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# Review of rural health scholarships and bursaries in Australia

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This review identifies and describes the range of current bursaries and scholarship programs intended to encourage students to consider a rural health career.

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# Category 1

## Bursaries or scholarships with rural service

Bursaries and scholarships were identified where students receive financial aid from an organisation, often a community organisation, that fund all or part of their degree and in return students spend a set amount of time in a rural area.

Thirteen different bush bursary type programs were identified in this category. The programs that are available to students in Western Australia are marked with an asterisk.

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## 1. The Bush Bursaries and Country Women’s Association Scholarship

<b>Discipline</b>	Medicine
<b>Funding body</b>	Rural Councils/Country Women’s Association administered by New South Wales Rural Doctors Network.
<b>Aim of scheme</b>	Placement combines the enjoyable aspects of country life and rural medicine and encourages students to consider a rural medicine career.
<b>Length of scheme</b>	One year
<b>Financial value</b>	\$3,000 towards the costs associated with applicants’ studies.
<b>Student requirements</b>	<p>Students must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• be an Australian or New Zealand citizen or a permanent resident of Australia;</li> <li>• be enrolled in a first year medical degree at The University of Sydney, University of Wollongong, The University of Notre Dame Australia (Sydney) or the Australian National University;</li> <li>• be in a second year of study at The University of Newcastle Australia, University of New South Wales Australia or University of Western Sydney; and</li> <li>• demonstrate an interest in rural practice and lifestyle.</li> </ul>
<b>Rural service/student commitments</b>	Applicants spend two weeks on a rural placement in country New South Wales during their university holidays.
<b>Benefits to students</b>	Provides students with an opportunity to experience rural medicine, health care and the rural lifestyle and community.
<b>Contact/website</b>	<a href="http://www.nswrdn.com.au/site/rdn-scholarships">www.nswrdn.com.au/site/rdn-scholarships</a>

## 2. John Flynn Placement Program\*

<b>Discipline</b>	Medicine
<b>Funding body</b>	Australian Government Department of Health.
<b>Aim of scheme</b>	To attract more doctors to rural and remote areas to address areas of workforce shortage and improve the quality of health care for local communities.
<b>Length of scheme</b>	Four years
<b>Financial value</b>	Up to \$4,000 over the four years (covers the cost of travel and accommodation for students to go on rural placements).
<b>Student requirements</b>	Applicants must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• be an Australian citizen or permanent resident;</li> <li>• currently be enrolled in an accredited medical course at one of the 20 participating universities; and</li> <li>• be able to complete the eight weeks of placements within four years (undergraduate medical course) or in either three or four years (graduate medical course).</li> </ul>
<b>Rural service/student commitments</b>	Applicants to undertake a placement in a rural or remote community for a minimum of two weeks each year for four years (students placed in the same community each year).
<b>Benefits to students</b>	Students are placed with a medical practitioner as a mentor and are encouraged to gain a broad understanding of the issues in rural health care within that community.
<b>Contact/website</b>	<a href="http://www.acrrm.org.au/about-john-flynn-placement-program">www.acrrm.org.au/about-john-flynn-placement-program</a>

### 3. Cotton Industry Medical Scholarship

<b>Discipline</b>	Medicine
<b>Funding body</b>	Gwydir Valley Cotton Grower's Association Inc., administered by New South Wales Rural Doctors Network.
<b>Aim of scheme</b>	Encourages students to spend time in a rural cotton growing region and consider a rural medicine career in this region.
<b>Length of scheme</b>	Three years
<b>Financial value</b>	\$5,000 per year for three years to assist with costs related to studies.
<b>Student requirements</b>	<p>Applicants must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• be an Australian or New Zealand citizen or a permanent resident;</li> <li>• be enrolled in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ second year of a postgraduate medical degree;</li> <li>▪ third year of a five year medical degree;</li> <li>▪ fourth year of a six year medical degree;</li> </ul> </li> <li>• demonstrate an understanding of the realities of rural medical practice;</li> <li>• be motivated to undertake placements in cotton growing areas in New South Wales;</li> <li>• have an understanding of the cotton industry and/or be from a cotton growing area; and</li> <li>• write a 300 to 500 word essay on what they hope to achieve holding the cotton industry medical scholarship.</li> </ul>
<b>Rural service/student commitments</b>	Students are required to spend a minimum of two weeks of their holiday each year on a rural placement in a cotton growing region of New South Wales.
<b>Benefits to students</b>	Provides students with an opportunity to experience rural medicine, health care and the rural lifestyle and community.
<b>Contact/website</b>	<a href="http://www.nswrdn.com.au/site/rdn-scholarships">www.nswrdn.com.au/site/rdn-scholarships</a>

#### 4. AUSSTAT Rural Scholarship Program\*

<b>Discipline</b>	Medicine
<b>Funding body</b>	AUSSTAT
<b>Aim of scheme</b>	Enable students to experience rural medicine and consider a career in a rural area or as a locum.
<b>Length of scheme</b>	One elective
<b>Financial value</b>	15 scholarships spread equitably across Australia and New Zealand which offer \$500 per student towards travel and expenses.
<b>Student requirements</b>	Applicants must write a letter that outlines why they would like a rural scholarship and what their career plans are.
<b>Rural service/student commitments</b>	Complete a rural elective and upon completion of the elective submit a report to AUSSTAT and the applicant's university.
<b>Benefits to students</b>	Provides students with opportunity and funding to complete a rural elective.
<b>Contact/website</b>	<a href="http://www.ausstat.com.au/locums/student-locums.html">www.ausstat.com.au/locums/student-locums.html</a>

## 5. Australian Medical Students' Association Indigenous Health Elective Bursary\*

<b>Discipline</b>	Medicine
<b>Funding body</b>	Australian Medical Students' Association and the National Rural Health Students Network.
<b>Aim of scheme</b>	Bursary gives students the opportunity to receive funding to assist them complete a rural elective.
<b>Length of scheme</b>	One elective
<b>Financial value</b>	Each bursary is valued at \$250 to \$1,000 and is designed to assist with the cost of planning and undertaking an elective.
<b>Student requirements</b>	Applicants must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• be enrolled in an Australian medical school;</li> <li>• be a member of a rural health club; and</li> <li>• complete an application and include details about the elective as well as a statement on the motivation for the placement focusing on Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander health.</li> </ul>
<b>Rural service/student commitments</b>	Requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum four week elective placement with an Indigenous health service provider within Australia.</li> <li>• Submission of a 750 word report outlining experiences and the benefits of the opportunity for their personal and professional development.</li> </ul>
<b>Benefits to students</b>	Provides students with an opportunity and funding to complete a rural elective.
<b>Contact/website</b>	<a href="http://www.amsa.org.au/rural/indigenous-elective-bursary/">www.amsa.org.au/rural/indigenous-elective-bursary/</a>

## 6. New South Wales Rural Allied Health Clinical Placement Grants

<b>Discipline</b>	Allied health
<b>Funding body</b>	New South Wales Government
<b>Aim of scheme</b>	Provides rural and urban allied health students with financial assistance for travel and accommodation costs for rural clinical placements.
<b>Length of scheme</b>	One placement
<b>Financial value</b>	Grants of up to \$750 are available to assist students with travel and accommodation costs for their rural clinical placements.
<b>Student requirements</b>	Students must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• be enrolled in an allied health course, second year or higher;</li> <li>• be a resident of New South Wales and enrolled as a full-time student at a New South Wales university; and</li> <li>• secure a placement in a 'rural' area covered by a rural Local Health District.</li> </ul>
<b>Rural service/student commitments</b>	Completing a rural clinical placement.
<b>Benefits to students</b>	Provides students with an opportunity and funding to complete a rural clinical placement.
<b>Contact/website</b>	<a href="http://www.heti.nsw.gov.au/Global/Scholarships/clinicalplacementgrant-s14.pdf">www.heti.nsw.gov.au/Global/Scholarships/clinicalplacementgrant-s14.pdf</a>

## 7. Nursing and Allied Health Scholarship and Support Scheme (Clinical Placement Scholarship)\*

<b>Discipline</b>	Nursing and allied health
<b>Funding body</b>	Australian Government Department of Health administered by Services for Australian Rural and Remote Allied Health (SARRAH) for the allied health component and the Australian College of Nursing for the nursing component.
<b>Aim of scheme</b>	Provides financial assistance for clinical placements in a variety of allied health practices including Aboriginal Medical Services, community health care centres, hospitals, public or private practices or a combination of these.
<b>Length of scheme</b>	One placement
<b>Financial value</b>	Scholarship funding of up to \$500 per week for up to six weeks to be used for food, accommodation and living expenses.
<b>Student requirements</b>	Students must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• be an Australian citizen or permanent resident of Australia;</li> <li>• be enrolled as a full-time or part-time student in an accredited, approved Australian undergraduate, postgraduate, doctorate level eligible allied health course; and</li> <li>• undertake clinical placements (minimum one week to maximum six weeks) in an Australian rural or remote community within the calendar year in which they are funded.</li> </ul>
<b>Rural service/student commitments</b>	Must complete the clinical placement in a rural or remote Australian community with an Australian Standard Geographical Classification – Remoteness Area rating between 2 and 5 for one to six weeks.
<b>Benefits to students</b>	Financial support
<b>Contact/Website</b>	<a href="http://sarrah.org.au/site/index.cfm?display=250845">sarrah.org.au/site/index.cfm?display=250845</a>

## 8. Rural Australia Medical Undergraduate Scholarship (RAMUS) Scheme\*

<b>Discipline</b>	Medicine
<b>Funding body</b>	National Rural Health Alliance (NRHA)
<b>Aim of scheme</b>	The RAMUS Scheme assists selected students with a rural background to study medicine at university. It aims to increase the number of doctors practising in rural and remote communities across Australia and improve the sustainability of the rural health workforce.
<b>Length of scheme</b>	Length of degree
<b>Financial value</b>	\$10,000 per year during the completion of a standard medical degree. For accommodation, living and travel costs (scheme not bonded, students not required to work in a rural area after graduation).
<b>Student requirements</b>	<p>Students must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• be an Australian citizen or permanent resident of Australia;</li> <li>• have lived in a defined Australian rural area for a minimum of five consecutive years, or eight cumulative years, from their fifth birthday up to the time of starting their medical degree;</li> <li>• be enrolled or have applied to study in an accredited Australian undergraduate or graduate-entry medical degree;</li> <li>• not be receiving other scholarships, bursaries or cadetships worth more than \$7,000 each year; and</li> <li>• show commitment to working in rural Australia in the future (stated intentions, demonstrated previous experience of and/or commitment to rural communities).</li> </ul> <p>Students are selected on the basis of financial need.</p>
<b>Rural service/student commitments</b>	Undertake appropriate rural activities, have a rural doctor as a mentor, be a member of the university's student rural health club and are strongly encouraged to participate in rural activities (supervised clinical activities in rural areas, promoting careers in health to rural school students).
<b>Benefits to students</b>	Financial support. Participants mentored by a rural doctor.
<b>Contact/website</b>	<a href="http://ramus.ruralhealth.org.au/">ramus.ruralhealth.org.au/</a>

## 9. The Land Centenary Rural Medical Scholarship Program

<b>Discipline</b>	Medicine
<b>Funding body</b>	The Land and Rural Doctors' Association of New South Wales
<b>Aim of scheme</b>	To encourage more country students to study (or continue studying) medicine.
<b>Length of scheme</b>	One year
<b>Financial value</b>	\$7,500
<b>Student requirements</b>	<p>Students must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• be an Australian citizen or a permanent resident;</li> <li>• write a 2,000 word essay incorporating why they are studying medicine, career goals and an understanding of the role and value of rural doctors in Australia;</li> <li>• ordinarily reside in a rural or regional area of New South Wales, greater than 50 kilometres from the nearest university offering a medical degree;</li> <li>• be currently enrolled at an Australian medical school in the first year of medicine or have successfully completed at least their first year of medicine;</li> <li>• provide a letter of support from the principal of their high school or another senior person within their local community; and</li> <li>• cannot be a recipient of another scholarship.</li> </ul>
<b>Rural service/student commitments</b>	Pass rate in all subjects. Maintain contact with mentor on a regular basis (at least monthly) to ensure a continued interest in and connection to rural medicine.
<b>Benefits to students</b>	Financial support, mentor
<b>Contact/website</b>	<a href="http://www.rdansw.com.au/node/6843">www.rdansw.com.au/node/6843</a>

## 10. Country Women’s Association Cowra Medical Education Grant

<b>Discipline</b>	Medicine, nursing and allied health
<b>Funding body</b>	Cowra Branch of the Country Women’s Association of New South Wales
<b>Aim of scheme</b>	Support students from local area to undertake a health-related discipline.
<b>Length of scheme</b>	One year
<b>Financial value</b>	\$4,000
<b>Student requirements</b>	<p>Students must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• have resided within the boundaries of the South West Group of the Country Women’s Association for the past three years (for example: in or near Binalong, Boorowa, Cowra, Grenfell, Harden or Young);</li> <li>• be in their second year or above of a health related course;</li> <li>• not have been offered or received (for the coming year) any other grant, scholarship or bursary; and</li> <li>• write a personal statement.</li> </ul>
<b>Rural service/student commitments</b>	Agree to undertake work experience in a rural area, preferably within the south west of New South Wales.
<b>Benefits to students</b>	Financial support, rural experience
<b>Contact/website</b>	<a href="http://www.cowracwa.com/">www.cowracwa.com/</a>

## 11. Australian Medical Students' Association Rural Health Elective Bursary\*

<b>Discipline</b>	Medicine
<b>Funding body</b>	Australian Medical Students' Association
<b>Aim of scheme</b>	Australian Medical Students' Association works with many external stakeholders to advocate for further opportunities and support for students with an interest in rural or Indigenous health. The bursary gives students the opportunity to receive funding to assist them complete a rural elective.
<b>Length of scheme</b>	One elective
<b>Financial value</b>	\$250 to \$1,000
<b>Student requirements</b>	<p>Students must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• be enrolled in an Australian medical school;</li> <li>• be a member of their rural health club; and</li> <li>• write an application that includes elective location, date of elective, length of elective, what aspects of elective the funding will be used to support and a 750 word essay.</li> </ul> <p>Recipients of a John Flynn Scholarship, past Australian Medical Students' Association bursary and member of the current Australian Medical Students' Association Executive are ineligible.</p>
<b>Rural service/student commitments</b>	<p>Requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum four week elective placement.</li> <li>• Elective must be undertaken in a rural health setting or with an Indigenous health service provider within Australia.</li> <li>• Submission of a 750 word report outlining experiences and benefits of the opportunity at completion of placement.</li> </ul>
<b>Benefits to students</b>	Provides students with an opportunity and funding to complete a rural elective.
<b>Contact/website</b>	<a href="http://www.amsa.org.au/rural/rural-elective-bursary">www.amsa.org.au/rural/rural-elective-bursary</a>

## 12. Dr William Hunter Scholarship

<b>Discipline</b>	Medicine, nursing and allied health
<b>Funding body</b>	Barwon Division of General Practice Ltd
<b>Aim of scheme</b>	Support students from local area to undertake a health-related discipline.
<b>Length of scheme</b>	One year
<b>Financial value</b>	\$5,000
<b>Student requirements</b>	<p>Students must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• reside in the Shires of Moree, Wyallda, Bingara or Collarenebri districts;</li> <li>• be going into second year or above of an undergraduate degree at any Australian university studying a health-related discipline; and</li> <li>• submit a written application including a 500 word essay.</li> </ul>
<b>Rural service/student commitments</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In return, the student will agree to spend two weeks during the year of support at a student placement in the Moree Shire or one week in Wyallda/Bingara/Collarenebri and one week in Moree (may be taken as whole or two separate placements). The scholarship fund will pay the student's expenses for the two week placement.</li> <li>• Participate in an evaluation about the New South Wales Nursing and Midwifery Scholarship Fund.</li> </ul>
<b>Benefits to students</b>	Financial support, rural experience
<b>Contact/website</b>	<a href="http://www.barwondgp.org.au/documents/DrWilliamHunterapplicationform2014.pdf">www.barwondgp.org.au/documents/DrWilliamHunterapplicationform2014.pdf</a>

### 13. Nursing and Midwifery Undergraduate Clinical Placements Grant

<b>Discipline</b>	Nursing, midwifery
<b>Funding body</b>	New South Wales Government
<b>Aim of scheme</b>	Grants to assist with accommodation and travel associated with the clinical placement will be awarded based on the distance between the post office of the suburb/town of residence and the post office of the suburb/town of the placement.
<b>Length of scheme</b>	One placement
<b>Financial value</b>	Grants up to \$1,000 for clinical placements in a public health facility in a metropolitan or rural location are available to students undertaking a Bachelor of Nursing or Bachelor of Midwifery degree.
<b>Student requirements</b>	Students must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• be enrolled in a Bachelor of Nursing degree as a full-time student at a New South Wales university; and</li> <li>• must be a resident of New South Wales.</li> </ul>
<b>Rural service/student commitments</b>	Completing a clinical placement.
<b>Benefits to students</b>	Provide students with opportunity and funding to complete a rural clinical placement.
<b>Contact/website</b>	<a href="http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/nursing/scholarship/Pages/">www.health.nsw.gov.au/nursing/scholarship/Pages/</a>

## Category 2

### Bursaries and scholarships with financial aid only

A number of bursaries and scholarships are available to university students studying medicine, dentistry, nursing or allied health that do not require any return of service. Many of these bursaries and scholarships with financial aid only are available only to rural students with the aim of supporting students from a rural area to study in a health field.

Thirteen different bush bursary type programs were identified in this category. The programs that are available to students in Western Australia are marked with an asterisk.

1. Australian Medical Association Indigenous Peoples' Medical Scholarship Trust Fund\*
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5. Rural Undergraduate Scholarship
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9. The Nursing Allied Health Scholarship and Support Scheme (Undergraduate Scholarship)\*
10. Rural Pharmacy Scholarship Scheme\*
11. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Pharmacy Scholarship Scheme\*
12. Rotary Indigenous Health Scholarship\*
13. Parnell Rural and Remote Nursing Scholarship

## 1. Australian Medical Association Indigenous People's Medical Scholarship Trust Fund\*

<b>Discipline</b>	Medicine
<b>Funding body</b>	Australian Medical Association/Australian Government/ Reuben Peleman Benevolent Foundation
<b>Aim of scheme</b>	To increase the number of Indigenous doctors in Australia. Designed to encourage and support Indigenous students to prepare for their careers in medicine, particularly in Indigenous health.
<b>Length of scheme</b>	Each year of medicine the recipient successfully completes.
<b>Financial value</b>	\$9,000 per annum
<b>Student requirements</b>	<p>Students must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent or identify as an Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and be accepted by the community in which he or she lives or has lived;</li> <li>• be enrolled full-time at an Australian medical school and have successfully completed at least their first year of medicine;</li> <li>• maintain satisfactory performance judged on results achieved; and</li> <li>• provide a statement describing aspirations, purpose in studying medicine and uses to which applicant hopes to put medical training.</li> </ul>
<b>Rural service/student commitments</b>	No service or commitment required.
<b>Benefits to students</b>	Financial support
<b>Contact/website</b>	<a href="http://ama.com.au/indigenous-peoples-medical-scholarship-2014">ama.com.au/indigenous-peoples-medical-scholarship-2014</a>

## 2. Auscott Undergraduate Scholarship Programme

<b>Discipline</b>	Medicine, nursing and allied health
<b>Funding body</b>	Auscott
<b>Aim of scheme</b>	Support students from the company's three rural operating areas to attend university.
<b>Length of scheme</b>	Four years
<b>Financial value</b>	The duration of the scholarship is normally four years and capped at \$11,500 per annum for the duration of the course.
<b>Student requirements</b>	<p>Students must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• have completed a full six-year secondary school course at Narrabri, Wee Waa or Moree Secondary High Schools or attending schools in Dubbo, Narromine, Tangie or Warren and residing in the Shire of Warren or the Municipality of Narromine;</li> <li>• have gained admission to a tertiary educational institution in New South Wales, Queensland, Australian Capital Territory to study allied health, nursing or medicine;</li> <li>• have displayed community and civic responsibility;</li> <li>• have participated in extra-curricular activities; and</li> <li>• completed an application form.</li> </ul>
<b>Rural service/student commitments</b>	At the end of each academic year, the successful applicant will be required to supply to the Committee a brief report outlining their progress.
<b>Benefits to students</b>	Financial support
<b>Contact/website</b>	<a href="http://www.auscott.com.au/community/default.aspx">www.auscott.com.au/community/default.aspx</a>

### 3. David Bowler Memorial Award

<b>Discipline</b>	Medicine, nursing and allied health
<b>Funding body</b>	Broken Hill Health Service and Broken Hill City Council
<b>Aim of scheme</b>	To encourage a local person to undertake a health-related discipline with a view to them practising in the area on completion of their studies.
<b>Length of scheme</b>	One year
<b>Financial value</b>	Annual grant of \$5,000
<b>Student requirements</b>	Students must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• reside in or have parent(s) who reside in the medical catchment area of the Broken Hill Base Hospital;</li><li>• be accepted into or studying a health-related discipline; and</li><li>• submit a written application.</li></ul>
<b>Rural service/student commitments</b>	No service or commitment required.
<b>Benefits to students</b>	Financial support
<b>Contact/website</b>	<a href="http://www.brokenhill.nsw.gov.au/index.php?option=com_content&amp;view=category&amp;id=1532&amp;Itemid=2719">www.brokenhill.nsw.gov.au/index.php?option=com_content&amp;view=category&amp;id=1532&amp;Itemid=2719</a>

#### 4. NSW Farmers Association Tertiary Scholarship Program

<b>Discipline</b>	Medicine, nursing and allied health
<b>Funding body</b>	New South Wales Farmers Association
<b>Aim of scheme</b>	To provide an enhanced benefit for association members and to reward, promote and encourage excellence in tertiary studies from members' families.
<b>Length of scheme</b>	One year
<b>Financial value</b>	Annual grant of \$5,000. Health students can apply for the Association Open Category Scholarship.
<b>Student requirements</b>	<p>Student must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• be (or their partner or parents) a current Full Producer Member of the Association and have been for the previous two years;</li> <li>• be a full-time student, in second or subsequent year of full-time study at a recognised tertiary institution; and</li> <li>• show commitment to agriculture/rural communities.</li> </ul>
<b>Rural service/student commitments</b>	No service or commitment required. Will be asked to participate in media and promotional opportunities.
<b>Benefits to students</b>	Financial support
<b>Contact/website</b>	<a href="http://www.nswfarmers.org.au/our-services/member-services/tertiary-scholarship-program">www.nswfarmers.org.au/our-services/member-services/tertiary-scholarship-program</a>

## 5. Rural Undergraduate Scholarship

<b>Discipline</b>	Nursing
<b>Funding body</b>	New South Wales Government
<b>Aim of scheme</b>	Support students from rural area to undertake a Bachelor of Nursing or Bachelor of Midwifery degree.
<b>Length of scheme</b>	One year
<b>Financial value</b>	Up to \$5,000 per year (applicants may apply annually. It should not be assumed that successful applicants in one year will be successful in subsequent years.)
<b>Student requirements</b>	<p>Student must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• be living in rural New South Wales and reside within the boundaries of Berry, Maitland and Lithgow for more than five years, within the last ten years;</li> <li>• be an Australian citizen or permanent resident living in New South Wales;</li> <li>• be undertaking their Bachelor of Nursing or Midwifery degree;</li> <li>• intend to practise in a rural location as a registered nurse or midwife when studies are completed; and</li> <li>• provide an essay, of 250 (no more than 500) words, on a set question about rural health.</li> </ul> <p>Preference will be given to applicants living in locations with the greatest workforce needs.</p>
<b>Rural service/student commitments</b>	Willing to participate in an evaluation or telephone survey about the Nursing and Midwifery Scholarship.
<b>Benefits to students</b>	Financial support.
<b>Contact/website</b>	<a href="http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/nursing/scholarship/Pages/rural-undergrad.aspx">www.health.nsw.gov.au/nursing/scholarship/Pages/rural-undergrad.aspx</a>

## 6. Puggy Hunter Memorial Scholarship Scheme\*

<b>Discipline</b>	Medicine, nursing and allied health
<b>Funding body</b>	Australian College of Nursing/Australian Government Department of Health
<b>Aim of scheme</b>	Aims to address the under-representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in health profession and with professional health qualifications.
<b>Length of scheme</b>	Normal duration of the degree.
<b>Financial value</b>	Full time scholarship awardees will receive up to \$15,000 per year.
<b>Student requirements</b>	<p>Students must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent;</li> <li>• intend to enrol or already be enrolled in an entry level health qualification;</li> <li>• intend to study in the academic year that the scholarship is offered; and</li> <li>• complete application questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>discuss their commitment to becoming a health professional;</li> <li>discuss what they hope to accomplish as a health professional in the next five to 10 years; and</li> <li>demonstrate how this scholarship will assist them in achieving their goals.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Rural service/student commitments</b>	No service or commitment required.
<b>Benefits to students</b>	Financial support
<b>Contact/website</b>	<a href="http://www.acn.edu.au/phmss">www.acn.edu.au/phmss</a>

## 7. Give Them Wings

<b>Discipline</b>	Nursing and allied health
<b>Funding body</b>	Rural Health Workforce Australia and the Royal Flying Doctor Service (Victoria)
<b>Aim of scheme</b>	To support young people from country Victoria in the study of nursing and allied health at university. The scholarships recognise the importance of rural students in helping to reduce Australia's rural health workforce shortages.
<b>Length of scheme</b>	One year
<b>Financial value</b>	Two nursing and two allied health scholarships will be awarded per year with each recipient receiving \$2,500 towards their first year university living expenses - plus a Royal Flying Doctor Service experience.
<b>Student requirements</b>	Students must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• be enrolled in a nursing or allied health degree studying full-time;</li> <li>• be an Australian citizen or permanent resident;</li> <li>• reside in a Victorian regional or remote community; and</li> <li>• be a member of a rural health club.</li> </ul>
<b>Rural service/student commitments</b>	No service or commitment required.
<b>Benefits to students</b>	Financial support
<b>Contact/website</b>	<a href="http://www.rhwa.org.au/site/index.cfm?display=434326">www.rhwa.org.au/site/index.cfm?display=434326</a>

## 8. Albury Wodonga Border Medical Student Scholarship

<b>Discipline</b>	Medicine
<b>Funding body</b>	Border Medical Association
<b>Aim of scheme</b>	Reward the brightest year 12 students from all local schools who are accepted to study medicine and to encourage them to return 'home' after they graduate.
<b>Length of scheme</b>	Six years (length of degree)
<b>Financial value</b>	A student selected by the Committee receives a sum annually for the six years of the Medicine degree. Other applicants may receive a sum to assist their relocation to a capital city or for books and living expenses.
<b>Student requirements</b>	<p>Students must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• have completed the majority of their secondary schooling in the region of Albury/Wodonga and surrounding districts (defined as being the local government areas in New South Wales of Albury, Corowa, Greater Hume, Lockhart, Tumbarumba, Urana and Wagga Wagga and in Victoria of Wodonga, Towong, Alpine, Indigo, Wangaratta and Benalla);</li> <li>• be an Australian citizen; and</li> <li>• be enrolled in a medical training course in an Australian university, either undergraduate or post-graduate.</li> </ul>
<b>Rural service/student commitments</b>	To report in writing back to the Border Medical Association each year so their progress can be monitored.
<b>Benefits to students</b>	Financial support. Also encouraged to choose a local doctor as a mentor.
<b>Contact/website</b>	<a href="http://bordermedical.com.au/bma-scholarship/aims.html">bordermedical.com.au/bma-scholarship/aims.html</a>

## 9. The Nursing Allied Health Scholarship and Support Scheme (Undergraduate Scholarship)\*

<b>Discipline</b>	Nursing and allied health
<b>Funding body</b>	Australian Government Department of Health Administered by Services for Australian Rural and Remote Allied Health (SARRAH) for the allied health component and Australian College of Nursing for the nursing component.
<b>Aim of scheme</b>	To increase the workforce by encouraging young people to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• pursue a career in allied health and nursing;</li> <li>• support allied health and nursing professionals to undertake continuing professional development; and</li> <li>• encourage health careers in geographic areas and professions where there are shortages.</li> </ul>
<b>Length of scheme</b>	Length of degree
<b>Financial value</b>	Scholarship holders will receive up to \$10,000 per year during their undergraduate, entry level or graduate entry full time professional studies.
<b>Student requirements</b>	Students must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• be an Australian citizen or hold Australian permanent residency status;</li> <li>• be enrolled in or intending to enroll in an accredited/approved undergraduate or graduate entry allied health course; and</li> <li>• must have spent at least five consecutive or eight cumulative years, since the age of five residing in a rural or remote area classified Australian Standard Geographical Classification – Remoteness Area 2 to 5.</li> </ul>
<b>Rural service/student commitments</b>	No service required, funds are meant as a contribution toward the cost of study incurred by the student.
<b>Benefits to students</b>	Financial support
<b>Contact/website</b>	<a href="http://sarrah.org.au/content/undergraduate-entry-level">sarrah.org.au/content/undergraduate-entry-level</a>

## 10. Rural Pharmacy Scholarship Scheme\*

<b>Discipline</b>	Pharmacy
<b>Funding body</b>	Australian Government
<b>Aim of scheme</b>	The Rural Pharmacy Scholarship Scheme provides financial support to encourage and enable students from rural and remote communities to undertake undergraduate or graduate studies in pharmacy at university.
<b>Length of scheme</b>	Four years (length of degree)
<b>Financial value</b>	\$10,000 per annum per student, meaning a student may be granted \$40,000 over a four-year period (scheme not bonded, students not required to work in a rural area after graduation).
<b>Student requirements</b>	<p>Students must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• be an Australian citizen or permanent resident of Australia;</li> <li>• have lived in a defined Australian rural area for a minimum of five consecutive years, or eight cumulative years, from their fifth birthday;</li> <li>• be enrolled, or about to be enrolled, as a full-time student in a pharmacy undergraduate or graduate degree at an Australian university; and</li> <li>• be a member of the student rural health club or a member of their university's affiliated rural health club.</li> </ul> <p>Financial need is also considered.</p>
<b>Rural service/student commitments</b>	Participants must develop a learning plan which includes interaction with mentor, rural activities and rural health club participation. Participant must provide an end of year report each year. Scholarship recipients are encouraged, but not required, to seek employment in rural and remote areas following graduation.
<b>Benefits to students</b>	Financial support. Participants mentored by a rural pharmacist.
<b>Contact/website</b>	<a href="https://5cpa.com.au/programs/rural-pharmacy-initiatives/rural-pharmacy-scholarship-scheme/">5cpa.com.au/programs/rural-pharmacy-initiatives/rural-pharmacy-scholarship-scheme/</a>

## 11. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Pharmacy Scholarship Scheme\*

<b>Discipline</b>	Pharmacy
<b>Funding body</b>	Australian Government
<b>Aim of scheme</b>	The aim of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Pharmacy Scholarship Programme is to encourage Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to undertake undergraduate or graduate entry studies in pharmacy at an Australian university.
<b>Length of scheme</b>	Four years (length of degree)
<b>Financial value</b>	\$15,000 per annum per student, meaning a student may be granted \$60,000 over a four-year period (scheme not bonded, students not required to work in a rural area after graduation).
<b>Student requirements</b>	<p>Students must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• be an Australian citizen or permanent resident of Australia;</li> <li>• be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent;</li> <li>• preferably be from a rural or remote location. Although not a mandatory requirement, scholarships will be offered preferentially to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students who currently live, or have lived, in a rural or remote community.</li> <li>• be enrolled, or about to be enrolled as a full-time student in a pharmacy undergraduate or graduate degree at an Australian university; and</li> <li>• be a member of the student rural health club or a member of their university's affiliated rural health club.</li> </ul> <p>Financial need is also considered.</p>
<b>Rural service/student commitments</b>	Participants must develop a learning plan which includes interaction with mentor, rural activities and rural health club participation. Participant must provide an end of year report each year. Scholarship recipients are encouraged, but not required, to seek employment in rural and remote areas following graduation.
<b>Benefits to students</b>	Financial support. Participants mentored by a rural pharmacist.
<b>Contact/website</b>	<a href="https://5cpa.com.au/programs/aboriginal-and-torres-strait-islander-initiatives/aboriginal-torres-strait-islander-pharmacy-scholarship-program/">5cpa.com.au/programs/aboriginal-and-torres-strait-islander-initiatives/aboriginal-torres-strait-islander-pharmacy-scholarship-program/</a>

## 12. Rotary Indigenous Health Scholarship\*

<b>Discipline</b>	Any health related degree
<b>Funding body</b>	Australian Rotary Health, some State or Territory governments and the Australian Government
<b>Aim of scheme</b>	To provide a scholarship that can be used to assist Indigenous students to undertake a course in a wide range of health-related professions and to assist students to gain an education which will in turn enable them to use this education for the benefit of other Indigenous people in some of our remote areas.
<b>Length of scheme</b>	Remainder of degree
<b>Financial value</b>	\$5,000 per year
<b>Student requirements</b>	Students must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• be an Australian citizen;</li> <li>• be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent;</li> <li>• have completed at least two years of current medical course/or at least one year in other health-related courses; and</li> <li>• complete an essay titled <i>How will you contribute to improving Indigenous Health as a qualified medical practitioner or health work?</i></li> </ul>
<b>Rural service/student commitments</b>	No service or commitment required.
<b>Benefits to students</b>	Financial support
<b>Contact/website</b>	<a href="http://www.australianrotaryhealth.org.au/Programs/Indigenous-Health-Scholarships.aspx">www.australianrotaryhealth.org.au/Programs/Indigenous-Health-Scholarships.aspx</a>

### 13. Parnell Rural and Remote Nursing Scholarship

<b>Discipline</b>	Nursing
<b>Funding body</b>	Australian Rotary Health, some State or Territory governments and the Australian Government
<b>Aim of scheme</b>	To provide incentives for nursing students to complete their third year major clinical placement and graduating year in a rural/remote area.
<b>Length of scheme</b>	Remainder of degree
<b>Financial value</b>	Each Scholarship will be valued at \$12,500 and paid as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$2,500 at the end of the third year of studies for the final clinical block (four to six weeks) which must be taken within a rural or remote hospital; and</li> <li>• \$10,000 paid in four instalments of \$2,500 each, to be paid at the end of each quarter of the fourth or graduate year, in a rural or remote hospital. Each payment will be dependent upon the scholar remaining enrolled at the rural or remote hospital.</li> </ul>
<b>Student requirements</b>	Students must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• be an Australian citizen attending and/or enrolled in universities in New South Wales and Queensland;</li> <li>• be a third year student of their nursing degree; and</li> <li>• demonstrate 'a need' and attend their rural hospital for the entire year. Failure to do so will have the student forfeit further payments.</li> </ul>
<b>Rural service/student commitments</b>	The recipient will be expected to participate in, and will be a guest of, the local Rotary clubs. The recipient will also be expected to address the Rotary club as well as giving a presentation that provides the members with the recipients' background and an update on the progress of their course. The recipient will provide a report quarterly to receive next payment.
<b>Benefits to students</b>	Financial support
<b>Contact/website</b>	<a href="http://www.australianrotaryhealth.org.au/Programs/Rural-Nursing-Scholarships.aspx">www.australianrotaryhealth.org.au/Programs/Rural-Nursing-Scholarships.aspx</a>

## Category 3

### Bonded bursaries and scholarships

Rural Health West identified five Bonded scholarships aimed at increasing the availability of rural doctors or other health professionals. These programs often involve significant investment from organisations in return for extended rural service at the completion of the applicant's degree.

Four different bush bursary type programs were identified in this category. Those programs available to students in Western Australia are marked with an asterisk.

1. New South Wales Rural Resident Medical Officer Cadetship
2. New South Wales Rural Resident Medical Officer Cadetship for Indigenous Students
3. Higher Education Contribution Scheme Reimbursement Scheme\*
4. Medical Rural Bonded Scholarship Scheme\*

## 1. New South Wales Rural Resident Medical Officer Cadetship

<b>Discipline</b>	Medicine
<b>Funding body</b>	New South Wales Ministry of Health
<b>Aim of scheme</b>	Encourage students to work in rural New South Wales. Cadets are ambassadors for the future rural health workforce and the cadetship scheme and gain a strong understanding of the realities of rural medical practice and issues faced by rural communities in New South Wales.
<b>Length of scheme</b>	Two years funding, two years service
<b>Financial value</b>	Up to \$15,000 per year for the final two years of their medical degree (up to 12 offered per year).
<b>Student requirements</b>	<p>Students must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• be Australian or New Zealand citizens or permanent residents;</li> <li>• be a medical student studying in New South Wales or studying interstate who undertook Year 12 in New South Wales;</li> <li>• be enrolled in their second year medical degree at The University of Sydney, University of Wollongong, The University of Notre Dame Australia (Sydney) or the Australian National University, third year of study at The University of Newcastle Australia or the University of Western Sydney or fourth year of study at the University of New South Wales;</li> <li>• be enrolled in their second year graduate medical degree or third last year of an undergraduate medical degree (New South Wales residents studying in another state);</li> <li>• must demonstrate an understanding of the realities of rural medical practice;</li> <li>• display interest in rural practice;</li> <li>• write a short essay explaining why the applicant wants to practise rural medicine; and</li> <li>• be committed to pursuing a career in rural medicine.</li> </ul>
<b>Rural service/student commitments</b>	Recipients are required to work for two years in a rural New South Wales based hospital in the first three years following graduation (Tamworth, Wagga Wagga, Orange, Dubbo or Albury).
<b>Benefits to students</b>	Financial support, mentoring and support, relocation grant when moving to a rural location.
<b>Contact/website</b>	<a href="http://www.nswrdn.com.au/site/index.cfm?display=57860">www.nswrdn.com.au/site/index.cfm?display=57860</a>

## 2. New South Wales Rural Resident Medical Officer Cadetship for Indigenous Students

<b>Discipline</b>	Medicine
<b>Funding body</b>	New South Wales Ministry of Health
<b>Aim of scheme</b>	To encourage Indigenous students to work in rural New South Wales. Cadets are ambassadors for the future rural health workforce and the cadetship scheme and have a strong understanding of the realities of rural medical practice and issues faced by rural communities in New South Wales.
<b>Length of scheme</b>	Two - three years (two different pathways), two years of service
<b>Financial value</b>	\$30,000 during their degree (two cadetships offered per year).
<b>Student requirements</b>	<p>Students must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• be Australian or New Zealand citizens or permanent residents;</li> <li>• be an Indigenous Australian medical student studying in New South Wales or interstate who undertook Year 12 in New South Wales;</li> <li>• be enrolled in their second year medical degree at The University of Sydney, University of Wollongong, The University of Notre Dame Australia (Sydney) or the Australian National University, third year of study at The University of Newcastle Australia or the University of Western Sydney or fourth year of study at the University of New South Wales;</li> <li>• be enrolled in their second year graduate medical degree or third last year of an undergraduate medical degree (New South Wales residents studying in another state);</li> <li>• must demonstrate an understanding of the realities of rural medical practice;</li> <li>• display interest in rural practice;</li> <li>• write a short essay explaining why the applicant wants to practise rural medicine; and</li> <li>• be committed to pursuing a career in rural medicine.</li> </ul>
<b>Rural service/student commitments</b>	Recipients are required to work for two years in a rural New South Wales based hospital in the first three years following graduation (Tamworth, Wagga Wagga, Orange, Dubbo or Albury).
<b>Benefits to students</b>	Financial support, mentoring and support, relocation grant when moving to a rural location.
<b>Contact/website</b>	<a href="http://www.nswrdn.com.au/site/index.cfm?display=57860">www.nswrdn.com.au/site/index.cfm?display=57860</a>

### 3. Higher Education Contribution Scheme Reimbursement Scheme\*

<b>Discipline</b>	Medicine
<b>Funding body</b>	Australian Government
<b>Aim of scheme</b>	To promote careers in rural medicine and increase the number of doctors in rural and regional Australia in the longer term.
<b>Length of scheme</b>	Years of service are dependent on Australian Standard Geographical Classification – Remoteness Areas of medical service.
<b>Financial value</b>	Reimburses standard Higher Education Contribution Scheme (HECS) debts of medical students. Reimbursement scaled depending on the Australian Standard Geographical Classification – Remoteness Area.
<b>Student requirements</b>	<p>Students must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• be an Australian citizen or hold an Australian permanent resident visa;</li> <li>• through a Commonwealth Supported Place have completed an accredited Australian medical course leading to the award of a Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery degree (MBBS) or equivalent;</li> <li>• have completed their final year of study and obtained their medical degree in the last six years (noting that the initial application must be received within this timeframe);</li> <li>• have provided medical services or undertaken continuous training as defined by the Health Insurance ACT 1973 in an eligible Remoteness Area 2 to 5 location; and</li> <li>• have been a Commonwealth Supported Place student that incurred a HECS-HELP debt.</li> </ul>
<b>Rural service/student commitments</b>	Employment in rural area (eligible Remoteness Area 2 to 5 location)
<b>Benefits to students</b>	Reimbursement of HECS debt
<b>Contact/website</b>	<a href="http://www.ruralhealthaustralia.gov.au/internet/rha/publishing.nsf/Content/HECS_Reimbursement_Scheme">www.ruralhealthaustralia.gov.au/internet/rha/publishing.nsf/Content/HECS_Reimbursement_Scheme</a>

## 4. Medical Rural Bonded Scholarship Scheme\*

<b>Discipline</b>	Medicine
<b>Funding body</b>	Australian Government
<b>Aim of scheme</b>	To address doctor shortages outside metropolitan areas across Australia. Provides 100 additional Commonwealth supported places each year to medical students.
<b>Length of scheme</b>	Normal duration of medical degree, six years of continuous service
<b>Financial value</b>	Commonwealth Supported Place at a participating university. Scholarship worth over \$25,000 a year and is tax free.
<b>Student requirements</b>	The Medical Rural Bonded Scholarship Scheme is open to all first year medical students who are Australian citizens and Australian permanent resident visa holders. Some universities require an expression of interest to receive a Medical Rural Bonded Scholarship Scheme place.
<b>Rural service/student commitments</b>	Students must; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• complete their medical studies and gain Fellowship, either as a general practitioner or a specialist, within 16 years of commencing medical studies, excluding any approved deferrals;</li> <li>• work as a specialist (including general practice) for six continuous years (less any credit obtained through scaling) in rural or remote areas of Australia; and</li> <li>• this scheme does not permit students to 'buy out'.</li> </ul>
<b>Benefits to students</b>	Scholarship payment during degree
<b>Contact/website</b>	<a href="http://www.health.gov.au/mrbscholarships">www.health.gov.au/mrbscholarships</a>







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