



RWAV

RURAL WORKFORCE
AGENCY VICTORIA

Student Clinical Placement Grant Guidelines



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1. Grant Overview

Rural Workforce Agency Victoria (RWAV) is a not-for profit government-funded organisation aimed at improving health care for rural, regional and Aboriginal communities in Victoria. RWAV's Student Clinical Placement Grant supports medical, nursing, and allied health students to undertake placements in regional or rural Victoria. The Student Clinical Placement Grant is funded by RWAV as part of the Australian Government Department of Health Rural Health Workforce Support program.

The purpose of the Student Clinical Placement Grant is to support students undertaking clinical placements who are ineligible for alternative grants due to the location of their placement.) Eligible applicants are entitled to a flat rate of \$300 per financial year. This grant is administered on a retrospective basis, meaning that the eligible grant activity has already taken place once an application is made.

2. Eligibility

All applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Full-time or part-time study at a Victorian university campus or Albury/Wodonga University campus in undergraduate, graduate, or postgraduate.
- Or full-time/part-time study with a Victorian Vocational Training provider in a discipline that offers a clinical health qualification e.g. Diploma of Nursing.
- Applicants must be undertaking a consecutive or non-consecutive clinical placement of five days or more for the purposes of fulfilling educational training requirements as required by the applicant's educational institution.
- Applicants must be able to provide a letter from the health service or university confirming that 5 days of placement has been undertaken.
- Applicants who are recipients of any other scholarships or grants received within the 24/25 FY relating to this clinical placement are not eligible to apply for the RWAV Student Clinical Placement Grant. This includes the Going Rural Health – Student Support Scheme.
- Applicants from Federation University receiving KickStart funding are not eligible for this grant.

3. Eligible Professions

- Aboriginal Health
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health practitioner
- Aboriginal Health Worker
- Audiologist
- Chinese Medicine Practitioner
- Chiropractor
- Dental Assistant
- Dental Hygienist
- Dental Practitioner
- Dental Prosthetist
- Dental Therapist
- Oral Health Therapist
- Diabetes Educator
- Dietitian
- Exercise Physiologist
- Medical Practitioner
- Medical Radiation Practitioner
- Midwife
- Nurse
- Nurse Practitioner
- Nutritionist
- Occupational Therapist
- Optometrist
- Orthoptist
- Orthotist/Prosthetist
- Osteopath
- Paramedic
- Pharmacist
- Physiotherapist
- Podiatrist
- Psychologist
- Social Worker
- Sonographer
- Speech Pathologist

4. Eligible Activities

- Placement must be undertaken in regional or rural Victoria (MMM 2-7) or MMM1-7 in an Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (ACCHO). See <https://www.health.gov.au/initiatives-and-programs/doctorconnect> for MMM 2-7 location information.
- Placements must run consecutively or non-consecutively for 5 days or more

5. Funding Available

The Student Clinical Placement Grant provides a flat payment of \$300

- Applicants can apply for one grant per financial year
- Funding is available across **two rounds** per financial year. Applicants must apply within the round that their placement will commence.
 - o **Round 1** – Open 1 September 2024 – 31 December 2024
(Round 1 will open in September but will also include placements that commenced in July and August 2024)
 - o **Round 2** – 1 January 2025 – 31 May 2025
- Applications for placements that will commence outside of the funding round will not be accepted
- Limited funding is available. Applications will be assessed and approved on a first in first served basis until available grant funds are expended.

6. Application Process

- All applications must be made through the [MyRWAV portal](#) accessed on the RWAV website.
- Complete the 2024/2025 Student Clinical Placement Grant application form. The application form can be accessed via the RWAV website: <https://www.rwav.com.au/grants-page/>
- Placements must commence within the corresponding round and be applied for within that round
- Applications must include a letter from the health service or university confirming the placement. The letter must include **APPLICANT NAME, LOCATION, DATES** and **DURATION**.

You may be asked to provide more information to support your application.

Submitting your application does not guarantee you will be successful.

7. Notification of Applications

RWAV will notify you of the outcome of your application via email. Please note applications may take up to six (6) weeks to be assessed, approved, and processed. Grant funding will be released within 10-14 business days from notification.

If your application is unsuccessful, RWAV will provide an explanation as to why your application has been declined.

8. Complaints and Appeals

Unsuccessful applicants who wish to appeal the outcome of their application should initially email the grants team at grants@rwav.com.au to determine if they may be eligible to access funding and/or support from other sources to meet their upskilling or professional development needs. If the matter is not resolved applicants can appeal to the Manager Strategy and Partnerships Health Workforce Solutions to consider their case.

9. More Information

Any questions relating to the Student Clinical Placement Grant should be directed to the Grants Administrator at Grants@rwav.com.au or via phone on 03 9349 7800



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