



Extended Placement Program

The Extended Placement Program is a fantastic opportunity for students to spend an extended time in a rural area, enhance their knowledge of rural medicine and continue to develop their clinical skills. Previous EPP students have appreciated the opportunity to become part of a rural community and follow patients throughout the course of their illness.

How it works

The Extended Placement Program provides MD students with the opportunity to spend 16 weeks in a rural location, by undertaking back to back placements in General Practice and Clinical Extension in the same community.

The Advantages

You will be living in a vibrant rural community for the two immersions (16 weeks), and you will become a part of it! You will be able to follow your patients through their primary and secondary care with enhanced clinical responsibility and work with all aspects of the health system.

You will have the opportunity to observe the complexities of individual patients with multiple medical problems through a holistic lens and be involved with these patients through an entire illness process.

Accommodation will be provided free of charge and you will be supported with the costs of travel and living in a rural location. A Medical Educator will be available to support and assist you.

2026 Possible Placement Sites:

- Chinchilla
- Dalby
- Kingaroy
- Roma
- St George

"I would definitely recommend participating in the EPP as it was an amazing and rewarding experience both in terms of learning medicine as well as integrating into a community"



How to apply

Students will be asked to submit an application based on the following criteria

- What you can contribute and what you hope to gain from undertaking a rural/remote extended placement
- Any previous experience living/working in a rural/remote area
- Whether you have membership and active involvement with TROHPIQ
- Any attendance/presentations at events or conferences of rural significance
- If you are a part of the Bonded Medical Program

Any other information which would demonstrate an interest, in and commitment to, health in rural/remote communities

To apply, complete the Application form and email to med.rmmstudents@uq.edu.au
Applications for 2026 will be accepted between the 7-18 July.

The Extended Placement Program has been providing inspiring experiences for UQ students for many years.

To learn more, see Jess's story see here: <https://tinyurl.com/2o7arf96>

For firsthand insight checkout Travis' story: <https://rcs.medicine.uq.edu.au/blog/2018/03/meet-travis-uq-medical-student>

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