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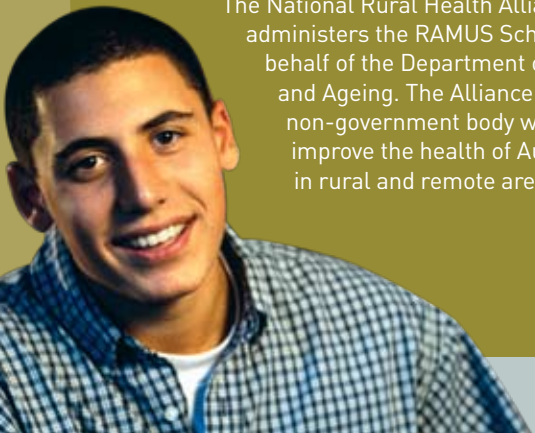
Scholarship holders receive \$10,000 a year during completion of a standard medical degree at their chosen university.

This financial support assists scholarship holders to overcome financial barriers to studying medicine at university, particularly the costs of moving and living away from their home and family support structures.

RAMUS scholarships are not bonded. Instead, RAMUS scholarship holders are encouraged to take part in activities to maintain and strengthen their ties to rural Australia and to develop their knowledge and understanding of working as a medical practitioner in rural areas.

All RAMUS scholarship holders have a rural medical practitioner as a mentor and are required to join the student rural health club at their university.

The National Rural Health Alliance administers the RAMUS Scheme on behalf of the Department of Health and Ageing. The Alliance is the peak non-government body working to improve the health of Australians in rural and remote areas.



The RAMUS Scheme supports 550 current scholarship holders.

Since the Scheme began in 2000, over 1,500 scholarships have been awarded to rural medical students and more than 870 RAMUS scholars have graduated from medicine. Many former RAMUS scholars are now working or training in rural, regional and remote areas of Australia.

Find out more about the
RAMUS Scheme at:

www.ruralhealth.org.au

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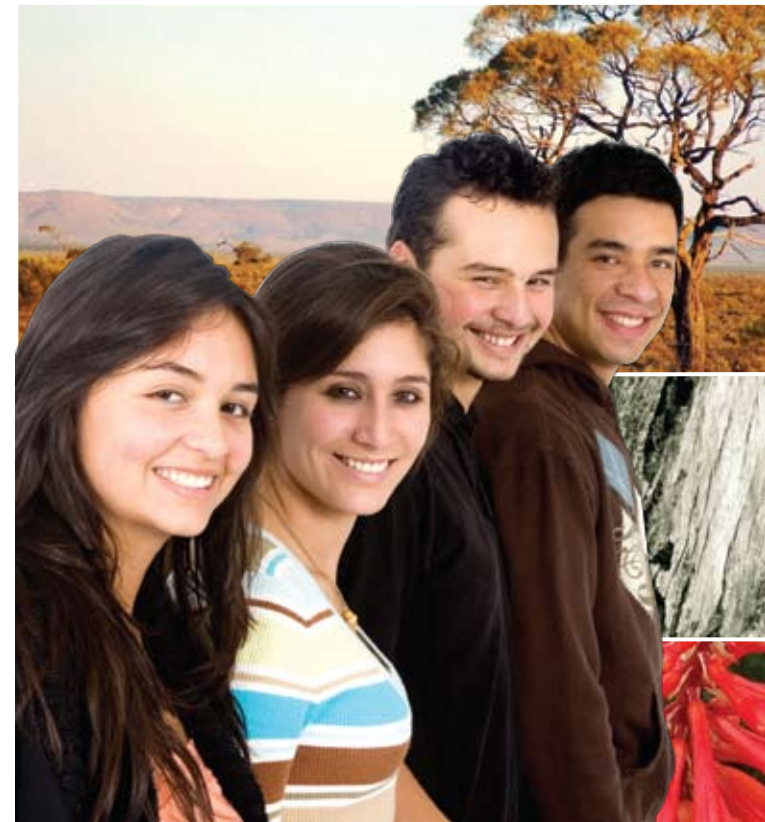
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SCHOLARSHIPS FOR RURAL STUDENTS STUDYING MEDICINE

RAMUS is an Australian Government initiative





RAMUS Scholarships

The **RAMUS** Scheme assists selected students with a rural background to study medicine at university.

The **RAMUS** Scheme is aimed at attracting more doctors to rural and remote Australia.

Applying for a scholarship

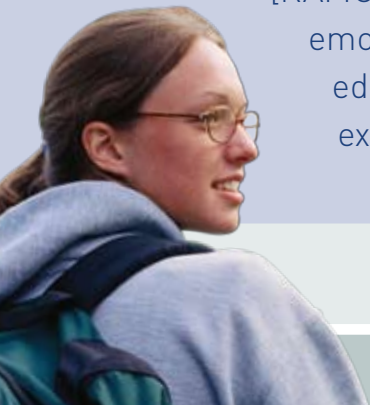
Applications for 2010 will open in November 2009.

Apply online at www.ruralhealth.org.au from November 2009.

At this time the Application Form and detailed Application Guidelines will be available online at www.ruralhealth.org.au

Applications for 2010 must be submitted by 18 January 2010. Applications will not be accepted after the closing date.

“[RAMUS] has given me the emotional, financial and educational support to explore rural medicine within my degree.”



To be eligible for RAMUS you must:

- be an Australian citizen or permanent resident of Australia;
- have lived in a defined Australian rural area for a minimum of five consecutive years, or eight cumulative years from your fifth birthday up to the time you enter medical school; and
- be studying full-time in an accredited Australian medical degree.

You can apply for RAMUS:

- if you are already enrolled in a medical degree, and in any year of your medical studies; or
- if you have applied to study medicine, but your university place has not yet been confirmed.

Both undergraduate and graduate-entry medical degrees are eligible courses for RAMUS.

You must also agree to be a member of your university's student rural health club and must not be receiving any other scholarships, cadetships or bursaries with a combined value of more than \$7,000 per year.

Selection of successful applicants

Approximately 120 new RAMUS scholarships will be available in 2010.

Scholarships will be awarded to the eligible applicants who rank the highest against the selection criteria of:

- the length of time they have lived in a defined rural area between the age of five and commencing medical studies. Having attended a rural primary school is also taken into account;
- financial need, based on income for the 2007–08, 2008–09 and 2009–10 financial years; and
- commitment to working in rural Australia in the future.

“Through participation in the Scheme I have been given the opportunity to develop my understanding of the diversity, rewards and challenges of rural health.”

