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*Note: all applicants are encouraged to contact each individual internship hospital should they have site specific questions about any information contained herein.*

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Core Terms (by facility)

- Medicine – Sunshine Coast University Hospital (SCUH), and Nambour
- Emergency Medicine – SCUH, Nambour and Gympie DEM
- Surgery – SCUH

Elective terms (by facility)

Note: Core Terms can also be requested and used as an elective term.

Sunshine Coast University Hospital (SCUH)

- Anaesthetics
- Intensive Care

- Medicine
  - General Medicine
  - Acute Medicine (MAPU)
  - Cardiology
  - Dermatology
  - Gastroenterology
  - Oncology
  - Ortho-geriatrics
  - Rehabilitation Medicine
  - Renal Medicine
  - Respiratory Medicine
  - Stroke Medicine

- Obstetrics & Gynaecology
- Paediatrics
- Surgery
  - ENT
  - Orthopaedics
  - Urology
  - Vascular Surgery

Maleny Hospital
- Rural generalist term

Gympie Hospital
- Obstetrics & Gynaecology
## TERMS for PGY2

**What terms does your facility offer PGY2?**

Queensland Health has five terms for 2018 – four terms of 10 weeks and one term of 12 weeks, unless otherwise specified.

### By facility within the Sunshine Coast Hospital & Health Service area:

#### Sunshine Coast University Hospital (SCUH)

**Medicine**
- General Medicine (including Medical Assessment & Planning Unit)
- Cardiology
- Endocrinology
- Gastroenterology
- Geriatrics
- Haematology
- Infectious Diseases
- Oncology
- Rehabilitation
- Renal Medicine
- Respiratory
- Stroke Medicine
- Immunology

**Surgery**
- ENT
- General Surgery
- Orthopaedics
- Urology
- Vascular Surgery

#### SCUH (cont’d)

- Anaesthetics
- DEM – Department of Emergency Medicine
- Intensive Care
- Medical Imaging
- Obstetrics and Gynaecology
- Paediatrics

**Caloundra Hospital**
- Palliative Care

**Nambour Hospital**
- DEM
- General Medicine

**Gympie Hospital**
- Acute General Medicine Unit
- Extended Services Unit (Palliative Care, Rehabilitation, Stroke)
- Surgical
- Obstetrics and Gynaecology

**Noosa Hospital**
- General Medicine

### ACCREDITED TRAINING POSITIONS

**What accredited training positions does your facility offer?**

Queensland Health has four terms for Registrars in 2018

#### REGISTRARS

**Sunshine Coast University Hospital (SCUH)**

**Medicine**
- General Medicine (including MAPU)
- Cardiology
- Dermatology
- Endocrinology
- Gastroenterology
- Geriatrics
- Haematology
- Infectious Diseases
- Neurology
- Oncology
- Palliative Care
- Rehabilitation
- Renal
- Respiratory
- Stroke

**Surgery**
- ENT
- General Surgery
- Orthopaedics
- Urology
- Vascular Surgery

#### SCUH (cont’d)

- Anaesthetics
- DEM - Department of Emergency Medicine
- Intensive Care
- Medical Imaging
- Obstetrics and Gynaecology
- Paediatrics
- Psychiatry
- Surgery
  - General Surgery
  - Orthopaedics
  - Urology
  - Vascular Surgery

**Nambour General Hospital**
- DEM – Department of Emergency Medicine
- General and Geriatric Medicine
- Rehabilitation Medicine
# ROTATIONS

**Will there be opportunities to do term rotations at another facility? If yes, which facility/facilities will the rotation(s) be to?**

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<td><strong>Yes.</strong> PGY 1’s- Local placements are available at Nambour, Maleny and Gympie Hospitals.</td>
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# RURAL/COUNTRY RELIEVING

**Is rural/country relieving part of PGY1?**

No - For PGY2’s & above there are opportunities to do rural/country relieving at Emerald. A two day preparatory course (CRuSE) is mandatory to attend before commencing rural/country relieving.

# REMOTE CALL

**Does your facility require remote call? If yes, what are the conditions?**

Yes - SCUH, Nambour, Gympie & Caloundra Hospitals – remote call doctors are required to be within 30 minutes of the hospital.

# WARD CALL

**Does your facility require ward call? If yes, what are the conditions?**

Yes. All junior residents share in ward call. Only PGY 2 and 3s participate in night ward call.

# EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS

**Does your facility provide educational sessions? If yes, what type of educational sessions and how often would they occur?**

**Educational sessions are as follows:**

- **One week intensive Intern Orientation Program** including professional requisite training, clinical shadowing, clinical scenarios, SIM Lab, procedural skills, hospital processes and procedures, full day Advanced Cardiac Life Support course, socialising opportunities (intern welcome dinner), etc.
- **Weekly Intern Education and Training Program (IETP)** conducted in a protected, pager-free learning environment for 2 hours.

**INTERNS also have access to weekly:**

- Grand Rounds – Medicine*, Surgery and Paediatrics
- Medical Imaging session*
- Department of Medicine RACP Training*

*These sessions are video-conferenced from the presenting site to the other hospitals.

**The Intern Education & Training program (IETP) includes:**

- Procedural skill training / Clinical scenario training /SIM / Small group sessions
- Lecture style presentations on clinical topics
- Medico-legal topics
- Career Expo (in conjunction with the Sunshine Coast Junior Doctor Society)
- Intern Presentations
- Mindfulness courses offered

SCUH, Nambour Hospital, Caloundra and Gympie Hospitals are Pocket Sites for the Skills Development Centre. All Interns have access to procedural skills and scenario based learning opportunities within the SIM labs.
SUPPORT for INTERNS

What type of support does your facility provide for Interns?

At each hospital facility there is Medical Education Unit (MEU) staff available to support the Interns. Wherever you are located you are always well supported by the MEU staff.

The Medical Education Unit provides:
- Week long Orientation program on commencement, with a sponsored Intern welcome dinner
- Formal, weekly Intern Education Program (based on the Australian Curriculum Framework for Junior Doctors)
- Bi-annual face to face meetings with MEO & Director of Clinical Training (DCT)
- Careers Expo in April for PGY1, PGY2, PGY3
- On-going personal and professional support for all junior doctors from MEO’s and DCT’s
- Formal and informal support from registrars and consultants committed to providing quality supervision.
- Opportunities to be an intern or junior doctor representative on the General Clinical Training Committee (GCTC) and JMO Forum

Medical Administration provide access to and support from:
- Executive Director of Medical Services (EDMS) and Deputy EDMS
- RMO Forum: 4 times per year
- Administration Officer – Medical Rosters – Interns/JHO/SHO

The SCHHS offers:
- Employee Assistance Service (EAS) – free, confidential counselling service offering professional short term counselling for up to six sessions per calendar year for employees and their immediate family. This confidential service can be accessed through a self-referral program available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and 365 days a year, at no cost to you.
- An active Junior Doctor Society with many RMO members, who organise various social events throughout the year e.g. Cruise, RMO Ball.

SCUH and its placement facilities are very friendly teaching hospitals with skilled, approachable and caring senior medical staff who offer personalised support of junior medical staff.

WORKLOAD and OVERTIME

What is the average workload per week for each core and elective term? Is overtime required? If yes, will this be paid?

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NIGHT DUTY

Does your facility require night duty? If yes, what are the conditions?

Interns do not usually undertake night duty apart from DEM or O & G (at SCUH) where they will be rostered with a Registrar or SMO. Interns may be required to do night duty if they are called in on remote call. In this case, the EDMS on call ensures the duties are suitable for interns, and that they are appropriately supervised at all times.
## LEAVE

### Am I able to take leave any time during the year or will I have to be part of a leave roster?

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| - Five weeks leave per year taken in a 5 week block  
- No leave may be taken during core terms (AHPRA requirement)  
- Interns are asked to state leave preference on the Allocations Preference Form  
- Generally no Intern leave during the first 10 weeks of the year (can be negotiated if special circumstances) | - Five weeks annual leave per year. Leave preferences to be noted on Allocations Preference Form.  
- Leave may be taken for shorter periods with prior approval. Early notice of leave request is preferred (so the relieving pool of doctors can be coordinated to cover requested leave). |

## LEAVE in ADVANCE

### Do I need to negotiate my leave in advance?  
Who do I need to negotiate leave with and when do I need to do this by?

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<td>Yes. You will be sent an allocation preferences form containing the dates of the 5 week blocks of leave. We ask that you indicate your preferences for your leave, core terms and electives all within the one form. The form is emailed to you a month or so after the close of the Intern Campaign. Once all forms are returned to the MEU we try to accommodate all requests as best we can, however this may not be possible if many interns request the same dates. If you have a special reason for wanting a particular leave allocation then you must indicate this on the form. Providing a good reason for your request on your application will greatly substantiate your case. Please do not book your holidays or flights until your annual leave has been confirmed.</td>
<td>Yes. You will be sent an allocations preference form, we ask that you indicate your preferences for your leave on this form. The form is emailed to you in the months after the close of the RMO Campaign. Once all forms are returned to the Medical Administration we try to accommodate all needs as best we can. If you have a special reason for wanting a particular leave allocation then you must indicate this on the form. Providing a good reason for your request on your application will greatly substantiate your case. Please do not book your holidays or flights until your annual leave has been confirmed. Leave is considered and granted at the requested time if relievers are available.</td>
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## RELOCATION

### Does your facility provide financial assistance with relocation?

Not usually. However individual prospective application is required, if hardship can be demonstrated.

## ACCOMMODATION

### Does your facility provide accommodation or financial assistance with accommodation?

All Interns must make their own accommodation arrangements for the duration of their Internship. If you are allocated for a rotation to Gympie Hospital there is shared house accommodation available close to the hospital free of charge, as well as on-call room type accommodation available onsite.

## PART-TIME or JOB-SHARE

### Is part time or job share an option your facility can accommodate?

On a case by case basis only. Needs to be discussed and negotiated individually with Medical Administration.
### LATE START

**Is Late Start an option your facility can accommodate?**

No. Exceptional circumstances may be considered on a case by case basis. Needs to be discussed and negotiated individually with the Director of Clinical Training & Medical Administration before the closure of the intern recruitment campaign.

### SWAPPING or TRANSFERS

**Does your hospital consider swapping or transfer requests?**

If yes, what are the terms and conditions associated with a swap or transfer?

Yes, but on a case by case basis.

### INTERN: CONSULTANT RATIO

**What is your average intern: consultant ratio?**

1 intern : per 1-2 Consultants

### FACILITY BENEFITS

**What other services (e.g.: library, gym, swimming pool, close to shopping centres and public transport etc) does your facility offer?**

The following services are available at SCHHS:

- Good facilities and wide range of services including:
  - 24 hour Medical library access. Electronic links and helpful staff
  - Medical Officers common room
  - Kiosk and cafes in-house and within the immediate vicinity of the SCUH and Nambour Hospitals
  - Public transport stop at the hospitals
  - Junior Doctor Society
  - Fitness Passport available (from $22 per fortnight via payroll deduction), this gives unlimited access to many gyms & pools in the SCHHS district
  - Kawana Aquatic centre is located less than 2 kms from SCUH.
  - SCUH is located 5 minutes from popular surf beaches
  - Other hospitals are located approximately 20 minutes to the beach, rainforest and hinterland
  - Sunshine Coast airport - has direct flights to Auckland, Sydney & Melbourne.
  - Great shopping at Sunshine Plaza- Maroochydore, Mooloolaba, Maleny, Montville and Noosa.
  - Less than 1.5 hours from Brisbane city via car, 2 hours by train or bus.

### CAR PARKING

**What parking arrangements can your facility offer?**

- **Nambour Hospital** - Most junior doctors find free parking within walking distance from the Hospital, however multi-storey carpark available at a cost.
- **Caloundra and Maleny Hospitals** offer free street or onsite parking.
- **Gympie Hospital** has free on street parking around the hospital.
## LIFESTYLE OFFER
What sort of lifestyle can your location offer?

The Sunshine Coast offers a wonderful lifestyle:

- Great range of restaurants and cafes
- Fantastic beaches for surfing, diving, wind-surfing, snorkelling, sailing and fishing
- Bush walking, climbing, rainforest walks
- Vibrant social life, performing arts events, Noosa long weekend, sporting events-triathlons
- Plenty of shopping centres & local boutiques
- Our placement sites offer rural and provincial variations of this lifestyle.
- Variety of health & sporting clubs, gyms, public swimming pools, cycle tracks to support a healthy outdoor lifestyle.

## OTHER DETAILS
Is there any additional information you would like to provide that we haven’t covered previously?

The opening of the 450 bed **Sunshine Coast University Hospital (SCUH)** at Kawana has provided numerous additional job opportunities and vocational career paths for doctors, nurses and Allied Health staff.

## CONTACTS
Who do I contact for further information?

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