

GPRA Northern Territory Rural and Remote Scholarship

GPRA represents and advocates for some 20,000 members across medical students, medical graduates undertaking hospital rotations and general practice registrars. Our membership includes general practice (GP) registrars, pre-vocational doctors, medical students, and early career GPs as well as non-vocational/independent pathway GPs.

The 2023 Health of the Nation Report provided an annual insight into the state of the Australia general practice report, and identified there are 89.7 GPs in the NT per 100,000 people, one of the lowest in the country¹. This data shows the urgent need for more doctors to train and stay in the NT to help improve the primary health care for all Territorians.

In 2024, GPRA proudly offers future GPs the chance to apply for the following new scholarship seeking to help support and retain future GPs to train and stay in the Northern Territory.

About the Scholarship

This scholarship is for GP registrars who demonstrate a strong commitment to further specialised training in remote locations (MMM6-7) within the Northern Territory. It supports GP Registrars who show an interest in

- building stronger doctor-patient/doctor community relationships,
- continuity of care and connection to community
- relocating to the NT and developing skills in cultural competence
- remote health service delivery and challenges in rural and remote locations
- participating in educational on-line communities where they can receive peer and mentor support.

Who can nominate

This is a self-nominated scholarship.

Eligibility criteria

- At time of application, nominee will be enrolled in the Australian General Practice Training (AGPT) Program outside of the NT, and be applying for a NT training placement from 2024/2025
- Nominee must demonstrate commitment to continue working in primary care services for a minimum of 12 months in remote locations (MMM6-7) after the first year of Scholarship being awarded
- Evidence nominees' relocation to the NT will meet the relevant College training requirements, and will be deemed an active placement under the AGPT
- Hold registration with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA)
- Willingness to participate in key NT GPRA-based initiatives/forums from time to time
- Nominee must not have received any other scholarships (from other research, government, profit and not-for-profit entities) in the past six months.

¹<https://www.racgp.org.au/getmedia/122d4119-a779-41c0-bc67-a8914be52561/Health-of-the-Nation-2023.pdf.aspx>

Scholarship Value

Two (2) \$20,000 scholarships awarded to up to two (2) GP Registrars over a two-year period.

Payment Structure

Two (2) payments of \$10,000 will be made upon completion of two (2) terms under each relevant College.

Acknowledgement of Award

- Participate in the GPRA Northern Territory Annual Registrars Forum (September 7, 2024)
- Must be a member of General Practice Registrars Australia

Enquiries and applications

Applications are submitted to a committee that uses a consistent criteria against which the scholarship nominations are judged. The GPRA Scholarships Committee will review your application and advise you of your outcome. If you have any questions, please contact scholarships@gpra.org.au