



CQ Rural Health Scholarship and Mentor Match

Central Queensland Rural Health are offering scholarship/s of \$1500 per year to students studying for careers in Rural Health.

1. Background

Established in 2016, the CQ Rural Health scholarship has been focussed on financially supporting undergraduate health students with a passion for rural practice to continue their studies.

In 2021, the organisation recognised the need to;

- Support our scholarship recipients to connect with current rural health leaders to further ignite their passion for rural health
- Demonstrate the value of having a mentor to future health workforce and leaders
- Support our scholarship students to be future advocates for the rural health

As a result, in 2021, the program will be extended to include a mentor match component, whereby scholarship recipients will be connected with a mentor for the remainder of their undergraduate studies.

2. Who's Eligible

You must be;

- i. Currently enrolled in and successfully completed at least one year of an undergraduate health bachelor's degree
- ii. be from a rural or regional area of Queensland prior to commencing. This includes areas that are classified as inner (rural) and outer regional (RA2 and RA3 respectively) and remote or very remote (RA4 and RA5 respectively) under the Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS)
 - To determine your classification, click the link below, tick the ASGS Remoteness Areas 2016 box and enter your residential address.
[Health Workforce Locator | Australian Government Department of Health](#)
- iii. interested in returning to a rural or remote community after study

3. Selection Criteria

- i. All applicants must complete the application form attached **here (will add link)**
- ii. the scholarship will be awarded on the basis of:
 - a) demonstrated commitment to the future of rural health
 - b) demonstrated financial need
- iii. The award of a scholarship will be made at the absolute discretion of the Board of Central Queensland Rural Health.

4. Value

- i. The scholarship is valued at \$1500 per calendar year for the duration of their undergraduate studies
- ii. This is based on a full-time study commitment. Part-time students will be paid pro-rata to their study commitment.
- iii. Two mentoring sessions per annum with a recognised professional practicing in a regional area.

5. How will the mentoring work in the *Mentor Match* or *Bush Guides* program?

- i. Health professional mentors have been selected and each will mentor program participants.
- ii. This is a structured mentoring initiative, and you will engage in a minimum of 2 sessions with your mentor each calendar year.

- iii. Each session will have a topic for discussion and allow for questions. The key goal is for you to gain direct input and learnings from a recognised health professional practicing in a regional area.

6. Application Process

- i. All applications must be made on the official application form (see the next page)
- ii. All applicants must include evidence of enrolment and an academic transcript.
- iii. Applications must be received by CQ Rural Health no later than **31st March 2021**. They can be:
 - a. emailed to admin@cqrdgp.com.au
 - b. mailed to PO Box 368, Biloela QLD 4715

7. Ongoing Eligibility and Other Terms

To continue to be eligible for this scholarship throughout their program, successful applicants must;

- i. achieve at least a pass in all courses studied.
 - ii. provide CQRH with an academic transcript or studies report for the preceding year and proof of enrolment for the commencing year.
 - iii. participate in two mentor sessions annually
 - iv. agree to the provision of and use of testimonials and photos to promote the scholarship
 - v. advise CQRH if any additional scholarships are received whereupon CQRH reserves the right to amend, limit or reduce the terms or amount of any offer
- Other Items;
- vi. Deferral of the scholarship is not permitted without prior permission of CQRH.
 - vii. The scholarship will be offered subject to availability of funds
 - viii. No other amount is payable

8. Payment

- i. Payment in the first year will be upon receiving a successful applicant's bank account details.
- ii. In all following years it will be upon receiving confirmation of continued enrolment and an academic transcript/studies report for the preceding year.

9. What do I do if I have read this information and decided I would like to be involved in as a mentor in the program?

- i. Please contact the Biloela office on 4992 1040 or email admin@cqrdgp.com.au to talk about the opportunity to mentor a successful CQ Rural Health scholarship recipient

Application Form: CQRH Scholarship for Rural Health

Personal Details

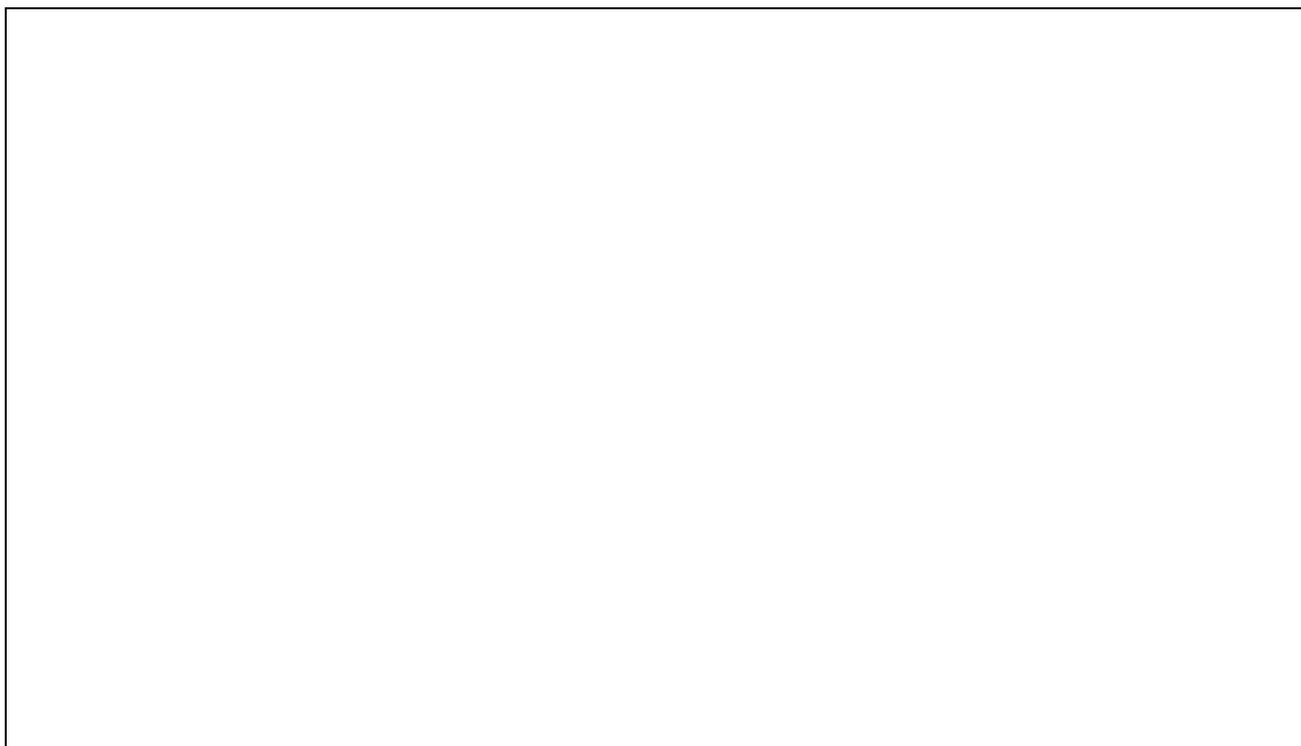
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Program: _____ Year of Study: _____
University: _____ Year of Completion: _____
Phone Number: _____ Email Address _____

Application Questions

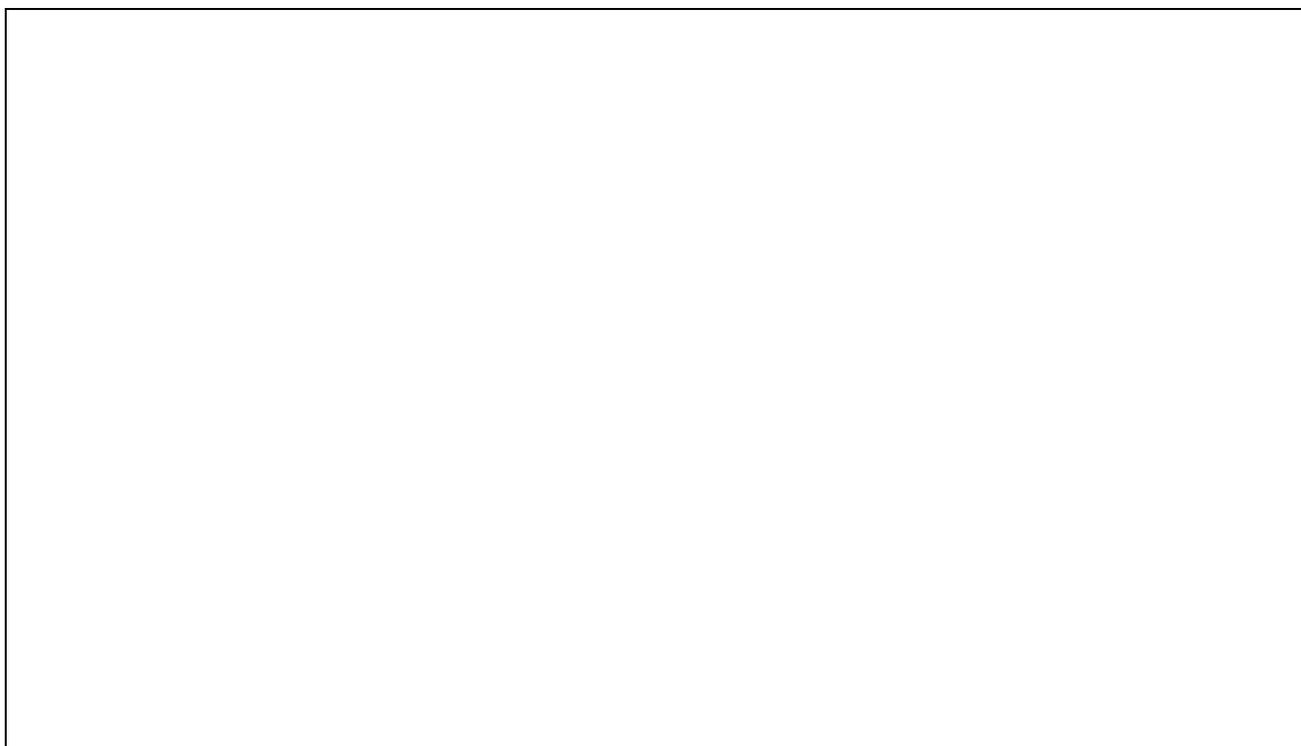
Please answer the following questions. There is a 200 word limit for each question.

Question 1: Describe your affinity and connection to rural QLD

Question 2: Why are you passionate about your current field of study?



Question 3: What is your vision for rural health services in Queensland?



Question 4: What is your career goal?

Question 5: How would this scholarship assist you financially? Describe if you are currently working to supplement your income while studying or if you receiving any other scholarships

Question 6: Briefly outline why you should receive this scholarship.

Question 7: Please describe what your focus for mentoring would be;

1. Personal and Business related - How to lead a fulfilling professional and personal life in a rural area?
2. Discipline focussed or from a different health discipline
3. Any specific topic / interests eg policy development, health advocacy

We want to make this experience the best it can be and the answer to this question, if successful, will help us match you with the most appropriate mentor.

