure (e.g. the ANZAN overseas training posts in the UK and USA) or sub-specialty clinical training in neurophysiology, stroke, epilepsy, movement disorders etc. Neurosciences research, e.g. as part of a PhD program is also suitable as non-core training.

Non-core training posts are accredited by the ATC in Neurology and accreditation of the post should be sought prior to a trainee commencing in that post. This ensures that a trainee does not commence a training program that is later assessed by the ATC as being unsuitable as non-core training. The trainee is still required to submit a prospective Application for Approval of Training to the RACP, prior to the published deadline for submission of applications. Information about this process and the closing dates for applications can be found on the RACP [Neurology](#) web page site.

ATC Approval of Non-core Training Posts

The ATC will assess any application for approval of a non-core training post. The application is a paper based process. All members of the ATC will review the application. Correspondence should be directed to the Chair of the ATC. If the post is deemed appropriate for non-core training, the ATC will approve the post for three years.

It is acknowledged that trainees pursuing full time research e.g. within a PhD program during their non-core year will have different major research projects and the content of training will differ between trainees. However, the proposed research program and other training activities to be undertaken in these posts should be submitted to the ATC for approval in advance.

Proforma for Applications

It is requested that applications be emailed to the ANZAN Secretariat in Word format, using the following four headings:

- 1) Supervisors and institutional context
Include: names of supervisors; names and appointments of other neurologists with whom the trainee will work; brief description of departmental facilities.
- 2) Description of the main educational focus of the post

What skills and expertise will the trainee acquire in this post? What employment and vocational opportunities will this lead to?

3) Other educational opportunities for the trainee

This should include attendance at Brain School, local/state/national/international meetings, teaching opportunities, and research opportunities (if not a major part of the post)

4) Provisional weekly timetable

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