

UCAT EXAM PREPARATION GRANT

Guidelines July 2020

For:

STUDENTS

PRIORITY AREAS

MEDICINE

GRANT PURPOSE

Rural Workforce Agency Victoria (RWAV) is a not-for-profit government-funded organisation improving healthcare for rural, regional and Aboriginal communities in Victoria.

Studies show that individuals who have experience living in rural and regional locations are often representative of the individuals who remain or return to these locations to pursue their professional careers. To address the health professional shortage in rural and regional Victoria RWAV is seeking to encourage high school students in year 11 or 12 who are living in Victorian rural and regional priority areas as indicated by the RWAV 2020 Needs Assessment (see Priority Areas Matrix for eligible locations), interested in studying medicine the opportunity to participate in preparation classes for the University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT).

In partnership with MedEntry RWAV are offering grants that will cover the two-day UCAT preparation workshop and three nights of Melbourne based accommodation along with access to MedEntry's online resources well in advance of the workshop.

GRANT OPEN

Applications open:

01/08/2020 at 9:00am

Applications close:

28/09/2020 at 5:00pm

ELIGIBILITY

- Applicants must be high school students currently studying year 11 or 12. Year 12 students will be considering taking a gap year in 2021.
- Applicants main residence must be in an eligible location as indicated in the Priority Areas Matrix. If applicant is a boarder for educational purposes then the location of the applicants family home will be considered upon application.
- Able to provide proof of address (drivers licence, passport, proof of age card, letter from your school, statutory declaration, utility bill or student card). If applicant is a boarder then proof of family residence will be accepted.
- Be able to attend one of the MedEntry two day workshops held from January to July in 2021 in Melbourne or online. See upcoming dates at medentry.edu.au/our-services/ucat-services/workshop-dates-locations
- Applicants must be considering applying to study at Monash University in Victoria
- Applicants must be Australian Citizens or Permanent Residents to apply.
- Applicants must display strong passion for rural health and rural communities

**Please note that submitting your application does not mean you will be offered a grant.*

FUNDING

- Grant will cover applicants course cost and accommodation in Melbourne (if face to face workshops are running).
- If applicant is approved RWAV will liaise with the applicant to confirm desired workshop dates and will pay the participants course fees directly to MedEntry
- Accommodation costs will be reimbursed upon provision of a tax invoice and course attendance certificate or letter of completion
- Maximum accommodation costs payable is \$173 per night for Melbourne based accommodation.
- Funding does not cover travel expenses.

HOW TO APPLY

Complete the 2020 UCAT Exam Preparation Grant application form. The application form can be accessed via the RWAV website.

TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM, YOU WILL REQUIRE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Australian Drivers licence;
- Passport;
- Statutory Declaration;
- Letter from your school;
- Student card;
- Proof of age card;
- Or a utility bill

GRANT ALLOCATION

- The grant will open for one round per financial year.
- Applications will be assessed and successful applicants determined by the RWAV Grants Panel within two weeks of the grant closing date.
- Assessment will include a review of the responses to the questions posed and the applicants rural background.
- Applications submitted after the grant closing date and time will not be accepted.

**This grant aims to encourage rural students to pursue a career in rural medicine. If students do not pass the UCAT exam or are not accepted into Monash University, grant funds awarded will not need to be reimbursed to RWAV however applicants will not be considered for future UCAT Exam Preparation Grant rounds*

**While RWAV aims to provide an excellent service, if students have any concerns about our services, students are required to read the RWAV Complaint Management Policy document <https://www.rwav.com.au/contact-us/complaint-policy/>. Any complaint must*

ELIGIBLE PRIORITY LOCATIONS

Gippsland - East

Bairnsdale, Bruthen, Buchan, Cann River, Ensay, Lake Tyers, Lakes Entrance, Mallacoota, Metung, Nowa Nowa, Omeo, Orbost, Paynesville

Latrobe Valley

Churchill, Moe, Morwell, Newborough, Traralgon, Traralgon West, Yinnar

Wellington

Heyfield, Maffra, Rosedale, Sale, Stratford, Yarram

Campaspe

Echuca, Kyabram, Lockington, Rochester, Rushworth, Stanhope, Tongala

Heathcote - Castlemaine - Kyneton

Castlemaine, Heathcote, Kyneton, Maldon, Marong, Woodend

Loddon - Elmore

Boort, Elmore, Inglewood, Wedderburn

Moira

Cobram, Nathalia, Numurkah, Yarrawonga

Murray River - Swan Hill

Birchip, Charlton, Cohuna, Donald, Kerang, Nyah West, Robinvale, Sea Lake, Swan Hill, Wycheproof

Upper Goulburn Valley

Alexandra, Bonnie Doon, Broadford, Eildon, Euroa, Jamieson, Kilmore, Mansfield, Marysville, Mount Buller, Nagambie, Puckapunyal, Seymour, Violet Town, Yea

Wangaratta - Benalla

Benalla, Rutherglen, Wangaratta

Colac - Corangamite

Apollo Bay, Beeac, Birregurra, Camperdown, Cobden, Colac, Lismore, Skipton, Terang, Timboon

Glenelg - Southern Grampians

Balmoral, Casterton, Coleraine, Hamilton, Heywood, Portland

Grampians

Ararat, Beulah, Dimboola, Edenhope, Goroke, Halls Gap, Hopetoun, Horsham, Jeparit, Kaniva, Lake Bolac, Minyip, Natimuk, Nhill, Rainbow, St Arnaud, Stawell, Warracknabeal, Woomelang

Maryborough - Pyrenees

Avoca, Beaufort, Dunolly, Maryborough, Smythesdale, Talbot