



Rockhampton Rural Health Scholarship

(Established in 2022 from the Executive Dean's Emerging Priority's Fund to provide financial support to students undertaking studies at the Rockhampton Regional Clinical Unit.)

1 Purpose

The purpose of the Scholarship is to encourage and support Doctor of Medicine students to undertake studies at the Rockhampton Regional Clinical Unit.

2 Definitions

In these rules-

Dean means the Dean, Medical School.

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).

Scholarship means the Rockhampton Rural Health Scholarship.

3 Award and value of scholarship

- (1) One Scholarship may be awarded on the recommendation of the Dean.
- (2) The value of each Scholarship will be at least \$4,500 but limited to the annual distribution of the fund.

4 Eligibility for award

An applicant is eligible for the Scholarship, if the applicant –

- (a) submits an application to the 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) is a Year 4 student;
- (e) can provide documentary evidence of financial need;
- (f) is undertaking a placement at the Rockhampton Regional Clinical Unit for a second consecutive year; and
- (g) does not hold another scholarship that the Dean considers to be similar.

5 Selection of award

- (1) For the selection process, the Dean must establish a selection committee, comprising -
 - (a) the Dean, or nominee, as chair of the committee;
 - (b) the Director of the Rural Clinical School, or nominee
 - (c) 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 showing an interest in pursuing a career in rural medicine.
- (3) If there are two applicants of equal merit, preference should be given to the applicant who has demonstrated the greatest financial need.

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 with The University of Queensland; and
 - (b) continuing placement at Rockhampton Rural Clinical School; and
- (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 recipient commits misconduct.