

RURAL HEALTH CAREERS PROMOTION GRANTS

Applicant Guidelines 2019

Background

Rural Workforce Agency Victoria (RWAV) is a non-profit government funded organisation improving healthcare for rural, regional and Aboriginal communities in Victoria. The Rural Health Careers Promotion grants is a key initiative of the Future Workforce strategy from RWAV and aim to raise awareness of the opportunities available in rural healthcare. It is a crucial step in attracting and retaining the future rural health workforce.

The grants aim to offer financial support for costs associated with activities promoting rural health careers including registration fees, resource development, events, travel, accommodation, and meals.

Rural Health Careers Promotion Activities

- Promoting rural health careers to bonded medical students
- Participation in rural high school visits, careers expos, and university activities promoting RHCS (where available)
- Attendance at rural health related conferences as a representative of RWAV (if available)
- Attendance at events promoting rural health careers, including mentoring dinners, community activities, youth activities.

Eligibility

We are seeking applicants who are representative of the many available rural health career pathways, are passionate about rural health and want to inspire the future generation of rural health practitioners across medicine, nursing, and allied health.

Applicant categories include:

- Undergraduate, graduate, postgraduate medicine, nursing, and allied health students
- Members of a Rural Health Student Club (NOMAD, OUTLOOK, WILDFIRE, ROUNDS, and LARHC)
- Allied health, nursing and medicine graduates including those enrolled in internship and registrar programs
- Rural organisations engaged in the promotion of rural health careers in their community where funding is not available from another source.

Requirements

- Apply for a grant before commencement of activity.
- Participate in an activity from any of the above categories and submit a brief activity report to the RWAV Future Workforce Program Officer. The activity report should be provided within four weeks of completing the activity.
- Be available and provide permission to share your health career journey, via photos/video for use in the Future Workforce Career pathway resource (images and text may be used by RWAV in a series of publications, brochures and/or internet sites to promote Future Workforce initiatives).
- While RWAV aims to provide an excellent service, if applicants have any concerns about our services, applicants are required to read the RWAV Complaint Management Policy document <https://www.rwav.com.au/contact-us/complaint-policy/>. Any complaint must be reported to the Future Workforce Program Officer on FutureWorkforce@rwav.com.au.

Application process

- Applications must be submitted to RWAV using the Rural Health Careers Promotion Grants Application Form which can be accessed on the RWAV website <https://www.rwav.com.au/future-workforce/scholarships/>.
- Applicants must complete all required sections, supply all required documentation and ensure the application form is signed (digital signatures are accepted) before submission.

All complete applications must be submitted to FutureWorkforce@rwav.com.au.

Application assessment

- Applications for Rural Health Careers Promotion grants are considered throughout the year; funding will cease when expended.
- All grants will be assessed and successful recipients determined by the Future Workforce Program.
- All applicants will be notified via email of the outcome of their application within two weeks of receipt of receiving a completed application.

Payment

Grant payment

If successful in obtaining a grant, a payment request EFT form will be forwarded to the applicant. The grant amount of up to \$2500 (including GST) will be paid via electronic funds transfer, upon signed agreement between RWAV and the applicant.

Grant funding cannot be used for the following activities:

- Recruitment and relocation grants to health professionals to cover expenses that are covered by their employers
- Recruitment and relocation grants to cover expenses associated with international relocation, including visa costs and international flights
- Purchase of land
- Major capital expenditure
- The covering of retrospective costs
- Costs incurred in the preparation of a grant application or related documentation
- Major construction/capital works
- Activities which support political campaigns
- Grant recipient staff overseas travel, and
- Activities for which other Commonwealth, State, Territory or Local Government bodies have primary responsibility.

More information

For more information about the RWAV Rural Health Careers Promotion Grants 2019, contact:

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