

GPET Update

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Welcome to a new training year

The GPET Board and staff welcome registrars, supervisors, educators and RTP staff to a new training year in 2008. This year brings a number of new developments in the Australian General Practice Training program (AGPT), including the introduction of Fellowship of the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (FACRRM) as a vocational registration qualification in addition to the Fellowship of the RACGP; and implementation of the new RACGP general practice vocational training standards (for details go to <http://www.racgp.org.au/vocationaltraining/standards>).

This year we are also revamping our annual General Practice Education and Training Convention – look out later this month for the Call for Abstracts for the convention, which will be held on 27-28 August. GPET wishes all involved in general practice vocational education and training a rewarding and fruitful 2008.

Meeting with Minister Roxon

GPET Chair Associate Professor Simon Willcock and CEO Mr Erich Janssen met with the new Minister for Health and Ageing, The Hon Nicola Roxon, in Canberra last Friday. Topics on the agenda included GP training place requirements from 2009 onwards; community-based general practice training capacity and how training can be incorporated within the government's planned GP super clinics; and the future of the Remote Outreach Vocational Education (ROVE) pilot for overseas trained doctors.

2009 selection process opens 24 May 2008

The selection process for the 2009 cohort of the AGPT program will open on 24 May 2008 and close on 22 June 2008. Please advise medical graduates wishing to apply for 2009 entry to monitor the New Applicants section of the website at <http://www.agpt.com.au/praxis.php/category/view/162>.

Academic post applications open soon

The first round of applications for AGPT academic posts for 2008 opens on Monday 4 February and closes on Friday 14 March. The purpose of academic posts is to enable registrars to acquire core academic skills, including research and teaching in approved host environments such as academic departments of general practice, public health or rural health units, which will be of use throughout their careers and will contribute to knowledge exchange and development. For more details, including eligibility and an application form, go to www.agpt.com.au/praxis.php/category/view/24

Join the Indigenous health training network

Do you have an interest in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health? GPET is seeking Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander GP registrars or registrars with an interest in Indigenous health to join a network of interested persons. Contact Ruth Grindrod at education@gpet.com.au or 02 6263 6796.

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