



Rotary Feros Grant 2021

BACKGROUND

The Rotary Feros Grant was established (over 18 years ago) to provide financial assistance to University of Queensland Medical Students undertaking their Year 1 Observership placement in rural and remote areas within Australia and/or developing countries in the South East Asian area.

Since its inception, Rotary has always supported interventions to reduce the burden of infectious and chronic diseases. Today, Rotary is involved in immunisation programs, infectious disease response and water supply and sanitation projects in developing countries.

Medical research in areas such as mental health, infectious diseases and chronic disease is also a priority. Within this framework, Rotary provides financial support to medical students to undertake placements in rural, remote or disadvantaged communities, with a view to encouraging service in such areas as part of their career.

INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS

In 2021, the Rotary Club of Toowong is offering up to 3 grants for **Domestic UQ MD Students** who undertake an Optional Observership or Optional Elective placement:

- which takes place in regional, rural or remote Queensland;
- at a provider who services a regional, rural or remote community; and/or
- at a base hospital in Queensland servicing a large indigenous community.

Subsequent to the above, and if surplus funds remain, placements of direct relevance to the following areas may also be considered for funding:

- population health (reducing the burden of disease);
- public health (elimination of communicable diseases/infections);
- mental health; and/or
- placement with [Ford Health](#).

The grants are jointly funded by a Cluster of Rotary Clubs in District 9620. Successful applicants will be asked to submit a short report and deliver a short presentation to the Western Cluster of Rotary Clubs on their experience.

Each grant will provide up to \$750 towards proven travel and away from home accommodation expenses incurred. The grant will be paid retrospectively, following submission of the report, presentation and receipts for related expenditure.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Applicants must demonstrate that they have the experience, maturity, and community mindset to demonstrate a commitment to the service of others.

Students must provide a copy of their CV, together with a written statement addressing the below:

- Does the applicant have experience in relating to people from another culture?
- Can the applicant demonstrate a commitment to the service of others (i.e. involvement in a charity and/or community service or volunteer work)?
- Is the applicant willing to consider working in a rural or remote area of Australia as part of their longer-term career as a medical practitioner?
- What does the applicant know about Rotary?

Applications will be reviewed by the Faculty and shortlisted students will be invited to attend an interview with the Rotary Selection Panel.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Open to Domestic UQ MD students undertaking an approved self-arranged [Optional Observership or Optional Elective Placement](#).
- The student must be in 'Good Academic Standing', as per the below:
 - Grade Point Average (GPA) - a cumulative program GPA of 4.5 at the time of application, with a subsequent check prior to the start of the clinical placement
 - Previous Misconduct – students must not have any findings of misconduct at the time of application, with a subsequent check prior to undertaking placement
- The placement must be between 4-6 weeks in duration.
- Placements must take place between:
 - 15 November 2021 - 23 Jan 2022 (for current Year 1 students)
 - 15 November 2021 - 9 Jan 2022 (for current Year 2 & 3 students)
- The grant must not duplicate other financial assistance
- The grant will be paid retrospectively after proof of expenditure
- The maximum grant will be \$750

To apply, please click [HERE](#).

APPLICATION PROCESS & TIMEFRAME

Process	Deadline
Applications close	20 Aug 2021
Shortlisted applicants notified	3 Sept 2021
Interviews	11, 18 or 25 Sept 2021
Successful applicants notified	2 Oct 2021
Students provide receipts	ASAP
Students provide report to Rotary	31 Jan 2022
Students present to Rotary	TBA

If you have any further questions, please contact med.placements@uq.edu.au.