



RAMUS SCHOLARSHIPS

The Rural Australia Medical Undergraduate Scholarship (RAMUS) Scheme assists students with a rural background to study medicine at university.

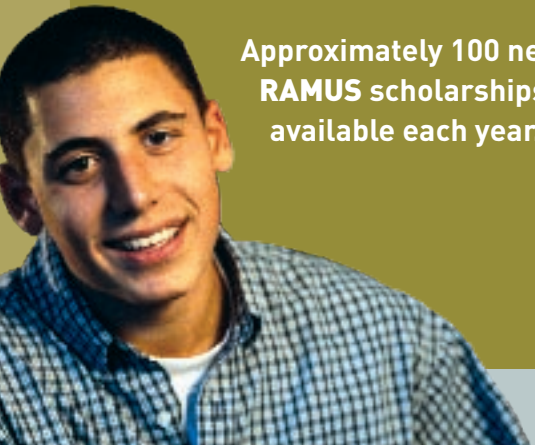
Scholarship holders receive \$10,000 a year during completion of a standard medical degree at their chosen university.

This financial support assists selected students from rural and remote areas of Australia to overcome financial barriers to studying medicine at university, particularly the costs of moving and living away from their home and family support structures.

RAMUS scholarships are not bonded.

To maintain and strengthen their ties to rural and remote Australia, all RAMUS scholarship holders have a rural medical practitioner as a mentor and are required to join the student rural health club at their university.

Approximately 100 new
RAMUS scholarships are
available each year.



Find out more about the
RAMUS Scheme at:

www.ruralhealth.org.au

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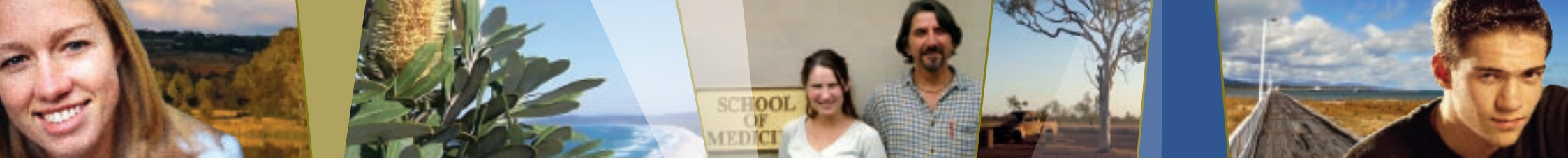
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STUDENTS STUDYING MEDICINE

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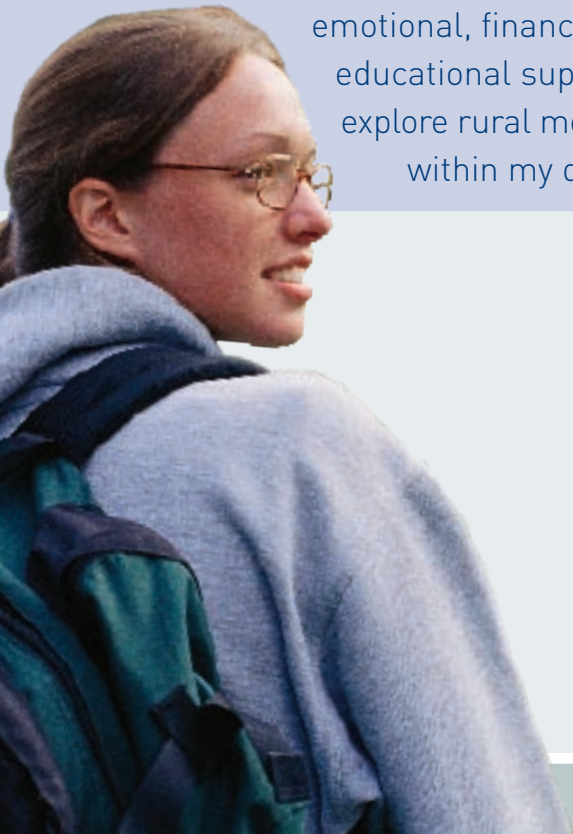


Applying for a scholarship

Applications open in November each year and close in the following January.

At this time, the Application Form and Application Guidelines will be available online at www.ruralhealth.org.au

“[RAMUS] has given me the emotional, financial and educational support to explore rural medicine within my degree.”



To be eligible you must:

- be an Australian citizen or permanent resident of Australia;
- have lived in an Australian rural area for a defined minimum period of time;

A minimum of five consecutive years, or eight cumulative years from your fifth birthday up to the time you enter medical school;

- be studying full-time in an accredited Australian medical degree;

You can apply for **RAMUS** if you are applying to study medicine, or if you are already enrolled, and in any year of your medical studies.

Accredited medical courses include both undergraduate and graduate-entry courses.

- be a member of, or agree to join, your university's student rural health club.

Selection of successful applicants

Applications are ranked according to rural background and financial need.

Successful applicants are selected on the basis of their:

- rural residency history from five years of age, including primary school attendance in a rural area;
- income for the current and previous two financial years.

The **RAMUS** Scheme is aimed at attracting more doctors to rural and remote Australia. The **RAMUS** Scheme supports 550 current scholarship holders. More than 460 rural doctors participate in the **RAMUS** Scheme as mentors.

By the end of 2007, over 1250 scholarships had been awarded to rural medical students and more than 700 **RAMUS** scholars had graduated from medicine. Many former **RAMUS** scholars are working or training in regional, rural and remote areas of Australia.

The National Rural Health Alliance administers the **RAMUS** Scheme on behalf of the Department of Health and Ageing. The Alliance is the peak non-government body working to improve the health of Australians in rural and remote areas.

“Through participation in the Scheme I have been given the opportunity to develop my understanding of the diversity, rewards and challenges of rural health.”

