

**Purpose**

The Bob Dunstone Rural Placement Scholarship has been established to support students to undertake a work integrated learning placement in a rural or remote location.

The Scholarship is available to students with a genuine interest in working in, and contributing to, regional communities.

**Source of funds**

The Scholarship has been funded via a donation from Vivienne Dunstone.

**Benefits**

Each Scholarship will be \$250 per week of placement up to a maximum of \$2,500. Additional funds may be available for students travelling to remote areas (RA5) for their placement.

There will be a minimum of two scholarships available per year.

**Eligibility**

Applicants for the Scholarship must:

- be enrolled full-time in a coursework degree at Flinders University\*; and
- have a full-time placement in the year of the Scholarship^; and
- be undertaking the placement in a regional or remote area defined as RA2 – RA5 by the Australian Statistical Geography Standard Remoteness (excluding Mount Barker); and
- be undertaking the placement in a location more than 90 minutes travel time from both the student's semester and permanent home address; and
- have not received financial support or a Scholarship from Flinders University for a rural/remote placement in the same year.

\*Scholarships are available to part-time students in exceptional circumstances, which include (but are not limited to) disability, illness or carer responsibilities.

^ In order to meet the eligibility criteria, students undertaking an elective placement will need to provide confirmation from their host supervisor that the placement will provide a significant benefit to their education.

Recipients who do not proceed with the placement may be liable to repay the Scholarship.

**Tenure**

The Scholarship will be valid for one placement.

**Selection**

The Scholarship selection will be conducted by a panel of staff with experience in Work Integrated Learning. When ranking applications, the panel will consider the:

- distance travelled and remoteness of the placement location; and

- length of the placement; and
- financial hardship caused by the placement as demonstrated by the applicant in their financial hardship statement; and
- level of previously received funding or accommodation support for placements in previous years; and
- number of placements the applicant is required to undertake for their course; and
- educational and professional development benefits to the applicant of undertaking a regional placement as demonstrated in their educational benefits statement.

### **Applications**

Applications can be made online through the Flinders University Student Management System. Only complete applications submitted by the closing date will be considered.

### **Advertising**

The Scholarship will be advertised on the University website and other appropriate media as determined by Flinders University.