

Rural General Practice Experience Program

Grant Application Guidelines 2019

Background

The Rural General Practice Experience Program is an opportunity for medical students interested in a rural general practice pathway, to visit a General Practice for two consecutive days at the Ararat Medical Centre. The medical students will have the opportunity to shadow a GP and other practice staff and learn about working rurally. RWAV will provide a grant to support two day visit to successful applicants. In addition to the General Practice visit, the Program includes student accommodation provided by East Grampians Health Service in Ararat for one night, \$100 towards travel costs from the students' home address to Ararat and \$100 towards the cost of meals provided by RWAV.

RWAV is a non-profit government-funded organisation improving healthcare for rural, regional and Aboriginal communities in Victoria. The Future Workforce Program aims to attract rural secondary school students to gain admittance to health-related courses, encourage students in medicine, nursing and allied health to experience rural clinical placements, support young medical, nursing and allied health professionals to accept roles and training opportunities in rural and regional areas, including Aboriginal health services.

Applications

Applications open at **9 am** Monday 3rd September 2018 and close Friday 16th November 2018 at **9 am**.

Late applications will not be considered.

Requirements

Students must be available to attend for two full consecutive weekdays* during **February 2019 – April 2019**.

Students must be available to stay overnight at student accommodation provided in Ararat.

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 be reported to the Future Workforce Program Officer on FutureWorkforce@rwav.com.au

Eligibility

Students must be studying for a degree in Medicine at a Victorian University campus.

Preferences

Preference will be given to students:

- who are members of a Rural Health Club where one exists at their university;
- who are on the Bonded Medical Student scheme
- who, in their responses, show a good understanding of rural health and Aboriginal health and commitment to working in a rural and/or Aboriginal health setting after graduation; and
- who have lived in an MM 2-7 location for longer than five years. See <http://www.doctorconnect.gov.au/> for MM 2-7 location information.

Grant payment

If successful in obtaining a grant, a Grant Payment Request Form will be forwarded.

The grant amount of up to \$200 (including GST) will be paid via electronic funds transfer in two parts, half before placement and half upon return from placement and submission of student placement report.

**Monday – Friday only*