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Scholarships for medical students from rural areas: applications invited for 2010

Applications are now open for the Rural Australia Medical Undergraduate Scholarships (RAMUS) Scheme, funded by the Australian Government and designed to encourage medical students with a rural background to pursue a medical career in rural, regional or remote Australia.

Successful applicants will receive un-bonded scholarships worth \$10,000 a year while completing a standard medical degree at their chosen university. The RAMUS Scheme is open to medical students from rural and remote areas, with demonstrated financial need being one of the criteria for ranking those who apply.

“The RAMUS Scheme supports a total of 550 ongoing scholarships and up to 120 new scholarship places are available in 2010. Applications must be submitted by 5pm on 18 January 2009,” said RAMUS Manager, Susan Magnay.

The RAMUS Scheme’s support helps successful applicants overcome financial barriers to study, such as the cost of living away from home or moving away from family support structures. Under its mentorship program, RAMUS scholars are paired with experienced rural medical practitioners.

Since it began in 2000 more than 1,500 RAMUS scholarships have been awarded with more than 870 recipients having already graduated in medicine.

To access an online application form, or find further details about the RAMUS Scheme, prospective applicants should visit the National Rural Health Alliance website at www.ruralhealth.org.au

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