

**LAST 50 SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE OFFERED
IN 2009 SELECTION PROCESS!!!**

Queensland Health Bonded Medical Scholarships

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In 2005 the Queensland Government made a commitment to fund 235 new medical student places at Griffith University, Gold Coast campus, in response to the increasing shortage of doctors in Queensland. In May 2008, the Commonwealth Government agreed to reimburse the Queensland Government for the cost of training the 235 medical students. The aim of the Queensland Health Bonded Medical Scholarship (QHBMS) Program is to train 235 additional doctors to work in Queensland Areas of Priority Service for 6 years following their graduation from the Griffith University Graduate Medical Course.

The final 50 QHBMS Scholarship Recipients will commence the Graduate Medical Course in 2010.

Who is eligible to apply for a QHBMS Scholarship?

All Australian Citizens who meet the entrance requirements for a place in the Griffith University Graduate Medical Course are eligible to apply for a QHBMS Scholarship. Griffith University is able to provide further information on the course admission requirements. Preference for QHBMS Scholarship places will be given to Queensland residents, in the event that there are more successful applicants than scholarship places available.

How to apply for a QHBMS Scholarship

Griffith University manages the application and selection process for QHBMS Scholarships in the Graduate Medical Course (GMC). Information on the GMC admission process is available from Griffith University.

What do QHBMS Scholarships provide to Scholarship Recipients?

1. Payment of full tuition fees to Griffith University on behalf of QHBMS Scholarship Recipients for the four years they undertake the Graduate Medical Course at Griffith University.
This means that Scholarship Recipients do not graduate with a HECS-HELP debt!
2. Payment of an annual Education Support Allowance of \$21,000 for the four years of the Graduate Medical Course. This Allowance is paid as a lump sum within 30 days of the commencement of each academic year (the ATO is currently determining whether this payment will be taxable income or not).
3. Guaranteed employment for six years following graduation.
4. Case management and support involving regular contact between case managers and scholarship recipients in addition to the provision of vocational guidance and development of indicative career planning to give guidance through the medical vocational training/career pathway system.
5. Access to the Queensland Health Clinicians Knowledge Network (CKN) website, which provides access to a wide range of clinical information resources.
6. Provision of newsletters and Queensland Health publications.
7. Mentorship from experienced medical advisors.
8. A toll-free phone number and dedicated email address to contact the case management team for assistance at any time.

What obligations do Queensland Health Bonded Medical Scholarship Holders have?

Accepting a Queensland Health Bonded Medical Scholarship requires successful applicants to sign a legal agreement with Queensland Health. The Agreement outlines the responsibilities of both parties, including the requirement for scholarship holders to be bonded for 10 years. This 10 year period will include 4 years as a medical student and 6 years bonded service in an Area of Priority Service (determined on the basis of geographical and/or specialty need).

What is an Area of Priority Service & how are these areas determined?

As per the QHBMS Agreement/Contract between Qld Health and QHBMS Scholarship Recipients, an 'Area of Priority Service' (APS) is defined as Either or both of:

- (a) any geographical location in Queensland;
- (b) a field of medical practice (taking into account the Degree and Registration obtained by the Student) in either the public or private health sector within Queensland.

'Geographical' Areas of Priority Service equate to locations where there are medical workforce shortages and are expected to include outer metropolitan (e.g. Caboolture), regional (e.g. Rockhampton) and rural areas (e.g. Roma). It is not possible to pre-determine specific locations where QHBMS Scholarship Recipients will be required to serve their bonded service, as these locations will depend on medical workforce demographics at the time Scholarship Recipients are being placed.

'Field of Medical Practice' Areas of Priority Service includes those medical specialties that have been identified as Core Fields on a List developed by the QHBMS Area of Priority Service Reference Group for each QHBMS Scholarship cohort.

A sample QHBMS Agreement, copy of the current APS Fields of Medical Practice List, a document which explains the operation of this List & Frequently Asked Questions & Answers are available on the QHBMS website at: www.health.qld.gov.au/orh

Further information on the APS List or any aspect of the QHBMS Scholarships can be obtained from the Office of Rural Health which is responsible for managing the administration of the QHBMS Scholarships.

This document contains general information only.

The only authoritative statement of the scholarship terms is set out in the scholarship agreement.

Queensland Health Scholarships offer more...
More training, more exposure, more opportunity.
So if you want to give your career the best possible
start, talk to us.
There's no limit to how far you can go.

....Take the journey!