Where you grew up

1. For each phase of your life, name the town (or nearest town) where you spent the majority of your time. If not in NSW, please also nominate the state. If you lived overseas, also list the country and give the appropriate population of the relevant towns.

   Early childhood (<5 years of age)

   Years

   Primary schooling (5–12 years of age)

   Years

   Secondary schooling (13–16 years of age)

   Years

   Senior secondary (17–18 years of age)

   Years

2. If you grew up in a metropolitan area, did you regularly visit non-metropolitan areas prior to going to university?

   ◯ Not applicable
   ◯ No
   ◯ Yes

3. Has your spouse or partner ever lived in a non-metropolitan area?

   ◯ Not applicable
   ◯ No
   ◯ Yes

   If yes, please indicate the number of years

How did you find out about this scholarship?

◯ RDN Website
◯ University Scholarships Office
◯ University Rural Health Club
◯ University Student Administrator
◯ Other (please specify)

To complete your application

Please attach ALL of the following information to your completed application form:

a) Proof of enrolment for 2017
b) Résumé
c) A 500 word essay, answering the following question:
   1. Why do you want to practise rural medicine?
   2. Why would you be a good ambassador for the RDN Cadetship?
   Your essay should demonstrate an awareness of issues facing rural communities and how this impacts on rural medical practice.

Please return your application by email, fax or mail to:

Project Officer – Education and Training
NSW Rural Doctors Network
PO Box 1111
Mascot NSW 1460
Email students@nswrdn.com.au
Fax 02 8337 8110

Applications must be received by 5pm Monday 7 August 2017.

The selection process occurs during August/September 2017 for the 2018 intake.

For enquiries, please contact the Project Officer – Education and Training:

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Supporting rural health in New South Wales
The NSW Rural Doctors Network (RDN) on behalf of the NSW Ministry of Health, is offering up to two cadetships to Indigenous medical students interested in undertaking a medical career in rural NSW.

**ABOUT THE CADETSHIPS**

Successful applicants receive a scholarship of $30,000 during their degree. In return, they agree to undertake two of the first three years of their hospital training in an eligible NSW rural hospital.

Cadets in their final year of study apply for an internship position through the Rural Preferential Recruitment (RPR) process administered by the Health Education and Training Institute (HETI). Rural service can be undertaken in major NSW hospitals west of the Great Dividing Range including Tamworth, Dubbo, Orange, Wagga Wagga and Albury. Enquiries about locations for rural service should be directed to RDN.

There are two pathways for Indigenous student cadets:
1. Students spread the payments across three years
2. Students are paid in the last two years of their medical degree.

The return of service component for both pathways is two years.

**Please note**
- Coastal NSW locations are not considered eligible for rural service.
- Students not honouring their commitment to undertake rural placements will be required to pay back all money granted to them.

**ABOUT THE CADETS**

- Cadets are ambassadors for the future rural health workforce and the Cadetship scheme.
- Cadets possess a strong understanding of the realities of rural medical practice and issues faced by rural communities in NSW.
- Cadets are committed to pursuing a career in rural medicine.

**BENEFITS OF A CADETSHIP**

Successful applicants receive:
- $30,000 during their degree.
- A relocation grant when moving to a rural location.
- Subsidised attendance at RDN conferences.
- Subsidised attendance at the annual RDN cadet weekend at one of the locations for rural service.
- Mentoring and support from RDN.

**PAYMENTS MADE TO CADETS**

**Payments for Pathway 1:**
- 2017 - $6,000
- 2018 - $12,000
- 2019 - $12,000

**Payments for Pathway 2:**
- 2017 - $15,000
- 2018 - $15,000

**WHO IS ELIGIBLE?**

- Indigenous Australian medical students studying in NSW
- Indigenous Australian medical students studying interstate or in New Zealand who completed Year 12 in NSW

There are two eligibility pathways as an Indigenous Cadet.

**Pathway 1:** Applicants must be studying medicine in -
- 1st year at the University of Sydney, Wollongong or Notre Dame; or
- 2nd year at the University of Newcastle, New England or Western Sydney; or
- 3rd year at the University of NSW; or
- 3rd last year of a medical degree at an interstate or New Zealand university of Australia.

Applicants must be Australian or New Zealand citizens or permanent residents.

Bonded place students without scholarships are also eligible. Cadetship applicants cannot hold a RAMUS or MRBS.

**Pathway 2:** Applicants must be studying medicine in -
- 2nd year at the University of Sydney, Wollongong or Notre Dame; or
- 3rd year at the University of Newcastle, New England or Western Sydney; or
- 4th year at the University of NSW; or
- 4th last year of a medical degree at an interstate or New Zealand university of Australia.

**HOW TO APPLY?**

Submit a completed application form along with additional information stated overleaf. Additional application forms and more information can be found at [www.nswrdn.com.au/students](http://www.nswrdn.com.au/students)