

# Bonded Medical Program Career Continuum Information Hub

The Bonded Medical Program helps address the shortage of medical professionals in regional, rural and remote areas of Australia. It provides a Commonwealth Supported Place in a medical course in exchange for participants working in those areas after they graduate.

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The information hub lists supports for prospective or current Bonded Medical Program participants

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| CAREER STAGE           | SERVICES & SUPPORTS   |   |
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| Secondary School Years | Grant - RWAV Student University Clinical Aptitude Test Exam Preparation Grant | <p>The grant supports year 11 and 12 students considering studying medicine with the opportunity to participate in preparation classes for the University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT) that Monash University requires for students looking to study medicine.</p> <p>The grant supports;</p> <p>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students located anywhere in Victoria (rural, regional and metro)</p> <p>and students living in or attending a school in a rural or regional location</p> <p>Link to RWAV Grants Page - <a href="#">HERE</a></p> <p>Link to Grant Guidelines - <a href="#">HERE</a></p> |
|                        | RWAV Rural Health Careers Booklet   | Explore the possibilities in a rural health career - <a href="#">HERE</a>   |
|                        | Victoria Government Career & Course Exploration Guide                         | Investigate strategies that help students explore career and course options - <a href="#">HERE</a>  |
|                        | Mental Health Support Lines   | Department of Health – Telephone and Online Mental Health and Emergency Services - <a href="#">HERE</a>   |

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| <b>Medical School &amp; University (Pre-Med Entry Pathways)</b> | RWAV Rural Ambassador Program   | <p>RWAV's Rural Ambassador Program aims to raise awareness of the exciting opportunities available in rural healthcare to rural and regional secondary and tertiary students. Ambassadors are enthusiastic about rural and regional health and keen to engage with young people and assist with their career pathways by sharing theirs. Ambassadors attend career exhibitions, conferences, and rural health-focused events around Victoria. RWAV covers all travel, accommodation, and meal costs associated with attendance and provides any training needed.</p> <p>Get more Information or Join the Program - <a href="#">HERE</a></p>  |
|   | Grant - RWAV Student Clinical Placement Grant                           | <p>The RWAV Rural Clinical Placement Grants support medical, nursing, and allied health students to undertake placements in regional or rural Victoria.</p> <p>Link to RWAV Grants Page - <a href="#">HERE</a></p> <p>Link to Grant Guidelines - <a href="#">HERE</a></p>  |
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|   | National Rural Health Student Network and University Rural Health Clubs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The National Rural Health Student Network (NRHSN) represents the future of rural health in Australia. It has more than 9,000 members who belong to 29 university Rural Health Clubs from all states and territories. The NRHSN has two aims:</li> <li>• to provide a voice for students who are interested in improving health outcomes for rural and remote Australians</li> <li>• to promote rural health careers to students and encourage students who are interested in practising in rural health care.</li> </ul> <p>The NRHSN and its Rural Health Clubs offer rural experience weekends, career information sessions and professional development activities as well as providing a social base for students at university and when on rural placement.</p> <p>The student network leaders also advocate on behalf of health students of all disciplines – including opportunities for more rural placements and training support.</p> <p>The NRHSN is an initiative of the Australian Government Department of Health administered as a consortium by the Rural Workforce Agencies (RWAs).</p> <p>Joining a rural health student club is a great way to meet other like-minded students, build networks and learn more about the industry.</p> <p>Victorian Rural Health Clubs Include;</p> <p><a href="#">WILDFIRE – Monash University</a></p> <p><a href="#">NOMAD – Deakin University</a></p> <p><a href="#">OUTLOOK – Melbourne University</a></p> <p><a href="#">LARHC – La Trobe University</a></p> |
|   | Rural Clinical Schools  | <p>Rural Clinical Schools are located across Victoria providing dynamic and hands-on rural training for medical students. The below universities offer rural pathways;</p> <p><a href="#">Deakin University</a></p> <p><a href="#">Monash University</a></p> <p><a href="#">University of Melbourne</a></p> <p><a href="#">La Trobe University</a></p> <p><a href="#">Notre Dame University</a></p>  |

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|  | Going Rural Health Website                  | Going Rural Health is an initiative funded to support students enrolled in a nationally recognised nursing, allied health or other health science undergraduate or postgraduate degree at any Australian University. Going Rural Health can assist with Education, Financial Support and Clinical Placement Accommodation<br><br>Learn More - <a href="#">HERE</a>   |
|  | Doctor What? Doctor Where? Podcast          | The Doctor What? Doctor Where? Stories of Rural Medicine podcast features medical professionals and junior doctors from rural and regional communities sharing their experiences and insights, and revealing the often unexpected opportunities made possible by living and working in rural communities.<br><br>Learn More - <a href="#">HERE</a>   |
|  | Mental Health Support Lines                 | The Australian Medical Students Association (AMSA) offers Medicine specific support<br><br>Get more Info or Support - <a href="#">HERE</a>   |
| <b>Junior Medical Officers – Intern and Pre-Vocational Years</b> | Grant - Medical Professional Development    | The Medical Professional Development Program (MPD) supports the ongoing professional development and medical education of medical practitioners in rural and regional Victoria.<br><br>Link to RWAV Grants Page - <a href="#">HERE</a><br><br>Link to Grant Guidelines - <a href="#">HERE</a>  |
|  | Talking Country Health Podcast              | The Talking Country Health podcast discusses everything to help health professionals navigate working in rural and regional Victoria. Learn more - <a href="#">HERE</a>  |
|  | Regional Training Hubs                      | The regional training hub concept is an initiative of Deakin, Melbourne and Monash Universities. It aims to build on the success of regional delivery of undergraduate medical education programs and rural health research to provide the postgraduate phase of regional medical education.<br><br>Medical Training Opportunities - South Eastern Regional Australian - <a href="#">HERE</a><br><br>RWAV and the Regional Training Hubs Bonded Medical student Flyer - <a href="#">HERE</a> |
|  | John Flynn Pre-Vocational Placement Program | The John Flynn Prevocational Doctors Program provides the opportunity to live and work in a rural area for one term and gain a broad range of skills in managing patient care in both primary care settings and small rural procedural hospitals. The Program offers 10–11 week rural primary care rotations to eligible prevocational junior doctors.<br><br>Contact Victorian Rural Generalist Program for more information - <a href="#">HERE</a>   |
|  | Victorian Doctors' Health Program           | The Victorian Doctors Health Program is a free confidential advisory service for all Victorian doctors and medical students who have concerns about their well-being: such as stress, mental health questions, substance use struggles, or physical health issues.<br><br>Get in touch - <a href="#">HERE</a>  |
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|  | Victorian Rural Generalist Program          | The Victorian Rural Generalist Program (VRGP) is a coordination unit that supports a state-wide end-to-end training program for the Rural Generalist workforce to train, work and live in rural and regional Victoria. The program provides a diverse and rewarding training experience, with its long-term objective to increase employment of Rural Generalists in rural health services and communities across Victoria.<br><br>Learn More - <a href="#">HERE</a>                         |

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| <b>Fellowship Pathways</b> | The Royal Australian College of General Practice (RACGP)            | <p>RACGP provides GP education and training. For metro and rural GPs. The endpoint qualification is Fellowship of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (FRACGP).</p> <p>Access the RACGP Website - <a href="#">HERE</a></p> <p><b>See below for the RACGP pathways which lead to Fellowship:</b></p>  |
|                            | RACGP - Australian General Practice Training (AGPT) program pathway | <p>For graduates and experienced doctors who prefer formal, educator-directed learning. As the training is government-funded, eligibility criteria applies. Through the AGPT program, training is delivered through RACGP. The AGPT program is the most common pathway for Australian doctors.</p> <p>More information - <a href="#">HERE</a></p>  |
|                            | RACGP - Fellowship in Advanced Rural General Practice (FARGP)       | <p>A qualification recognising advanced rural skills awarded in addition to FRACGP, this is not a stand-alone qualification, it is an extra year of training completed after you finish your FRACGP. The FARGP is being updated to align with a national Rural Generalist Medicine training pathway and will be replaced by a four-year standalone Rural Generalist Fellowship (FRACGP-RG)</p> <p>More information - <a href="#">HERE</a></p>  |
|                            | Fellowship Support Program (FSP)                                    | <p>The FSP is a self-funded, 24 month program and provides learning resources, supervision, in-practice assessment and real-time feedback to help IMGs prepare for Fellowship of the RACGP.</p> <p>More information can be found on the <a href="#">RACGP</a> website and <a href="#">FAQs page</a></p>  |
|                            | The Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (ACRRM)         | <p>The Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (ACRRM) provides a training program that specifically focuses on the needs of rural communities. While an urban general practitioner may refer cases to a specialist or tertiary hospital, a GP in rural or remote communities may not have a specialist hospital close-by. This can mean extending from primary to secondary to ongoing care. Rural or remote GPs need a broader set of skills to address the diverse needs of the community.</p> <p>ACRRM Website - <a href="#">HERE</a></p> <p><b>See below for the ACRRM pathways which lead to Fellowship:</b></p> |
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|                            | Rural Generalist Training Scheme                                    | <p>The Rural Generalist Training Scheme (RGTS) is a four-year, fully funded stream of the College-led Independent Pathway that leads to Fellowship of ACRRM (FACRRM).</p> <p>More Information - <a href="#">HERE</a></p>   |
|                            | Independent Pathway (IP)  | <p>Experienced doctors, who prefer self-directed learning. Training is provided by ACRRM and is self-funded, plus additional costs for assessments, applications, membership, etc). However, Commonwealth funding is available for eligible doctors. This is a pathway for international medical graduates or Australian citizens who want to get into rural general practice. Application, selection and enrolment are all managed by ACRRM.</p> <p>More Information - <a href="#">HERE</a></p>   |
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| <b>Rural Generalists / Rural GP Careers &amp; Other Specialist Careers</b> | RWAV Recruitment  | <p>RWAV is committed to attracting both Australian and overseas trained GPs to work in regional Victoria.</p> <p>Our recruitment team uses a holistic approach to find you the right role in rural Victoria. We assess your eligibility, skills, experience, professional and educational goals to match you with a practice to suit your needs. Our recruitment services are free of charge and on-going post-placement support for you and your family is also provided.</p> <p>Our recruitment services include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• access to the most comprehensive list of GP jobs across regional and rural Victoria</li> <li>• a tailored consultation with one of our dedicated recruitment team</li> <li>• access to a number of grants including relocation and upskilling</li> <li>• career and registration pathway support</li> <li>• access to 3GA programs, including the More Doctors for Rural Australia Program administered by RWAV</li> <li>• ongoing post-placement support</li> </ul> <p>Learn more - <a href="#">HERE</a></p> <p>Search Victorian Vacancies - <a href="#">HERE</a></p> |
|  | RWAV GP Locum Program                                   | <p>The RWAV Specialist GP Locum Program supports the retention of doctors by providing short-term locum relief for holidays, sickness, education leave, and to assist workforce shortages.</p> <p>Learn More - <a href="#">HERE</a></p>   |
|  | Grant – Health Workforce Scholarship Program            | <p>The Health Workforce Scholarship Program (HWSP) provides funds to the health workforce in rural areas to help you upskill through professional development, training, short courses and conferences, that will also benefit your community.</p> <p>Link to RWAV Grants Page - <a href="#">HERE</a></p> <p>Link to Grant Guidelines - <a href="#">HERE</a></p>  |
|  | Grant - Health Workforce Scholarship Program for Locums | <p>The Health Workforce Scholarship Program for Locums provides professional development support to locum health professionals in rural, regional, and remote Australia.</p> <p>Link to RWAV Grants Page – <a href="#">HERE</a></p> <p>Link to Grant Guidelines - <a href="#">HERE</a></p>  |
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|  | Specialist Medical Colleges       | <p>Australian Medical Council</p> <p>Comprehensive List of Medical Specialist Colleges - <a href="#">HERE</a></p>  |
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