



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

**INFORMATION PACK AND
APPLICATION FORM**

Prevocational Doctors & Registrars!

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

- 2 bursaries are available @\$3,000 each
- Applications will close on the 25th of October 2023

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 to apply – **but please note you can 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 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. To join the Rural Doctors' Association NSW: www.rdansw.com.au

- Recipients will also need to be available for other promotional opportunities (e.g., the filming of a short 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 (e.g., rural health stakeholder group involvement, and/or other rural health and rural health career promotion work)
- Advocacy activities (e.g., communications / contributions to increase awareness of rural and remote health)
- Clinical activity (e.g., 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 by 25th October 2023— receipt of your application will be confirmed by return email.

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

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- Please complete and email to admin@rdansw.com.au by 25th 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 or 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!