

Northern Queensland Regional Training Hubs (NQRTH) Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (Honours) Top- up Scholarship - Guidelines

Purpose

The College of Medicine and Dentistry's (CMD) Rural Health Research Plan (2025–2026) prioritises building research capacity across regional, rural and remote Northern Queensland by improving access to research education, training and support. Working with partners and communities across the region, CMD supports research that contributes to better health outcomes for rural and remote populations.

Within this context, the Northern Queensland Regional Training Hubs (NQRTH) plays an important role in strengthening medical education and training pathways across the region, with research forming one component of this work. In partnership with CMD, NQRTH will offer JCU MBBS (Hons) students the opportunity to apply for a 2026 Top-up Scholarship to support Honours research projects. This initiative, alongside ongoing collaboration with local stakeholders and industry partners, will help expand research opportunities and develop a research-capable rural medical workforce.

Intent

This document provides guidance for applicants wishing to apply for a NQRTH MBBS (Hons) Top-up Scholarship.

Scope

In 2026, the NQRTH MBBS (Honours) Top-up Scholarships are available to students enrolled in the following programs:

- Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (Honours)
- Bachelor of Medical Science with Honours
- Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery with Honours (Graduate Entry)

Scholarship Details

The Top-up Scholarship provides up to \$1,000 in additional funding for students undertaking an Honours project in a rural or remote setting. Whilst students undertaking a project with a regional

focus may apply for a scholarship, preference will be given to projects conducted in locations classified as Modified Monash Model (MMM) 3–7.

The scholarship is administered by NQRTH. Students must continue to meet all Honours program requirements to remain eligible. The number and value of scholarships available each year will be determined by the NQRTH Research Scholarship Selection Committee.

Use of Funds

Scholarship funds may be used only for direct costs associated with Honours research and dissemination, in line with existing Honours funding guidelines. Eligible expenses include:

- Journal publication fees
- Laboratory kits and consumables
- Research meetings with supervisors (when directly related to the project)
- Fieldwork or site visits necessary for data collection
- Conference attendance where the student is presenting their Honours research
- Professional development activities directly related to the research project

Selection Process

The award of this scholarship is at the sole discretion of the NQRTH Research Scholarship Selection Committee. The committee will determine all matters relating to the scholarship, including the number of awards granted and successful applicants.

Contact Information

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