



Queensland Health Population Health Scholarship Scheme

Information Kit

How to Apply

What you need to read:

- The application form;
- The Discipline Fact Sheet relevant to your chosen field of study (available from the Office of Rural Health website or via phcareers@health.qld.gov.au)

To apply you will need to provide:

- A completed application form;
- Proof of your eligibility to work as a government employee in Australia such as:
 - A certified copy of your birth certificate or citizenship papers; or
 - A certified copy of permanent residence visa, or letter granting permanent residence from the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs.
- A copy of your resume (five pages or less);
- A short response (maximum 1–2 pages) on how your experience, abilities, knowledge and personal qualities would enable you to achieve the selection criteria.

Your eligibility:

- You must be eligible to work as a government employee in Australia. This means you must be a citizen or permanent resident of Australia.
- You must be enrolled in a course that is eligible for employment in your chosen discipline. This information is contained in the Population Health Fact Sheets which are available from the Office of Rural Health website or via phcareers@health.qld.gov.au
- As at 1 January 2010, you must have two (2) years or less, of study remaining until your anticipated graduation;
- If you are enrolled in undergraduate study you must be enrolled as a full-time student with a full-time subject load;
- If you are enrolled in postgraduate study you may be enrolled either full-time or part-time. However, you must anticipate completing your study in two (2) years or less from commencement of the scholarship (1 January of the year following recruitment); and
- You must **not** be an existing permanent employee of Queensland Health.

General Information

In 2010 Queensland Health is offering **four (4)** Population Health Scholarships to students wishing to undertake undergraduate (excluding first year enrolments) or postgraduate Population Health degrees. Each scholarship will be provided for a period of up to two (2) years. The following disciplines are available for 2010:

- Environmental Health
- Epidemiology
- Health Promotion
- Public Health.

The scholarships will be administered by the Office of Rural Health and will provide financial assistance of \$12,200pa to population health students studying full-time undergraduate (excluding first year enrolments) or full-time postgraduate population health degrees. **Part-time post-graduate students will receive financial assistance on a pro-rata (50%) basis.** Scholarship holders are guaranteed employment within Queensland and are contracted to work for Queensland Health for a period of one (1) year after graduation.

Financial Assistance – for up to two (2) years

Full-time study:

Living Allowance: \$7000 pa
Tertiary Grant: \$4700 pa
Travel/Conference Allowance: \$500 pa

Part-time study:

Living Allowance: \$3500 pa
Tertiary Grant: \$2350 pa
Travel/Conference Allowance: \$250 pa

All components of the financial assistance are taxable

Payments commence and are back dated from 1 January in the year the scholarship commences and you are taxed on the lump sum paid to you. As the Queensland Health Population Health Scholarship Scheme guarantees you employment upon graduation, your financial assistance is classed as taxable income. Students are advised to contact their local Centrelink office to discuss how these payments may affect them.

Contractual Obligations

- Continuation of the scholarship is dependent upon satisfactory progress in university coursework;
- Upon graduation, scholarship holders are required to work in a negotiated location for a period equal to one (1) year;
- If a scholarship holder fails to complete the course or does not satisfy the obligations of contracted service, a financial penalty will be incurred.

Scholarship Support

Queensland Health offers a range of support measures to assist scholarship holders including:

- Provision of a Population Health mentor from within Queensland Health;
- Opportunity to undertake optional work experience placements during study;
- Opportunity to undertake optional paid employment periods during breaks in study;
- Opportunity to access and use Queensland Health Population Health information, case studies and resources to assist in academic assessment requirements (subject to confidentiality provisions); and
- Availability of a Case Manager through the Office of Rural Health to discuss and assist with any issues.

Selection of Students

Application

All students who are interested in applying for a Queensland Health Population Health Scholarship must complete the Application Form and provide a written submission addressing the selection criteria. Students must also demonstrate their commitment to bonded service.

Applications received will be short-listed and successful applicants will be offered an interview.

Interviews

Students who are successful in obtaining an interview will be contacted by the Office of Rural Health to arrange an interview time. Every effort is made to ensure that interviews cause minimal disruption to academic studies. At the completion of the interview process, all interviewees will be notified in writing of the outcome of their interview. Successful applicants will then be offered a scholarship and contract with Queensland Health.

Placement

How “Area of Need” is determined:

The “Area of Need” Population Health disciplines and locations are determined by the following criteria:

- High numbers of vacancies either in specific disciplines or across a range of population health disciplines;
- Continual vacancies over an extended period of time; and
- Reduced permanent staffing levels.

If you have any questions or require assistance, please contact the Office of Rural Health.

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