

## **Purpose**

The Andrew Thyne Reid Scholarship has been established to encourage high-achieving pre-service Psychology and Social students to complete professional experience placements (PEPs) in rural and remote locations.

Wellbeing and mental health of rural and remote communities is critical and placements in these communities is important to providing students skills and knowledge to assist these communities.

It is recognised that students completing placements in rural or remote areas can encounter significant expenses. This program will reduce the financial burden of PEPs and enable students to develop their skills and enjoy the experience of living in a rural or remote community.

## **Benefits**

The Program will support 10 students a year by providing a scholarship of \$5,000 per recipient. This is intended to cover accommodation, travel, living expenses, and other expenses associated with the placement. It will also provide some compensation for the loss of income and/or the expenses to maintain a home base in Adelaide.

The scholarship will be paid prior to the commencement of the placement.

## **Eligibility**

An applicant must:

- be enrolled in a topic that has a continuous placement component of at least 4 weeks in either Psychology or Social Work; and
- have satisfied all the compliance requirements for placement eligibility; and
- be undertaking the placement in a rural venue as defined by the Australian Statistical Geography Standard Remoteness Areas 2-5, excluding Mount Barker; and
- be able to demonstrate financial hardship and/or anticipated financial disadvantage as a result of undertaking a rural or remote PEP; and
- be undertaking the placement in a location more than 90 mins travel time from both the student's semester and permanent home address.

## **Tenure**

The scholarship is offered once annually. The scholarship is awarded at the discretion of the selection panel.

Recipients will not be eligible for subsequent scholarships under this program.

Recipients will not be eligible for further expense reimbursement from the University and /or College.

Recipients who do not proceed with the rural or remote placement will be liable to repay the scholarship monies.

It is expected that recipients provide feedback regarding their experience and whether it has influenced their decision to pursue a rural based career.

**Selection**

Scholarships will be available within the two areas of Psychology or Social Work. The scholarship will be assessed based on financial need and academic merit.

Students will be required to provide evidence of financial hardship and/or the financial disadvantage they expect to experience as a direct result of undertaking a rural or remote PEP.

Scholarship selection will be made at the discretion of the selection committee in the College of Education, Psychology and Social Work and in accordance with procedures approved by the Director, Student Administration Services.

**Applications**

Applications must be made on the prescribed form by the designated date.

**Advertising**

The scholarship will be advertised on the University website and other appropriate media as determined by Flinders University.