

Purpose

The Andrew Thyne Reid Scholarship has been established to encourage high-achieving nursing, midwifery and allied health students to complete professional experience placements (PEPs) in rural and remote locations.

Exceptional health professionals are critical to ensuring there is high quality health care in country areas, which in turn is essential for the vibrant, productive rural, regional and remote communities needed for Australia to prosper and remain sustainable into the future.

It is recognised that students completing placements in rural or remote areas can encounter significant expenses. This program will reduce the financial burden of PEPs and enable students to develop their skills and enjoy the experience of living in a rural or remote community.

Benefits

The Program will be offered initially over two years commencing in 2020. It will support at least 20 students by providing a scholarship of up to \$5,000 per recipient. The value will be determined by location and duration of placement. This is intended to cover accommodation, travel, living expenses, and other expenses associated with the placement. It will also provide some compensation for the loss of income and/or the expenses to maintain a home base in Adelaide.

The scholarship will be paid prior to the commencement of the placement.

Eligibility

An applicant must:

- be an Australian citizen, permanent resident or New Zealand Citizen; and
- be enrolled in the second or subsequent year of an undergraduate Nursing, Midwifery or Allied Health degree at Flinders University; or
- be in the second year of study in a postgraduate degree in physiotherapy, occupational therapy, nutrition and dietetics, speech pathology, clinical exercise physiology, optometry and audiology; and
- be enrolled in a topic that has a continuous placement component of at least 4 weeks; and
- have satisfied all the compliance requirements for placement eligibility; and
- be undertaking the placement in a rural venue as defined by the Australian Statistical Geography Standard Remoteness Areas 2-5, excluding Mount Barker; and
- be able to demonstrate financial hardship and/or anticipated financial disadvantage as a result of undertaking a rural or remote PEP; and
- not normally reside within 100km of the placement location; and
- not reside at a family home address within 50km of the placement location.

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Tenure

The scholarship is offered twice annually. The scholarship is awarded at the discretion of the selection panel.

Recipients will not be eligible for subsequent scholarships under this program.

Recipients will not be eligible for further expense reimbursement from the University and /or College.

Recipients who do not proceed with the rural or remote placement will be liable to repay the scholarship monies.

It is expected that recipients will provide feedback regarding their experience.

Selection

Scholarships will be available within the three areas of Nursing, Midwifery and Allied Health.

The scholarship will be assessed based on financial need and academic merit. Students will be required to provide evidence of financial hardship and/or the financial disadvantage they expect to experience as a direct result of undertaking a rural or remote PEP.

Scholarship selection will be made in accordance with procedures approved by the Director, Student Administration Services and at the discretion of the selection committee.

Applications

Applications must be made on the prescribed form by the designated date.

Advertising

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