

Optional Year 1 Rural Summer Observership

2023

The University of Queensland Rural Clinical School (RCS) provides Year 1 Medicine students with an opportunity to get first-hand experience in regional Queensland through the Rural Summer Observership.

The Rural Summer Observership will be offered in one week blocks in Toowoomba over the following dates:

- 27 November to the 1 December 2023
- 4 December to the 8 December 2023.

Students selected will have the opportunity to work alongside and be mentored by rural generalists, clinicians, rural GP's, nursing and allied health staff in regional hospitals and medical centres.

Students will experience the 'rural advantage' as they are supported to develop confidence and practice history taking and procedural skills. Additionally, students will get to explore local sites with their peers and be guided towards local highlights by the RCS Toowoomba team.



“I really enjoyed my experience at Toowoomba hospital. We were lucky to have scheduled tutorials as well as hospital visits in the mornings. The team were so lovely and supportive, and it made for a really positive experience”.

“Completing my first year observership at the Toowoomba Rural Clinical School was the highlight of my year and I look forward to the opportunity to continue engaging in rural and regional medicine in the future”.

- 2022 Year 1 Student Feedback

How to apply?

Applications open on Monday 10 July 2023 and closes on Tuesday 1 August 2023

Click here to [apply](#).

How are students selected?

All applications are reviewed by the RCS executive. Students are asked to reflect on their:

- Interest in rural and remote health and involvement with TROHPIQ / rural communities

Priority is given to domestic students; however International/Ochsner students are encouraged to apply.

Successful applicants will be expected to:

Attend the RCS placement for 1 week over

- 27 November to the 1 December 2023
- 4 December to the 8 December 2023.

Submit a brief report on the experience by 22 December 2023

1. A written report, maximum 500 words with photos (sent separately) OR
2. A short video (max 5 minutes)



For further details contact:

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The benefits:

- Experiences may include clinical placement with the Toowoomba Hospital Medicine and Surgery Departments, GP clinic, RCS clinical skills sessions, Toowoomba Clubhouse visit and Lifeflight Toowoomba Base.
- Students will be provided with the accommodation on site at the Toowoomba Hospital.
- Toowoomba is roughly 125km west of Brisbane. It sits atop the Great Dividing Range, at a comfortable 700 metres above sea level. Toowoomba is a dynamic regional town with a population of more than 130,000 people. As the main centre for the Darling Downs region, it's a hub for industry, commerce, education and health. The traditional custodians of the land are the Giabal and Jarowair Peoples. Known as the Garden City, Toowoomba enjoys four distinct seasons. The town has a rich heritage and lively culture, playing host to numerous major cultural and sporting events throughout the year. It's also the perfect place to sample the region's abundant local produce.
- Toowoomba video can be found [here](#)



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