

2024



# ASMIRT

## Guidelines

### **Rural Clinical Placement Scheme**

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There are a number of protected titles for medical radiation practice. They include:

Medical Radiation Practitioner (MRP)

Diagnostic Radiographer (DR)

Medical Imaging Technologist (MIT)

Radiographer

Nuclear Medicine Scientist (NMS)

Nuclear Medicine Technologist (NMT)

Radiation Therapist (RT).

For the purposes of our documentation we use the broad descriptor Medical Radiation Practitioner (MRP) recognising that it covers a range of areas of practice.



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# ASMIRT Rural Clinical Placement Scholarship

## 1. Program Rationale

The Rural and Remote Practitioners Reference Group (RRPRG) of the Australian Society of Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy (ASMIRT) administers the “ASMIRT Rural Clinical Placement Scholarship”. The scheme is intended to assist Medical Imaging, Radiation Therapy and Nuclear Medicine students with travel and accommodation costs associated with a rural clinical placement. It is envisaged that the scheme will be integrated into the Australian Society of Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy’s ongoing efforts to support and promote rural health initiatives.

- Applicants should note that two grants per calendar year for each University that offers approved courses in medical imaging, radiation therapy and nuclear medicine will be available. In the event that applications are not received from all states, the RRPRG may elect to award additional grants to those states where additional applications have been received.
- Preference will be given to students who do not have access to other forms of funding.

## 2. Program Framework

The program will be administered under the terms given below:

- The RRPRG will administer the scheme and will have the following responsibilities:
  - Work co-operatively with Board of Directors to ensure the program brief, as passed at the 51st AGM of ASMIRT, is enacted to a successful outcome.
  - Assess all valid applications on a case-by-case basis for suitability and notify all candidates of the application outcome. Notify the Chief Executive of successful candidates.
  - Assess the scheme at the end of each year and recommend strategies for improvement and ongoing integration into the student and professional environment.
  - The RRPRG in partnership with the Professional Standards Manager (PSM) will work cooperatively with all relevant Universities to promote the scheme:
- Provide application kits to the Universities.
  - Field and respond to all questions regarding the scheme.
  - Vet all applications for suitability and forward all valid applications with their recommendations to Board of Directors.



- The Universities will have the following responsibilities:
  - Work cooperatively with the RRPRG and PSM to promote the scheme to the student community.
  - Provide application kits to interested students.
- Interested students will have the following responsibilities:
  - To supply all information as requested in the application kit
  - To agree to participate to the terms and conditions as described in the application kit.

## Application Kit

### Part 1

#### 3. Information

Applications for grants for the ASMIRT Rural Clinical Placement Scholarship are invited from students enrolled in Approved Undergraduate and Graduate Entry Masters Medical Radiations Science programs. The grants have been created to assist students with travel and accommodation costs whilst experiencing rural practice.

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Detailed information is provided below.

#### 3.1 Criteria

Successful applicants will be required to:

- Be enrolled as a full-time student in an approved course at an Australian University in Medical Imaging, Radiation Therapy or Nuclear Medicine.
- Be a registered student member of ASMIRT.
- Provide a report suitable for publication on the rural placement experience.
- Be willing to participate in evaluation studies or surveys regarding allied health in the rural setting.
- Promote rural practice as a viable career choice to all students.



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### 3.2 Applications

Applications in writing, using the attached application form, must be made to the Australian Society of Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy, marked attention “Professional Standards Manager”.

Applications must include:

- Application Kit, Part 2
- Brief Curriculum Vitae.
- University academic record. Include all academic years attempted.
- Confirmation in writing from course co-ordinator of the rural placement.
- Brief statement detailing why funding is sought for the placement.
- Declaration of other sources of funding or grants that have been awarded in support of the proposed rural placement.

Applications which are incomplete will not be considered.  
Applicants will be sent an acknowledgement receipt when applications are received.

Candidates who have been successful previously are eligible to apply again on a yearly basis. Successful candidates cannot apply twice in the year that they have been successful.

### 3.3 Financial Assistance Details

Rural placement grants are awarded to assist with the costs of travel and accommodation associated with a rural placement. The value of the placement grant is \$1000.

### 3.4 When to apply

Applications will be considered for both first and second semester placements. In all scenarios, applications should be made as soon as possible in each academic year.

In circumstances where prospective payments are made, and the placement not undertaken, the student will be required to repay the grant in full.

Payments are made post clinical placement. Ensure that all receipts are retained, so that if you are successful in your application, you will be able to support your claim.

These can include credit or debit card statements clearly stating what the amount was for.





### 3.5 How to apply

Applications can be sent as a hard copy or as an email copy to the email address listed. Please ensure that all correct information is supplied, including all required documentation.

Forward your completed application form to:  
Min Ku  
Professional Standards Manager  
Australian Society of Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy  
PO Box 16234  
Collins Street West, VIC, 8007

Further information can be obtained from ASMIRT:  
Telephone: (03) 9419 3336  
Facsimile: (03) 9416 0783  
Email: [cpd@asmirt.org](mailto:cpd@asmirt.org)

Ensure all requirements are complete and all attachments included. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed. The RRPRG will forward all recommended applications to Board of Directors for ratification.

#### Application Closing Date:

Semester One 2024 – applications close First Sunday April 2024 (7/4/24)

Semester Two 2024 – applications close First Sunday September 2024 (1/9/24)

### 3.6 Notification

All applicants both successful and unsuccessful will be notified via email at the conclusion of the review. Applications can take up to 12 weeks to process from the time they are received by the RRPRG.

### 3.7 Disclaimer

The RRPRG decision will be final, and no correspondence will be entered into. The RRPRG does not accept appeals to its decision.

