



**MDA NATIONAL AND RDAA
#DESTINATIONRURAL
BURSARIES 2024**

**INFORMATION PACK AND
APPLICATION FORM**

Prevocational doctors!

Apply for an MDA National and RDAA #DestinationRural Bursary to attend RMA24 or another rural health conference, a rural clinical placement or a skills workshop in a rural town!

- Applications will be considered on a rolling basis
- Bursaries may be offered prior to the closing date
- All applications will close at COB on Sunday 30 June 2024
- 7 bursaries are available @ \$1500 each
(to support registration/travel/accommodation at your chosen event/placement)

Are you a prevocational doctor in your intern or post-graduate years of Medicine?

If so, our popular MDA National and RDAA bursaries are for you!

Thanks to the wonderful support of MDA National, we offer 7 bursaries each financial year to prevocational doctors across Australia, providing \$1500 per bursary in financial support for a rural clinical placement, attendance at a rural health conference (including the Rural Medicine Australia 2024 conference) or attendance at a skills workshop in a rural town.

The Rural Medicine Australia 2024 (RMA24) conference will be held in Garramilla (Darwin) from 23-26 October 2024. Find out more at <https://rma.acrrm.org.au>.

More information

- Applicants need to be members of MDA National and their state Rural Doctors Association (or RDAA) in order to apply – **but please note you are able to join each organisation prior to applying for the Bursary** (for both MDA National* and most state RDAs, junior doctor membership is free for a period of time).
- We strongly encourage Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander junior / prevocational doctors to apply for the Bursary.
- Prevocational doctors include those in their intern and post-graduate years (PGYs) of Medicine, that is before they begin training on a General Practice pathway or another specialist training program.
- Criteria includes - MDA National and Rural Doctors Association membership, clear rural intent, and a written reference from both a clinical referee and a community referee.
- Recipients using their bursary for RMA24 attendance will be required to visit the MDA National and RDAA stands at RMA24 for a social media opportunity.
- Recipients will need to be available for other promotional opportunities (for eg. the filming of a mini-video by RDAA or MDA National for social media, participation in a podcast profiling their journey into rural medicine etc).

Apply

Please fill in the form below, scan it and email it (with a clinical reference, community reference and your resume attached) to both media@rdaa.com.au and office@rdaa.com.au – receipt of your application will be confirmed by return email.

Please contact RDAA on 02 6239 7730 should you have any questions.

* Membership and complimentary cover with MDA National applies until mid-PGY2, then a small nominal fee applies. Apply for membership / cover at applications.mdanational.com.au. To join your Rural Doctors Association, visit www.rdaa.com.au/membership.

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- Please complete and email to both media@rdaa.com.au and office@rdaa.com.au

Your details	
Name	
Email	
Mobile	
Australian university at which you studied Medicine	
Year graduated	
Please tick	<input type="checkbox"/> I am a member of my Rural Doctors Association or <input type="checkbox"/> I have applied to become so <input type="checkbox"/> I am a member of MDA National or <input type="checkbox"/> I have applied to become so
What are you in 2024?	<input type="checkbox"/> Intern <input type="checkbox"/> Post-graduate (<input type="checkbox"/> PGY1 <input type="checkbox"/> PGY2 <input type="checkbox"/> PGY3 <input type="checkbox"/> Other) If other, please specify
Rural Health Club of which you were a member	
Please tick	<input type="checkbox"/> Two referee letters are attached to this nomination (one from a clinical referee and one from a community referee) <input type="checkbox"/> A current resume is attached to this application

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Why should you receive this Bursary?

Please give examples of your record of achievement in rural health / commitment to rural health, against some or all of the following:

- Community participation / engagement (eg. rural health stakeholder group involvement, and / or other rural health and rural health career promotion work)
- Advocacy activities (eg. communications / contributions to increase awareness of rural and remote health)
- Clinical activity (eg. clinical placements in rural and remote areas)
- Rural intent for your future career path

(Suggested guide - 300 words. Please attach a separate page if more space is required).

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Other comments (optional)

Please attach a separate page if more space is required.

Thanks for applying for this year's Bursary!