



Dr Helen Row-Zonta Rural Health Scholarship in Medicine

(Established with the assistance of the Zonta Club of Brisbane, Inc. to commemorate the contribution of Dr Helen Maude Row. Dr Row was a pioneer who, in the late 1930's early 1940's (war time), was the first female General Practitioner to go 'out bush'. The University and the Zonta Club of Brisbane, Inc. wish to encourage and support female Doctor of Medicine students in financial need who are undertaking studies in rural areas and wish to pursue a career in medicine in a rural area.

1 Purpose

The purpose of the scholarship is to enable a female Doctor of Medicine students in financial need who are undertaking studies in rural areas to pursue a career in medicine in a rural area.

2 Definitions

In these rules-

Approved Program means the Doctor of Medicine

Dean means Dean, Medical School

Rural or Regional Area means areas classified as –

Remoteness Area 2 (RA2)

Remoteness Area 3 (RA3)

Remoteness Area 4 (RA4)

Remoteness Area 5 (RA5)

Remoteness Areas are defined by the Australian Statistical Geography Standard – Remoteness Area structure (ASGS -RA).

Scholarship means the Dr Helen Row-Zonta Rural Health Scholarship (in Medicine)

3 Award and value of scholarship

- (1) One Scholarship may be awarded each year on the recommendation of the Dean.
- (2) The value of each Scholarship will be \$3,500 but limited to the annual distribution of the fund, and the recipient will be provided a certificate.

4 Eligibility for award

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

- (a) submits an application for the Scholarship to the Dean, by the closing date for applications;
- (b) is a woman;
- (c) is a Year 4 student;
- (d) is a domestic student in accordance with the University's Student Fees Policy;
- (e) is undertaking placements at a health site in a Rural or Regional Area for a second consecutive year;
- (f) is enrolled full-time in the Approved Program; and
- (g) can provide documentary evidence of financial need.

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; and
 - (b) the Director of the Rural Clinical Schools of the Medical School, or nominee
 - (c) one further member drawn from the academic staff at a health site in a Rural or Regional Area.
- (2) The Scholarship is awarded to the applicant showing the greatest merit based on –
 - (a) financial need;
 - (b) strength of interest in pursuing a career in medicine in a Rural or Regional Area as demonstrated by a personal statement in the application; and
 - (c) any other matters that the selection committee considers to be relevant to the applicant's future success in the Approved Program.

6 Conditions for Scholarship

- (1) The Scholarship will be paid in one instalment after census date in the semester of award, subject to the recipient –
 - (a) not holding another scholarship that the Dean considers similar.