Collier Rural Health Scholarship in Medicine

(Established in 2020 by The Collier Charitable Fund to provide financial support to students undertaking studies in rural areas.)

1 Purpose
The purpose of the Scholarship is to encourage and support Doctor of Medicine students who are undertaking studies in rural areas.

2 Definitions
In these rules-
- **Associate Dean** means the Associate Dean (Academic) for the Faculty of Medicine.
- **Rural Or Regional Background** means you must have lived in a geographic region classified as Remoteness Area 2 (RA2), Remoteness Area 3 (RA3), Remoteness Area 4 (RA4), Remoteness Area 5 (RA5), for at least five consecutive years, or for at least 10 years cumulatively. Remoteness Areas are defined by the Australian Statistical Geography Standard – Remoteness Area structure (ASGS-RA).
- **Rural Area** if within Queensland means all of Queensland except those areas encompassed by the following local government areas-
  - (a) Brisbane City Council
  - (b) Gold Coast City
  - (c) Ipswich City
  - (d) Logan City
  - (e) Moreton Bay Regional
  - (f) Redland City
- **Scholarship** means the Collier Rural Health Scholarship in Medicine.

3 Award and value of scholarship
(1) Up to 3 Scholarships may be awarded on the recommendation of the Associate Dean.
(2) The value of each Scholarship is $10,000.

4 Eligibility for award
An applicant is eligible for the Scholarship, if the applicant –
- (a) submits an application to the Associate Dean by the advertised closing date for applications;
- (b) is a domestic student in accordance with the university’s Fee Policy;
- (c) is enrolled full-time in the Doctor of Medicine;
- (d) can provide documentary evidence of financial need;
- (e) is undertaking a placement at a health site in a Rural Area; and
- (f) does not hold another scholarship that the Associate Dean considers to be similar.

5 Selection of award
(1) For the selection process, the Associate Dean must establish a selection committee, comprising -
  - (a) the Associate Dean (or nominee), as chair of the committee;
  - (b) at least two members drawn from either professional or academic staff of the Faculty of Medicine.
(2) The Scholarship is awarded to the applicant showing greatest merit based on-
  - (a) evidence of financial need; and
  - (b) a personal statement
(3) If there are two applicants of equal merit, preference should be given to the applicant who is from the most Rural or Regional Background.

6 Conditions for scholarship
(1) The recipient may hold the Scholarship up to 1 year, subject to the recipient –
  - (a) continuing to be enrolled full-time in the Doctor of Medicine; and
  - (b) continuing to undertake placements at a health site in a Rural Area; and
  - (c) achieving an overall GPA of 4.0 for each semester of study and passing all courses in which they are enrolled.
(2) If a recipient fails to satisfy rule 6(1), the recipient must show cause to the Associate Dean, why the Scholarship should not be cancelled.
(3) The Scholarship may not be deferred or interrupted.

7 Termination of scholarship
The University will terminate a Scholarship:
- (a) if the recipient does not show cause to the reasonable satisfaction of the Associate Dean as provided for in rule 6(2);
(b) if the recipient defers or interrupts their study; or
(c) if the student commits serious misconduct.