

# 2013 NSW RURAL RESIDENT MEDICAL OFFICER CADETSHIP FOR INDIGENOUS MEDICAL STUDENTS

## Where you grew up

1. For each phase of your life name the town (or nearest town) where you spent the majority of your time. If not in NSW, please also nominate the State. If you lived overseas, also list the country and give the approximate population of the relevant towns.

Early childhood (< 5 years of age)

Years

Primary schooling (5–12 years of age)

Years

Secondary schooling (13–16 years of age)

Years

Senior secondary (17–18 years of age)

Years

2. If you grew up in a metropolitan area, did you regularly visit non metropolitan areas prior to going to university?

Not applicable  No  Yes

3. Has your spouse or partner ever lived in a non metropolitan area?

Not applicable  No  Yes

If yes, please indicate the number of years \_\_\_\_\_

## How did you find out about this scholarship?

RDN Website

University Scholarships Office

University Rural Health Club

University Student Administrator

Other \_\_\_\_\_

## To complete your application

Please attach ALL of the following information to your completed application form:

a) Proof of enrolment for 2012

b) Résumé

c) A 500 (maximum) word essay answering the following question:

*'Why do you want to practice rural medicine?'*

Your essay should display an awareness of issues facing rural communities and how this impacts on rural medical practice.

Please return your application by email, fax or mail to:

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Closing date: **5pm on Monday 20 August 2012.**

The selection process occurs September 2012.

Hard copy applications must not be stapled.

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NSW RURAL DOCTORS NETWORK

## NSW Rural Resident Medical Officer Cadetships for Indigenous Medical Students

NSW Rural Doctors Network (RDN), on behalf of the NSW Ministry of Health, is offering up to three cadetships to Indigenous medical students interested in undertaking a medical career in rural NSW.

### About the cadetships

Successful applicants receive a scholarship of \$30,000 during their degree. In return, they agree to work for two years in a rural NSW Base Hospital within the first triennium following graduation.

Cadets in their final year of study apply for a PGY1 position through the Rural Preferential Recruitment (RPR) process administered by the Health Education and Training Institute (HETI).

Each cadet is eligible for a relocation allowance to assist with costs associated with their move to the country.

Rural service can also be undertaken in major NSW Base Hospitals including Wagga Wagga, Orange, Dubbo, Tamworth and Albury. Queries about locations for rural service should be directed to RDN.

There are two pathways for Indigenous cadets:

1. Students spread the payments across three years.
2. Students are paid in the last two years of their medical degree.

The return of service component for both pathways is two years.

### Please note

- Coastal NSW locations are not considered eligible for rural service.
- Students not honouring their commitment to undertake rural placements will be required to pay back all money granted to them.

### About the cadets

- Cadets are ambassadors for the future rural health workforce and the cadetship scheme.
- Cadets possess a strong understanding of the realities of rural medical practice and issues faced by rural communities in NSW.
- Cadets are committed to pursuing a career in rural medicine.

### Benefits of a cadetship

- Successful applicants receive \$30,000 during their degree.
- The cadetship offers additional benefits including a relocation grant when moving to a rural location.
- Subsidised attendance at RDN conferences.
- Subsidised attendance for the annual RDN cadet weekend at one of the locations for rural service.
- Mentoring and support through RDN.

### Payments made to cadets

#### Payments for Pathway 1

|      |   |                 |
|------|---|-----------------|
| 2013 | - | \$6,000         |
| 2014 | - | \$12,000        |
| 2015 | - | \$12,000        |
|      |   | <b>\$30,000</b> |

#### Payments for Pathway 2

|      |   |                 |
|------|---|-----------------|
| 2013 | - | \$15,000        |
| 2014 | - | \$15,000        |
|      |   | <b>\$30,000</b> |

### Who is eligible?

- Indigenous Australian medical students studying in NSW.
- Indigenous Australian medical students studying interstate or in New Zealand who undertook Year 12 in NSW.

There are two eligibility pathways as an Indigenous cadet.

#### Pathway 1 - Applicants must be studying medicine in:

- 1st year at the University of Sydney, Wollongong or Notre Dame; **or**
- 2nd year at the University of Newcastle, New England or Western Sydney; **or**
- 3rd year at the University of NSW; **or**
- 3rd last year of a medical degree at an interstate or New Zealand university.

#### Pathway 2 - Applicants must be studying medicine in:

- 2nd year at the University of Sydney, Wollongong or Notre Dame; **or**
- 3rd year at the University of Newcastle, New England or Western Sydney; **or**
- 4th year at the University of NSW; **or**
- 4th last year of a medical degree at an interstate or New Zealand university.

Bonded place students without scholarships are also eligible. Cadetship applicants cannot hold a **RAMUS** or **MRBS**.

### How to apply?

Submit a completed application form along with additional information stated overleaf. Additional application forms and more information can be found at [www.nswrdn.com.au](http://www.nswrdn.com.au) under Students & Scholarships.

## 2013 NSW Rural Resident Medical Officer Cadetships for Indigenous Medical Students

### Application Form

Family name: \_\_\_\_\_

Given name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Student number: \_\_\_\_\_

University: \_\_\_\_\_

University year: \_\_\_\_\_

Term address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Term telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent address: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you an Australian or New Zealand citizen or permanent resident of Australia?

Yes  No

Are you an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?

Yes  No