



Queensland Health Bonded Medical Scholarships

Please note the final 50 Scholarships will be awarded in 2009!!!

Will provide successful applicants with an exciting opportunity to:

- Receive financial assistance in the form of an Education Support Allowance while undertaking the 4 year Griffith University Graduate Medical Course!
- Have all Griffith University GMC tuition fees paid!
- Be assisted with career planning by experienced medical officers!
- Graduate with NO HECS DEBT to pay off at the end of their study period!
- Be guaranteed employment as a Queensland doctor for 6 years!



On 1 July 2005, Premier Beattie announced that the Queensland State Government would fund 235 additional medical student places at Griffith University. In May 2008, the Commonwealth Government agreed to reimburse the Queensland Government for the cost of training the 235 medical students. The Queensland Health Bonded Medical Scholarship Scheme commenced in 2006 with 35 initial medical scholarship places. From 2007 - 2010, there are 50 bonded medical scholarship places available for medical students commencing in each of these years.

These Scholarships are only available to Australian Citizens (with preference given to Queensland residents). Acceptance of a Queensland Health Bonded Medical Scholarship will require successful applicants to sign an Agreement with Queensland Health. The Agreement will outline the responsibilities of both parties, including the requirement for scholarship holders to repay fees paid to them in the event that they breach the Agreement (successful applicants are advised to seek legal advice before entering into the bonding Agreement).

Queensland Health will pay full tuition fees to Griffith University on behalf of the bonded students, and in addition, each bonded student will receive an Education Support Allowance of \$21,000 per annum for the 4 years of the Graduate Medical Course (GMC).

Scholarship recipients will be bonded for 10 years. This 10-year period includes 4 years as a GMC student and an additional 6-year Work Period to be served in an Area of Priority Service (determined on the basis of either geographical or specialty need or both). Internship and pre-vocational training is included in the 6-year bonded Work Period. Vocational specialty training opportunities consistent with pre-identified Areas of Priority Service will be available to Scholarship recipients while serving their bonded work periods. Queensland Health will also assist bonded students through the provision of information and guidance on professional development and career planning.

For further information on these Scholarships, visit the Office of Rural Health website at:

www.health.qld.gov.au/orh/scholarships

