

Northern Queensland Regional Training Hubs (NQRTH)

Bachelor of Medicine Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) Summer Research Bursary Guidelines

2026/27

Details

Bursary Name	NQRTH MBBS Summer Research Bursary Program
Duration of research program	4 - 6 weeks
Availability	Summer Break (December 2026 - March 2027)

Intent

This document provides information for Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) students who would like to apply for a NQRTH MBBS Summer Research Bursary.

In 2017, the Australian Federal Government provided funding for 26 Regional Training Hubs across Australia, as part of the Rural Health Multidisciplinary Training Program, aiming to create a sustainable future health workforce across rural, remote, and regional Australia. NQRTH collaborates with health service providers to promote regionally based training pathways to medical specialist careers, including in general practice, and beyond.

The Northern Queensland Regional Training Hubs connects medical students, interns and junior doctors with a range of opportunities and resources to create a supportive and clear path to specialist training. As part of this initiative, NQRTH has allocated funding to promote research opportunities for medical students to address health issues in tropical, Indigenous, regional, rural and remote communities and to foster career interests as future clinician-researchers.

Several summer research bursaries have been established to allow medical students an opportunity to learn more about research and gain some research experience in a variety of settings.

The main objective of this program is to allow medical students to gain experience and exposure to research with an established researcher or research team. Research topics and projects available will vary from year to year and may include areas such as medical research, community development, infectious diseases, clinical research or health services research.

This bursary is subject to the provisions of JCU's Coursework Scholarships, Bursaries and Grants Policy.

Bursary Details

Value of the bursary: \$500

The number of bursaries available are outlined in the table below:

MBBS Year	Number of Bursaries
Year 1	3
Year 2	3
Years 3, 4, 5	6

Award Details

If you are a successful applicant for this bursary, you will receive \$500 and will complete approximately 4-6 weeks of research experience. After completion of the program, you will be required to write a brief report outlining your experiences and what you have learned from participating in this program.

Students are permitted to apply in subsequent years, but preference will be given to students who have not received this bursary in previous years.

Applicant Eligibility

To meet eligibility for application of the NQRTH MBBS Summer Research Bursary Program, you must be:

- Admitted to the Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery at JCU;
- Enrolled full-time, 12 credit points per teaching period; and
- Have good academic and professional standing.

Assessment of Applications

Applications will be assessed on the following criteria:

Assessment component	Weighting
NQRTH MBBS Summer Research Bursary Program application form, including the written personal statement component	80%
Curriculum vitae (CV)	20%

Application Submission

You will need to submit a completed online application form by the closing date. A copy of your curriculum vitae and a personal statement must be uploaded as part of the online form.

If you have any issues with the application submission process, contact nqrth.admin@jcu.edu.au.

It is important to note that late applications and incomplete applications will not be considered.

All documents relating to the NQRTH MBBS Summer Research Bursary Program can be found on the Northern Queensland Regional Training Hubs (NQRTH) Research Hub: [NORTH Research Opportunities](#)

Selection Panel

The award of the bursaries shall be made at the discretion of the RTH Research Bursaries Selection Committee, which comprises the following members or their nominees:

- Dean, College of Medicine and Dentistry
- Program Manager, Northern Queensland Regional Training Hubs
- Associate Dean, Research Education, College of Medicine and Dentistry
- CMD Research Officers/Senior Research Officers
- Medicine Impact Research Advisor

The Selection Committee reserves the right not to award the bursaries in any year if, in the opinion of the Selection Committee, there are no applicants of sufficient merit to warrant an award. The Selection Committee will determine all matters relating to the bursaries.

Approval Details

Program sponsor	Associate Dean Research Education
Custodian	Medicine Impact Research Advisor, College of Medicine and Dentistry
Approval authority	Dean, College of Medicine and Dentistry
Advisory bodies	Rural Research Bursaries Working Group
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