

# 2024 Supporting Entry into University Medicine or Dentistry Program Scholarship

## Guidelines

The Supporting Entry into University Medicine or Dentistry Program Scholarship is designed to provide financial support to prospective students from NSW rural communities who are pursuing a career in medicine or dentistry.

The Program aims to support entry-level students that intend to work in rural communities in the future. The Scholarship provides financial support (\$1200) to cover registration for a 2024 GAMSAT or UCAT exam, assist with associated expenses such as travel to the exam and preparation for the exam (e.g., purchasing preparation materials).

### SCHOLARSHIP PRIORITIES

These scholarships are limited and competitive. While all eligible applications will be considered, the following applications will be given priority:

1. Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander People living in a rural area. The person must be:
  - Of Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent, and
  - Identify as an Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander and
  - Be recognised and accepted by the Aboriginal community in which they live or work.
2. Persons who reside in a rural location. Greater priority to the higher the Modified Monash Model Scale of Rurality location: MM3 (low) – MM7 (high) (find Modified Monash Model (MMM) classifications on the [Health Workforce Locator](#)),
3. Applicants sitting either the GAMSAT or UCAT exam for the first time,
4. Outcome from application assessment,
5. Demonstrated desire to work in a NSW Health rural setting.

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Applicants for the Supporting Entry into University Medicine or Dentistry Program Scholarship must:

1. Be an Australian citizen or permanent resident and a resident of NSW,
2. Have resided in a rural or remote area in NSW for a minimum of five consecutive or eight cumulative years since the age of five,
3. Provide evidence of enrolment into the 2024 GAMSAT or UCAT exam,
4. Demonstrate a desire to contribute to the future of health in rural and regional NSW.
5. Successful recipients must not have accepted a NSW Health scholarship or subsidy within the last two years.

## WHAT IS EXPECTED OF YOU?

You agree to:

- Provide all forms and documentation as per the guidelines e.g., evidence of enrolment, receipts on request
- Refund the scholarship to the Health Education and Training Institute should you withdraw from your course,
- Participate in any future evaluation of the program.

**Declare receipt of other NSW Health scholarship or subsidies accepted.**

## CENTRELINK PAYMENTS

You may need to consider the impact of this scholarship on any other payments you are currently receiving.

If you are in receipt of Youth Allowance, ABSTUDY or AUSTUDY payments through Centrelink, you are obliged to notify Centrelink of your acceptance of a Scholarship as it may affect your entitlement to payment. Call 13 24 90 or visit your local Centrelink office for more information.

## WHAT IS CONSIDERED RURAL AND REGIONAL?

The term “rural” refers to areas covered by rural Local Health District:

- Far West
- Western NSW
- Northern NSW
- Mid North Coast
- Murrumbidgee
- Southern NSW
- Hunter New England (excluding: Cessnock, Maitland, Port Stephens, Newcastle, and Lake Macquarie LGA)
- Illawarra Shoalhaven (excluding: Kiama, Wollongong and Shellharbour LGA)
- Nepean Blue Mountains (Lithgow LGA only)
- South Western Sydney (Bowral LGA only)

### NSW Rural Map



## HOW TO APPLY

Complete the [online application form](#).

1. Upload evidence of your GAMSAT or UCAT registration,
2. As part of this application, please respond to the following questions and upload your responses in one document:
  - Describe what you hope to achieve by gaining entry and completing medical or dentistry training.
  - Describe how this scholarship will assist you to contribute to the future of rural and regional Health in NSW
3. Outline any special considerations that the assessment panel should be aware of.

**Applications must be received by Health Education and Training Institute by midnight, 12 July 2024 (GAMSAT) and 3 May 2024 (UCAT).**

**No applications will be accepted after this time.**

## SCHOLARSHIP TIMEFRAMES

Separate rounds are offered for GAMSAT and UCAT.

EVENT	DATE
<b>GAMSAT</b>	
Supporting Entry into University Medicine <b>or Dentistry</b> Program Scholarship opens (GAMSAT)	6 April 2024
Scholarship closes	12 July 2024
Applications reviewed	July 2024
Notification to applicants	Mid-August 2024
Acceptance of scholarship by applicant	Within 7 days
Payment	By 31 August 2024
<b>UCAT</b>	
Supporting Entry into University Medicine <b>or Dentistry</b> Program Scholarship opens (UCAT)	19 Feb 2024
Scholarship closes	3 May 2024
Applications reviewed	May 2024
Notification to applicants	14 June 2024
Acceptance of scholarship by applicant	Within 7 days
Payment	By 30 June 2024

## WHO DECIDES?

A Selection Panel will determine the 2024 Supporting Entry into University Medicine or Dentistry Program Scholarship recipients. The Selection Panel's decision is final and there is no appeal mechanism.

**WHEN WILL I KNOW?**

All applicants will receive a confirmation email about the outcome of their applications from the Health Education and Training Institute by Mid-August 2024 (GAMSAT and the end of June 2024 (UCAT).

Payment will be made by Electronic Funds Transfer into the recipients selected account by the end of the financial year.

**CONTACT**

For inquiries or assistance with applications please contact [MOH-RuralScholarships@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:MOH-RuralScholarships@health.nsw.gov.au)