

Rural Veterinary Students Scholarship 2025

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About the Scholarship

The Rural Veterinary Students Scholarship was made possible by the generous support of Dr Bill and Ms Jenny Riches, as well as several other members of the Veterinary Science alumni. If you are from a rural or regional area, are commencing or have commenced a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (or accelerated pathway via the third year of the Bachelor of Science [Veterinary Bioscience specialisation]) in the year of award, this scholarship could assist you financially with study and living expenses.

Eligibility

To be considered for this scholarship, you must:

- be an Australian citizen, Permanent Resident or the holder of a Permanent Humanitarian visa
- have commenced study in a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM1) or in the Veterinary Bioscience specialisation in the third year of the Bachelor of Science in the year of award
- meet the rural student criteria
- provide a personal statement

Rural Requirements

A rural or isolated area is defined as an area with a Remote Areas (ASGC-RA) Australian Standard Geographic Classification of: RA2 – Inner Regional, RA3 – Outer Regional, RA4 – Remote, or RA5 – Very Remote. The Department of Health and Ageing uses this categorisation system for a number of programs related to medical practice in Australia. You can check the classification of your rural or isolated address on the [Department of Health and Aged Care website](#).

*You are eligible to apply if:

- your residential (home) address is in an area with a classification of RA2 or higher. If you attended boarding school, you can use your family's primary home as your qualifying address. You **can't** use holiday homes, secondary residences and investment properties to qualify.
- have a home address in a remote or rural part of Australia for at least three of the past five years

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Selection Criteria

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- Selection is based on
 - demonstrated academic merit
 - your personal statement
 - your rural score

Outcome

All scholarship outcomes will be sent via SmartyGrants.

Please see outcome timing below:

- **Round 1** (Jan-March applications): May-July
- **Round 2** (June-August applications): September-October

Please ensure that you check your email inbox as well as your SPAM/Junk mail as emails may sometimes be directed to these folders.

Applicant Details

Applicant *

Title	First Name	Last Name
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Student ID *

Must be a number.

Student Email *

Must be an email address.

Personal Email *

Must be an email address.

Applicant Primary Address *

Address

Address Line 1, Suburb/Town, State/Province, Postcode, and Country are required.

Citizenship *

☐ Australian Citizen

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- ☐ New Zealand Citizen
- ☐ Permanent Resident
- ☐ Temporary Entry Permit (onshore international student without Australian citizenship or permanent residency)
- ☐ Overseas Student Residing Overseas

If you are not a New Zealander, and are an International Student without permanent residency, please select "temporary entry permit".

Are you from a rural or regional background? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Australian Standard Geographic Classification: *

- ☐ RA2 - Inner Regional
- ☐ RA3 - Outer Regional
- ☐ RA4 - Remote
- ☐ RA5 - Very Remote

You can check the classification of your rural or isolated address on the Department of Health and Aged Care website: <https://www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/health-workforce-locator/app>

Course information

Course

- ☐ Doctor of Veterinary Medicine
- ☐ Bachelor of Science

Year Level *

- ☐ I am enrolled in DVM1 in 2025
- ☐ I am in the Veterinary Bioscience specialisation in 2025

Personal Statement

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Personal Statement

Your Personal statement should include

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 - the address(es) of your residence and dates you lived there; AND
 - an explanation of why you feel you have been negatively impacted by your association with this address. Please be clear regarding whether this impact relates to the past or is ongoing. For example, if your previous tertiary results were impacted as a result of your residence at this address, explain why. If this is no longer your primary residence but you maintain a connection that continues to impact you, explain the ongoing impact of your connection. If you currently live in a rural or isolated location, explain the challenges you will face in relocating for your study, etc.
 - Details of your schooling and the name of your school

Please describe your reasons for applying for this scholarship, making sure you cover criteria listed above *

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Evidence that support your personal statement *

Attach a file:

- **A letter of support** written and signed by a responsible independent source not related to you (i.e. doctor, lawyer, accountant, social worker, counsellor, religious or community leader or teacher). This letter must be dated, signed and on letterhead (if possible) and include dates and duration of impact.
- **Documents to prove residence** such as invoices for telephone, utilities or bank statements showing your (or your familys) address.

Submission Declaration

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Declaration

I declare that the information and content provided in this submission are true, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any false information, misrepresentation, or failure to disclose relevant details may result in review and possible corrective actions. By submitting, I confirm my agreement to adhere to all policies, guidelines, and terms associated with this submission. *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Finding this Scholarship

How did you hear about this scholarship? *

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Online search (e.g., Google) | <input type="checkbox"/> Referral from an academic/supervisor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social media (e.g., Instagram, Facebook, LinkedIn) | <input type="checkbox"/> Referral from colleague or friend |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Faculty Newsletters | <input type="checkbox"/> University digital screens |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Faculty of Science Scholarship page (science.unimelb.edu.au/students/scholarships) | <input type="checkbox"/> Event, workshop, or webinar |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Email Campaigns | <input type="checkbox"/> Contact with Stop1 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CANVAS/LMS | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <div></div> |

- ☐ University of Melbourne Scholarship page (scholarships.unimelb.edu.au)

Please select all that applies.

Privacy

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Now that you have finished your application, please make sure you press the SUBMIT button below.

If you have any questions regarding your application, please contact: science-awards@unimelb.edu.au