

2026 NT Regional Training Hub

Pre-vocational Rural and Remote Incentive Bursary Programme Guidelines- Closes Sunday 11 January 2026

1. About the Flinders NT Regional Training Hub

The Northern Territory Regional Training Hub (NT RTH) works to improve the quality and stability of the medical workforce in the NT. It recognises our unique challenges and opportunities and aims to promote the acquisition of appropriate skills, knowledge and attitudes for students and trainees seeking to pursue careers in rural and remote practice in both primary and secondary healthcare.

2. Purpose and Scope

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Engagement in professional development activities and major conferences is an essential part of progressing and maintaining the high-level of skills and knowledge required for NT practice. The Rural and Remote Incentive Bursary (Bursary) additionally aims to reduce the financial burden of long-distance travel for specialty training applications and interviews.

The Bursary is available for pre-vocational doctors that have shown commitment to living and training within the NT. The bursary will assist access to specific training and skills acquisition. Bursary selection will be determined against the perceived workforce benefit of the training.

Benefits

Bursaries will be granted up to a maximum of \$5,000.

- \$3,000 for PGY1
- \$5,000 PGY2 to PGY4

At least two bursaries for PGY1 and up to four for PGY2+, will be allocated, providing applications are suitable, during each calendar year. There is a limit of one bursary per person per calendar year and / or annual bursary round.

Eligible Bursary Activities

Bursaries are to support training not funded by other means. Applications are to be for one activity (and its associated costs) only. The following activities will be considered:

- Attendance at a conference or a scientific symposium related to medical specialist training interests, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health, rural and remote health
- Professional development activities that will assist applicants to pursue training in their chosen speciality area, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health or rural and remote

health. Activities can include undertaking certificates, diplomas, ALS courses and clinical skills training

- Costs associated with Specialist College applications and interviews
- Accommodation and travel costs in relation to the above activities (excludes airport transfers)

Applications for activities that fall outside of these parameters will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Please note that international activities and travel will not be funded.

3. Eligibility Criteria

The following are eligible to apply for a bursary under this scheme:

- NT health service PGY1 pre-vocational training medical doctors
- NT health service PGY2-4 pre-vocational training medical doctors

Applicants must:

- have been living and working in the NT for at least 12 months
- not already be on a recognised specialist training pathway where other professional development funds are available

And

- preferably have committed to working in rural or remote NT (MMM6-7) area for a minimum of three (3) to six (6) months in current or previous years in the NT
- are committed to/ have secured employment working in rural or remote NT (MMM6-7) area for a minimum of six (6) months of the following calendar year

4. Application Process

Expression of Interest Submission Dates & Process

- Expression of Interest (EOI) for the 2026 bursary program will open for applications in November 2025 for activities in the following calendar year
- Advertising will be via the Flinders Rural and Remote Health NT Facebook page, [NT RTH website](#) and via electronic direct mail
- The EOI application process will remain active for a minimum period of approximately three weeks
- The EOI application form and closing dates will be accessible from the [NT RTH website](#)
- The NT RTH reserves the right to open additional bursary EOI cycles in the calendar year for specific activities that support its strategic goals

Selection Criteria

- The determination of successful applications will be at the discretion of the NT RTH and its Bursary Selection Committee

- The Bursary Selection Committee will consist of NT Regional Training Hub's Medical Director and Program Manager and the Director NTMP or delegates.
- Employees of Health Services must have leave provisionally approved by their employer
- The following will be taken into account by the Selection Committee in their decision-making:
 - Evidence of commitment to working in the NT
 - Evidence of commitment to working rural or remote
 - The extent to which this opportunity will contribute to your career development and progression Past success in receiving funds. (Those who have a received bursary previously are not discouraged from re-application but fairness in distribution of funds will be considered)

Payments of Funds to Approved Applicants

- Payments may be made directly, on receipt of an invoice, to a provider (conference organisation, airline) or as a reimbursement on receipt of evidence of payment by the successful applicant.
- The NT RTH will not be responsible for expenses incurred before a successful application.
- In general, funds will be fully allocated from mid-January to mid-November each bursary calendar year and funded activity must be completed by December 31st, 2026. In exceptional circumstances, funding may be extended for activity which occurs outside this limit but will require written justification and cannot be assumed.

5. Post Bursary Commitments

Successful applicants may be required to participate in limited promotional activities, including publicity photographs. You will also be added to the NT Regional Training Hub informal Advisory Distribution Group to provide input that helps shape future programs to strengthen our commitment to rural and remote health. In addition, you may also be invited to deliver a short presentation through relevant platforms.

6. Point of Contact

All enquiries regarding the NT Regional Training Hub Rural and Remote Incentive Bursary Program should be directed to Eliza Gill, Program Manager, via fnt.rth@flinders.edu.au or (08) 89 200 253.