PROJECT 2 - MANDATORY PROJECT

(Phase 2: Years 4-5)

Trainee downloads and completes the Project 2 Proposal Form. (Please note, the Project 2 Proposal can be submitted at any time before the end of 4th year of training or before the end of the Phase 2 in the 2022 Training Program (2022 TP)).

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The trainee provides the completed form to their Director of Training (DoT) for review.

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Once the DoT has signed and approved the Proposal, the trainee is to submit the completed Proposal Form to the College to CRtraining@ranzcr.edu.au for '2nd Reviewer Approval'.

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The trainee will be provided with an acknowledgement once the completed Proposal form is received by College. The College will send the Project 2 Proposal to the *Assessor* for review and approval (please note this could take approximately 30 Business days).

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The Project 2 Proposal will be deemed completed when an approved Proposal form is received from the *Assessor*. Once received a notification will be provided to the trainee informing them of the approval of the Project 2 Proposal. The trainee is to retain a copy of this notification for their records.

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Trainees choose one of the available options to meet the Project 2 assessment requirements.

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The trainee must send evidence of completion to CRtraining@ranzcr.edu.au for approval no later than the 54th month of training or by end of Phase 3 of training in the 2022 TP.

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The College will review the evidence submitted. Trainees will receive notification informing them of the approval of their Project 2 assessment. The trainee is required to keep this notification for their records.

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Mandatory Projects – Project 2

What is it?	Project 2 is a high standard senior-level project in Clinical Radiology that trainees will undertake which includes a mandatory literature search. Types of appropriate research study would include: research in human subjects, audit or systematic review, including: randomized controlled study, cohort study, case controlled study, systematic review, meta-analysis, cross-sectional study or qualitative research with proper methodology and statistic support that leads to change of practice. Project 2 will take approximately 12 months in duration to complete and will be part of the assessment requirements for Radiology trainees. Project 1 projects, that have previously been approved and completed, can be extended into Project 2 projects if there is sufficiently strong rationale and evidence to do so. Project 2 can be collaborative amongst trainees (no more than 3 trainees for each project); if it is a centre study it is likely that there will be many contributors. There are two options for collaborative projects: 1. Three trainees can contribute equally 2. Up to three trainees can contribute different aspects of the project and must be the first author for that particular aspect. In both instances, trainees will need to outline the role of each contributor to the project in the proposal document.
What's involved?	Trainees have four options with regards to meeting the Project 2 assessment requirements: **OPTION 1 – Peer Reviewed Journal Manuscript** Trainees that choose this option will be required to produce a research paper of a standard that is to be submitted to a Medline Indexed Journal (any Medline Indexed Journal is acceptable). If a Project 2 paper is accepted for peer review or published by a Journal, then Project 2 will be considered as satisfactorily completed. **OPTION 2 – Dissertation** A dissertation of no more than 15,000 words (excluding references and appendices). Before Option 2 can be started, a letter from the University stating the trainee's acceptance to the higher degree which includes details of the dissertation must be sent into the College via CRtraining@ranzcr.edu.au with the Project 2 Proposal assessment. Note: trainees do not have to complete the Proposal form; just provide the letter to the College. **OPTION 3 – Oral Presentation** Oral presentation at an International Conference or equivalent (including the College ASM and approved Special Interest Group conferences) as deemed suitable by the Curriculum and Assessment Committee (CAC) (trainees should seek approval from the College if they are unsure what constitutes a suitable conference). **OPTION 4 – Poster Presentation** Poster presentation at major International Conferences (ECR, RSNA, ARRS, etc., excluding the College ASM) or subspecialty conferences in Europe and North America. Trainees should seek prior approval from the College for all other countries.

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When is the Project 2 proposal due for Option 1?	The **Project 2 proposal** *should* be completed and approved before work on the Project is started. Trainees can submit their Project 2 proposal at any time throughout the training program. The Proposal must be submitted before the end of 4th year of training or before the end of the Phase 2 in the 2022 Training Program (TP 2022)
How do trainees submit their Project 2 proposal for Option 1?	1. Trainee downloads and completes the Project 2 Proposal form. 2. The Director of Training (DoT) is to review and approve the proposal as the 1st Reviewer, by filling out the *Director of Training Confirmation section* in the form. 3. Once the DoT has signed and approved the Proposal, the trainee is to submit the completed Proposal form to CRtraining@ranzcr.edu.au for '2nd Reviewer Approval' process. 4. The trainee will receive an acknowledgement that their completed Proposal was received by the College. The College will send the Project 2 Proposal to the Assessor for review and approval (please note this could take approximately 21 business days). 5. Only when an approval of the Proposal has been received from the Assessor, will the Project 2 Proposal be deemed complete. The trainee will receive a notification informing them of the approval of the Project 2 Proposal. The trainee is required to retain this notification for their records.
When can trainees commence Project 2?	Following approval of the Project 2 Proposal, trainees are permitted to commence Project 2 at any time throughout their training. Trainees may undertake Project 1 and Project 2 in any order or concurrently.
When is Project 2 due?	**Option 1:** Trainees that choose this option must submit their email confirmation (of acceptance to peer review) from the med-line indexed journal to the College at CRtraining@ranzcr.edu.au as 'Project 2' assessment no later than the 54th month of training, which will allow for revision feedback time, or by end of Phase 3 of training in the 2022 TP. **Option 2:** Trainees that choose this option must submit to the College evidence that their dissertation has been submitted to the University (no later than the 54th month of training, which will allow for revision feedback time, or by end of Phase 3 of training in the 2022 TP). Submit to: CRtraining@ranzcr.edu.au **Option 3:** Trainees that choose this option must submit evidence that they provided an Oral Presentation at an International Conference (no later than the 54th month of training, which will allow for revision feedback time, or by end of Phase 3 of training in the 2022 TP). Evidence for this option would constitute a copy of the letter from the Conference Organiser indicating acceptance as a presenter AND a copy of the Certificate of Attendance at that Conference. Submit to: CRtraining@ranzcr.edu.au **Option 4:** Trainees that choose this option must submit evidence that they provided a Poster Presentation at an International Conference (no later than the 54th month of training, which will allow for revision feedback time, or by end of Phase 3 of training in the 2022 TP). Evidence for this option would constitute a copy of the letter from the Conference Organiser indicating acceptance as a presenter AND a copy of the Certificate of Attendance at that Conference. Submit to: CRtraining@ranzcr.edu.au

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Meeting the assessment requirement for Option 1	**OPTION 1 – Peer Reviewed Journal Manuscript** Trainees that choose this option will be required to do the following to meet the assessment requirement: Submit their manuscript to a Medline Indexed Journal (any Medline Indexed Journal is acceptable). If a Project 2 paper is accepted for *peer review* or *published* by a Journal, evidence of this is to be sent to CRtraining@ranzcr.edu.au as 'Project 2' assessment evidence no later than the 54th month of training, which will allow for revision feedback time, or by end of Phase 3 of training in the 2022 TP. Once the College has approved this evidence, the status of this assessment will be deemed complete. Should a trainee fail to be accepted for peer review or publication, this will indicate an 'Unsatisfactory' submission and that revision is needed. The trainee will be permitted to make amendments to their manuscript and can provide the revised paper to the 'Project 2' assessment as long as it is received 3 months before the completion of training. It is therefore recommended that trainees submit their paper to a Medline Indexed Journal with enough time to allow for amendments and re-submission to be made, should that be necessary.
How do trainees get their results?	**OPTION 1:** Trainees will be notified by the Journal, via email, as to whether their manuscript has been accepted to peer review/publication or not. Trainees will be required to send the email confirmation from the Journal to the College as 'Project 2' assessment evidence no later than the 54th month of training, which will allow for revision feedback time, or by end of Phase 3 of training in the 2022 TP. Once the College has approved this evidence, the status of this assessment will be deemed as complete. Trainees will receive a notification informing them of the approval of their Project 2 assessment. The trainee is required to retain this notification for their records. **OPTION 2, 3 and 4:** Trainees are required to submit their evidence to the College at CRtraining@ranzcr.edu.au for their 'Project 2' assessment no later than the 54th month of training, which will allow for revision feedback time, or by end of Phase 3 of training in the 2022 TP. Once the College has approved this evidence, the status of this assessment will be deemed as complete. Trainees will receive a notification informing them of the approval of their Project 2 assessment. The trainee is required to retain this notification for their records. ***Trainees must receive a satisfactory completion of Project 2 to apply for admission to Fellowship of the College.***

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