

GRANTS WEEK 2024

Student Postgraduate Psychology Placement Grant

What is it?

What is the Student Postgraduate Psychology Placement Grant

Are you studying Postgraduate Psychology? Are you required to complete a placement? Then you might be in the right place.

The Student Postgraduate Psychology Placement Grant supports Postgrad psychology students with some of the costs associated with completing placements in rural and regional Victoria. We understand that psychology placements can differ from other disciplines so for this grant we consider a placement a consecutive period of time where blocks of up to 2 placement days take place at least fortnightly, over a number of months and happen in the same location.

Applicants are eligible for up to \$700 per financial year for travel and accommodation costs. There are two funding rounds, Round 1 is open from the 1st September to the 31 December 2024. While this round did not open until September it's worth noting that it does still include placements that have commenced in July and August. Round 2 is open from 01 January to the 15 June 2025 and includes all placements that have commenced within this period. Be sure you apply within the funding round that your placement commences.

To the headlines - The grant is for postgrad psyc students undertaking placements. Applicants are eligible for up to 700 dollars per year and be sure to apply within the funding round that your placement commences.

To be sure this grant is for you review the grant guidelines. You can find them on the RWAV website.

Who's it for?

Who is the Student Postgraduate Psychology Placement Grant for?

If you are studying full or part-time postgraduate psychology at a Victorian university campus or Albury/Wodonga campus and if you need to complete a

placement at an Aboriginal Community Controlled health Organisation or in a rural or regional Victorian location? Then you may be eligible for this grant.

The grant offers financial assistance for travel and accommodation costs associated with these placements. We cover costs up to a total of \$700. Travel is calculated as one return trip from your main residence to the placement location per placement block. So trips around town while you're on placement are unfortunately not eligible.

We can cover accommodation at registered commercial premises like a hotel, motel, Airbnb, or serviced apartment. You just need to be able to provide us with your receipt. We can't cover private accommodation at non-commercial business premises. So if you're staying with a friend, we can't provide you with any financial support. Also, if you can access accommodation from the health service or university, even if its not your university then you must utilise this and unfortunately, we are unable to fund this style of accommodation as it's considered subsidised.

So over to location - If your placement is taking place at a Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation then you're eligible no matter the location. If the placement is located in regional or rural Victoria then we determine if it is an eligible location by using the Monash Modified Model. We shortened this to MMM. You can jump onto the Doctor Connect website to check the location of your placement. There is a link to this website on the webpage where you accessed this podcast. Placements are eligible if they are in an MMM2-7 location.

If you have received funding designed to directly support this placement then you are ineligible for the Student Postgraduate Psychology Placement Grant however if you have received a general scholarship that is designed to support your overall university studies then you are still eligible.

Now to the Headlines - You need to be studying full or part-time postgraduate psychology at a Victorian university campus or Albury/Wodonga campus. If your placement is taking place outside of an Aboriginal Community Controlled health Organisation then you can check to see if your placement is in an eligible location - MMM2-7 via the Doctor Connect website link that is available where you found this podcast. The grant will cover your return trip to the placement location but not trips to the supermarket or around town while you're there and we can assist with

commercial accommodation costs. If you have already received funding specifically designed to directly support this placement then you are not eligible.

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What do I have to do?

What do you have to do to apply for the Student Postgraduate Psychology Placement Grant? Jump onto the RWAV website Grants page and find the Student Postgraduate Psychology Placement Grant and hit the Apply now button. Complete the required questions. You will need to upload a letter from the placement health service or your university confirming the placement. The letter must include your name, the placement location, the placement dates and the duration. Please make sure you are applying within the funding round that your placement started in and keep in mind that applications can be submitted up until close of business on the final day of the placement.

Funding is limited so applications will be assessed and approved on a first in first-served basis. You will be notified of the outcome of your application via email within 6 weeks of applying. If your application is successful, we will email you a Grant Letter of Agreement. You will need to sign this and return within 14 days. The letter includes details about the activity we are funding you for, the amount you have been approved for and what we will require from you in order to release the funding, for example we require accommodation receipts.

Funding will be released to you upon receipt of the signed grant agreement letter and the other required documentation like receipts. Funds can take up to ten to fourteen business days to process after we have received all required documentation.

Now to the headlines – Apply via the Apply now button on the RWAV website. You will need to get a letter from the health service or your university confirming the placement. It can take up to 6 weeks to be notified of the outcome. If your application is successful, we will email you a Grant Letter of Agreement for you to sign and return within 14 days.

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