



TASMANIAN  
RURAL GENERALIST  
PATHWAY

# Tasmanian Rural Generalist Professional Scholarship

## Guidelines and Application Form

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## Purpose of Funding

A rural generalist is a medical practitioner who is trained to meet the specific current and future health care needs of Australian rural and remote communities. Rural generalists provide comprehensive general practice and emergency care and other medical specialist care in hospital and healthcare settings as part of a rural healthcare team. The Tasmanian Rural Generalist Pathway (TRGP) aims to support trainees on a pathway to the Fellowship of the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (FACRRM) or Fellowship of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, including the Rural Generalist Fellowship (FRACGP or FRACGP-RG).

Scholarships valued at up to \$18,000 are available to be awarded to University of Tasmania students and/or incoming interns and RMO's working at the North West Regional Hospital or the Launceston General Hospital.

Preference will be given to graduates from the Rural Clinical School and the Launceston Clinical School who complete their intern year at either the North West Regional Hospital or Launceston General Hospital.

These scholarships will be administered through HR+ Tasmania.

## Scholarship Dates

Scholarship applications open	
Scholarship applications close	
Scholarship recipients notified of outcomes (subject to accepting job in North/North-West)	
First payment due to final year students once they have accepted their intern placement (subject to successful completion of exams and portfolio)	

## Application Process

### Step 1

Entry point	Requirements
Fifth year University of Tasmania medical students	Students must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Have accepted an offer for an intern position at North West Regional Hospital or Launceston General Hospital; and</li><li>• Agree to complete a rural GP rotation during their intern year.</li></ul>
Interns entering their RMO year/s at North West Regional Hospital or Launceston General Hospital	Interns must:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have accepted an offer for an RMO position at North West Regional Hospital or Launceston General Hospital; and</li> <li>• Agree to complete a rural GP rotation during their PGY2 year.</li> </ul>
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All applicants must meet the eligibility criteria:

- I am an Australian or New Zealand permanent resident
- I have completed a Tasmanian Rural Generalist Pathway application
- I agree to the payment schedule as outlined in this document
- I agree to communicate by email for the duration of the scholarship process and will advise if my contact email changes

## Step 2

Complete and submit the application form by the required date as listed above.

## Selection Process

- Only complete and legible applications received during the application period will be assessed
- Any applicants who do not meet the eligibility criteria will be excluded
- The scholarship selection panel will assess and rank eligible applicants against the selection criteria according to an agreed scoring matrix
- Applicants who are ranked highly will be asked to submit supporting documentation such as proof of qualifications, employment and registration (or equivalent)
- The highest ranked applicants will be offered scholarships
- The applicant must accept or decline the offer by responding to the scholarship selection panel as instructed
- If an applicant declines an offer of scholarship, the scholarship will then be offered to the next highest ranked applicant
- If an applicant chooses to accept the offer, they will be required to provide evidence as per the payment schedule outlined in this document

## Verification of Supporting Documents

All successful applicants will be advised of the list of documents required to be submitted to accept the scholarship offer. This will include the following:

- Signed acceptance of offer
- Proof of Australian or New Zealand citizenship or permanent resident status or proof of the imminent likelihood of permanent residency

## Appeals

There is no appeals process for these scholarships. The decision of the scholarship selection panel is final.

## Payment of Scholarships

On acceptance of the scholarship offer, the recipient will complete a bank account information form. Payments will not be made to third parties or employer organisations. Scholarship payments will only be made on receipt of required evidence. Please note that scholarship payments are classed as taxable income.

Scholarships will be made as per the following payment schedule:

Year 1 Only available to fifth year University of Tasmania medical students	\$3000 paid to fifth year medical students on accepting their offer to be an intern in at North West Regional Hospital or Launceston General Hospital and passing their exams and portfolios.
Year 2 – PGY1 Only available to fifth year University of Tasmania medical students	Recipients can receive funding for any professional or course event while employed as a rural intern at the North West Regional Hospital or Launceston General Hospital, provided they undertake a rural intern placement if available (up to the value of \$5000).
Year 3 – PGY2 <b>Lateral entry available for interns entering their RMO year</b>	Recipients can receive funding for any professional or course event while employed as a rural RMO at the North West Regional Hospital or Launceston General Hospital, provided they undertake a rural RMO placement if available (up to the value of \$5000).
Year 4 – PGY3 Only available to existing scholarship holders	Recipients can receive funding for any professional or course event while employed as a rural RMO provided they undertake a rural RMO placement if available (up to the value of \$5000). Recipients must be registered as a student member with the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners or the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine and must intend to submit their application for general practitioner or rural generalist training during the PGY3 training year.

## Termination of Scholarship

The scholarship panel may terminate a scholarship where:

- Evidence requested is not received
- The scholarship recipient leaves the employment at the Tasmanian Health Service
- The scholarship recipient fails to advise the selection panel of any changes that affect the scholarship within 21 days of that change taking effect
- The scholarship recipient ceases to be an Australian or New Zealand citizen or permanent resident
- The scholarship recipient breaches any rules in these guidelines