



**MDA NATIONAL AND  
RDANSW  
#RURALGPSCONFERENCE  
BURSARY 2023**

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**INFORMATION PACK AND  
APPLICATION FORM**

## Prevocational doctors & Registrars!

### Apply for an MDA National and RDA NSW **#RURALGPsCONFERENCE** Bursary

- Applications will close on the **25<sup>th</sup> October 2023**
- 2 bursaries are available @\$3,000 each

Are you a prevocational doctor or accredited registrar on a general practice or other specialty training program? If so, our MDA National and RDA NSW bursaries are for you!

**Thanks to the wonderful support of MDA National, we are offering 2 bursaries to prevocational doctors and registrars across New South Wales, providing \$3,000 per bursary** in financial support to attend the Rural GPs Conference, hosted by NSW Rural Doctors Network and the Rural Doctors' Association of NSW. Join us from **23-26 November 2023** at the beautiful Crowne Plaza Coogee Beach.

### More information

- Applicants are required to submit a 1-2 min. video of themselves explaining why they should receive a Bursary and what support they would like from their Medical Defence Organisation (see below for more details).
- Applicants need to be members of MDA National and the Rural Doctors' Association NSW in order to apply – **but please note you are able to join each organisation prior to applying for the Bursary** (for both MDA National\* and RDA NSW Intern/RMO membership is **free** for a period of time).
- We strongly encourage Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander junior / prevocational doctors/registrar to apply for the Bursary.
- Applicants need to be AHPRA registered doctors-in-training, this includes prevocational doctors (JMOs, SRMOs, unaccredited registrars) or accredited registrars on a general practice or other specialty training program. This bursary is not for medical students.
- Successful recipients will receive a \$3,000 Bursary to contribute to their travel, accommodation, and registration fees to attend at the 2023 Rural GPs Conference and 'The Future of Rural Health' pre-conference sessions.
- Criteria includes - MDA National and Rural Doctors' Association NSW membership, clear rural intent, a written reference from either a clinical referee or a community referee, and details about what the applicant values in their Medical Defence Organisation.
- Recipients of the Bursary will be required to visit the MDA National and RDA NSW stands at 'The Future of Rural Health' pre-conference sessions on Thursday 23 November 2023 for a social media opportunity.

\* Membership and complimentary cover with MDA National applies until mid-PGY2, then a small nominal fee applies. All Membership fees with MDA National will be reimbursed for applicants of the Rural GPs Conference Bursary for 2023. Apply for membership / cover at [applications.mdanational.com.au](https://applications.mdanational.com.au). To join the Rural Doctors' Association NSW: [www.rdansw.com.au](https://www.rdansw.com.au)

- Recipients will also need to be available for other promotional opportunities (for eg. the filming of a mini-video by RDA NSW or MDA National for social media, participation in a podcast profiling their journey into rural medicine etc).
- Recipients will be asked to post on social media while at the conference, and recognise MDA National's and RDA NSW's involvement.
- Recipients will also be required to provide a 100-200 word article (or longer) for RDA NSW's annual e-magazine / e-newsletter / social media and MDA National's publications / social media on the Rural GPs Conference 2023, paid for by their Bursary.

In your video, please address the 2 questions below:

### 1. Why should you receive this Bursary?

Please give examples of your record of achievement in rural health / commitment to rural health, against some or all of the following:

- Community participation / engagement (eg. rural health stakeholder group involvement, and / or other rural health and rural health career promotion work)
- Advocacy activities (eg. communications / contributions to increase awareness of rural and remote health)
- Clinical activity (eg. clinical placements in rural and remote areas)
- Rural intent for your future career path

### 2. What support would you like from your MDO while working or studying in a rural area?

Please provide details of the forms of support (resources, tools, or assistance) you'd need from your MDO when you're based in a rural setting.

## Apply

Please fill in the application form below, scan it and email it (with a clinical reference or community reference, a link to your video and your resume attached) to: [admin@rdansw.com.au](mailto:admin@rdansw.com.au) by 25<sup>th</sup> October 2023– receipt of your application will be confirmed by return email.

Please contact RDA NSW on ph: 1800 350 732 should you have any questions.

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- Please complete and email to [admin@rdansw.com.au](mailto:admin@rdansw.com.au) by 25<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Your details	
Name	
Email	
Mobile	
Australian university at which you studied Medicine	
Year graduated	
Please tick	<input type="checkbox"/> I am a member of the Rural Doctors Association NSW or <input type="checkbox"/> I have applied to become so  <input type="checkbox"/> I am a member of MDA National or <input type="checkbox"/> I have applied to become so
What post graduate year are you in currently?	<input type="checkbox"/> Intern <input type="checkbox"/> Post-graduate ( <input type="checkbox"/> PGY1 <input type="checkbox"/> PGY2 <input type="checkbox"/> PGY3 <input type="checkbox"/> Other) <input type="checkbox"/> Registrar  If other, please specify:
Rural Health Club of which you were a member	
Please tick	<input type="checkbox"/> A referee letter is attached to this application form (from either a clinical referee <b>or</b> a community referee)  <input type="checkbox"/> A current resume is attached to this application  <input type="checkbox"/> I have answered the 2 questions in my video

Thanks for applying for this year's Bursary!