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Dear Dr Ujike,

On behalf of the Australian and New Zealand Intensive Care Society (ANZICS) I am writing to you to make you aware of a venture that we are particularly excited about, the Intensive Care Global Rising Star Programme, now in its third year.

We wish to encourage and support innovative and productive early to mid-career clinician/scientists to disseminate their findings to an international audience by the awarding of a number of fellowships. One fellowship will be awarded to a clinician/scientist from each of the following regions: America (Canada, USA and South America), Europe (including United Kingdom and Ireland) and Asia.

The recipients will have the opportunity to present an overview of their past and on-going research activities during a dedicated symposium which will be held at the 40<sup>th</sup> ANZICS/ACCCN Annual Scientific Meeting in Auckland, New Zealand 29-31 October 2015. The Annual Scientific Meeting is the largest meeting related to ICU held in Australia/New Zealand with over 1000 attendees. During the symposium each recipient will present a lecture (25 minute lecture + 5 minute discussion).

Travel expenses (to the value of \$US3,000), accommodation and registration costs for the recipients will be covered.

Applicants should hold a medical degree and have completed or be in-training for a fellowship in intensive care medicine. Applicants must be aged 42 years or younger on 29 October 2015. Preference will be given to clinician/scientists who have pursued a well-defined and innovative research path, leading to several publications in high-impact peer-reviewed journals. Preference will also be given to those applicants who have publications in which they are listed as first or last author. While applicants may include work with Australian and New Zealand collaborators, preference will be given to work completed in the region of each applicant.

Applications will be assessed by a panel of clinician/scientists that includes members from ANZICS and international experts. Applications will close midnight 20 June (Australian Eastern Standard Time) with the successful applicant notified via email by 14 July 2015.

Applications should include an abstract (form attached) and a CV of no more than 10 pages. Applications should be emailed to Justin Williams, General Manager, ANZICS ([Justin.williams@anzics.com.au](mailto:Justin.williams@anzics.com.au)).

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The applicant must present their lecture in English. It is also anticipated that recipients will contribute to the academic and social programme of the ANZICS/ACCCN Annual Scientific Meeting.

We at ANZICS are very excited about this programme, but obviously its success depends on attracting high quality candidates to apply for this Fellowship. Last year we were delighted to have A/Prof Sean Bagshaw (University of Alberta, Canada), Dr Gerard Curley (National University of Ireland, Galway) Dr Zudin Puthuchearry (National University Hospital, Singapore), and hope that we can attract similar high-quality candidates.

We would be very grateful if you could forward this letter and web link (<http://www.anzics.com.au/Pages/GRS.aspx>) to the members of your Society.

If you are kind enough to forward this letter and web link (<http://www.anzics.com.au/Pages/GRS.aspx>) onto your members, particularly targeting those exceptional young to mid-career clinician/scientists (or their mentors) we would be very grateful.

Yours sincerely,



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