

Tasmanian Rural Generalist Pathway

**Building Medical Workforce Capacity
in Rural and Remote Tasmania**

Tasmanian Rural Generalist Scholarship 2020

Guidelines and Application Form

Guidelines: Tasmanian Rural Generalist Scholarship

1. 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, in a sustainable and cost-effective way, by providing both comprehensive general practice and emergency care, and required components of other medical specialist care in hospital and community settings as part of a rural healthcare team. The Tasmanian Rural Generalist Pathway (TRGP) aims to support trainees on a visible pathway to the Fellowship of the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (FACRRM) or Fellowship of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners and Fellowship of Advanced Rural General Practice (FRACGP/FARGP).

The Building Medical Workforce Capacity in Rural and Remote Tasmania project includes the Tasmanian Rural Generalist Scholarship (TRGS) that aims to support career pathways to rural generalist practice in Tasmania, and assist the Tasmanian Health Service to attract, employ and retain medical graduates in rural and regional health services. For more information on the Tasmanian Rural Generalist Pathway (TRGP), please visit the Department of Health website [Tasmanian Rural Generalist Pathway](#)

Two scholarships valued at \$15,000 each are available to be awarded to University of Tasmania medical student graduates. These scholarships will be administered by the Rural Generalist Coordinating Council.

2. Scholarship Dates:

22 September 2020	Scholarship applications open
04 October 2020	Scholarship applications close
21 October 2020	Scholarship recipients notified of outcomes on or before this date
04 November 2020	Final day recipients can return notification of acceptance

3. Application Process

Step 1 Ensure you meet all eligibility criteria below:

	I am an Australian or New Zealand permanent resident
	I am due to graduate from the University of Tasmania Launceston Clinical School or North West Rural Clinical School in 2020
	I have signed a contract with the Tasmanian Health Service to complete my intern year in 2021 in the North West or North of Tasmania
	I agree to complete a rural primary care intern rotation in the North West or North of Tasmania in my intern year
	I agree to complete a GP RMO rotation in the North West or North of Tasmania in my PGY2 year
	I include a complete Tasmanian Rural Generalist Pathway membership form
	I agree to the payment schedule (Item 7 dot point 3) as outlined in this document
It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure they can communicate by email for the duration of the scholarship process and advise immediately if their contact email changes	

Step 2 Complete and submit the TRGS application form provided at the end of this document by the required dates.

4. 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 remaining 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 most highly ranked applicants will be offered scholarships electronically using the email address provided on the application form
- The applicant must accept or decline the offer by responding to the Scholarship Selection Panel as instructed in the offer
- If an applicant declines an offer of a scholarship, the scholarship will 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 (see Item 7 – dot point 3)

5. Verification of Supporting Documents

All successful applicants will be advised of the list of documents required to be submitted in order 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
- Proof of completion of University of Tasmania Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS)
- AHPRA registration number
- Signed proof of employment with the Tasmanian Health Services (THS)
- Evidence as written within the Payment Schedule (see Item 7 – dot point 3)

6. Appeals

There is no appeals process for these scholarships. The decision of the Scholarship Selection Panel is final.

7. Payment of Scholarships

- On acceptance of the scholarship offer, the recipient will complete the provided bank account information form (Payments will not be made to third parties or employer organisations).
- Scholarship payments will only be made on receipt of the required evidence as noted within the Payment Schedule below.

Scholarships will be made as per the following Payment Schedule:

- 1 x \$5,000 at completion of medical school in 2020 and signature of employment with THS in the North or North West in 2021 upon receipt of evidence
- 1 x \$5,000 at completion of intern year in the North or North West of Tasmania, with receipt of evidence of passing intern year, including a rural primary care intern position, and gaining general registration in early 2022
- 1 x \$5,000 at completion of PGY2, with receipt of evidence of successful completion of PGY2 in the North or North West of Tasmania, including GP RMO rotation and/or dedicated TRGP RMO year, plus application for GP training in Tasmania

8. Termination of Scholarship

The Scholarship Selection Panel may terminate a scholarship where:

- Evidence requested in the Payment Schedule (Item 7 – dot point 3) is not received
- The scholarship recipient leaves the employment of the Tasmanian Health Service
- Scholarship recipients fail to advise the Scholarship 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

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

CLOSING DATE: 4 OCTOBER 2020

Before completing your application please read the 'Building Medical Workforce Capacity in Rural and Remote Tasmania - Tasmanian Rural Generalist Scholarships' carefully.

Do not attach supporting documentation with this application form. Only applicants selected for further consideration will be asked to submit supporting documentation.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant name:	
Applicant home address:	
Applicant postal address (if different from above):	
Applicant's contact phone no.:	
Applicants email address:	
Applicant's employing hospital and job title:	
Applicants current clinical qualifications:	
AHPRA number:	
Tasmanian Health Service (THS) commencement date:	
Australian or New Zealand citizen or permanent resident? (tick one) Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	If you are not an Australian or New Zealand citizen or permanent resident, please state the date on which your visa will expire:
Any other information you wish to provide:	

REFEREE INFORMATION

Referee 1 - name:	
Referee 1 – position title and workplace	
Relationship to applicant:	
Referee 1 - Email:	
Referee 1 - preferred phone number:	
Referee 2 - name:	
Referee 2 – position title and workplace	
Relationship to applicant:	
Referee 2 - Email:	
Referee 2- preferred phone number:	

STATEMENT ADDRESSING THE SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Please describe your demonstrated commitment to a career in rural practice in Tasmania:

2. Please describe your demonstrated understanding of the professional and personal issues involved in rural practice.

3. Please describe your understanding of patient-centred care, and personal commitment in rural/remote Tasmania:

4. Please describe your commitment to the Tasmanian Rural Generalist Pathway, including rural primary care intern rotation and North West TRGP Resident Medical Officer or GP RMO position:

5. Please describe the relationship between the aim of this scholarship and your preferred career pathway:

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Signature of applicant:

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Date:

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Once completed and signed, please submit this form via email to:

Tasmanian Rural Generalist Scholarships – Selection Panel
c/- Sharee Taylor
Project Support – Rural Pathways

Email: sharee.taylor@health.tas.gov.au