



Conditions of The Rural & Interstate Placement Support (RIPS)

The Rural & Interstate Placement Support (RIPS) has been established by the university. The Scholarship is administered in accordance with the following scholarship program conditions, and the University's [Student Scholarships Policy](#) and [Procedure](#).

1. NAME

The Rural & Interstate Placement Support (RIPS)

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of RIPS is to provide coordinated financial and in-kind support to undergraduate Nursing students undertaking compulsory rural or interstate practicum placements as part of their program at the University, to reduce financial barriers and support participation in these placements.

3. CATEGORY

The scholarship will be categorised as equity, based on its core purpose and criteria.

4. VALUE

The value of RIPS is **up to \$3,000** provided as a coordinated support package aligned to placement requirements and other available financial supports.

RIPS support may include one or a combination of the following:

- a) accommodation arranged and funded by the University;
- b) travel costs (including flights or fuel costs);
- c) financial payments to assist with living expenses, where applicable.

5. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for RIPS, applicants must:

- a) Be currently enrolled in a full-time undergraduate Nursing program at the University;
- b) Be undertaking a compulsory practicum placement as part of their program; and
- c) Be allocated or willing to undertake a placement in a rural, regional, remote, or interstate location.

6. SELECTION CRITERIA

RIPS is awarded to all eligible applicants, with support determined by:

- a) Placement location
- b) Placement duration
- c) Other funding supports available, including but not limited to financial and in-kind support available through any University Department of Rural Health (UDRH).

7. APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

- a) Applications and selection are administered in accordance with the [Student Scholarships Procedure](#).
- b) Applications must be made via the University website.
- c) Selection must be undertaken by the Scholarships Office and the Faculty of Medicine, Nursing, Midwifery and Health Sciences.
- d) Selections will be made based on assessment of the application and any supporting documentation required by sections 5 and 6 above.
- e) All applicants will be notified of an outcome via email.
- f) The University reserves the right not to award the scholarship.

8. DURATION

- a) RIPS will be tenable for the relevant study period (one semester).
- b) RIPS is not transferable to any other organisation or institution.

9. QUANTITY OF SCHOLARSHIPS

The quantity of support available annually will be at the discretion of the University.

10. CONCURRENT SCHOLARSHIPS

RIPS can be held concurrently with another University scholarship or grant.

11. METHOD OF PAYMENT

- a) Funds will be paid directly to the student as determined by the University.
- b) Recipients are required to provide payment details for payment of funds.
- c) Funds will be paid in one instalment.

12. STUDENT REQUIREMENTS

RIPS recipients:

- a) May be invited to participate in publications, media and events related to the award.
- b) Are required to complete an evaluation survey at the end of the relevant study period.

13. ADMINISTERING BODY

The Scholarship is administered by The University of Notre Dame Australia.

14. PRIVACY

The University is committed to the principles contained in the Privacy Act 1988 (Commonwealth) and the Privacy Amendment (Private Sector) Act 2000 (Commonwealth) and will not disclose any personal information (as defined in the Privacy Act) relating to this Scholarship to any third-party without the written consent of the applicant as obtained by the student declarations on the student application form.

The University may share personal information obtained through (the Scholarship application) with third parties where the third-party is a member of a selection committee. This information is shared for the purposes of selection only.

For reporting, the University may also share personal information for the purposes of the student meeting the recipient requirements; or where the student consents in writing to participate in publications, media and events related to the award of the Scholarship. This may include arranging for media opportunities that include the student and the third-party donor.

15. GENERAL PRINCIPLES

- a) These Conditions must comply with any University Regulations regarding the awarding of scholarships and prizes.
- b) The Vice Chancellor may vary the Conditions of the Scholarship at any time.

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