

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, SYDNEY

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Dear Sir/Madam,

The Day in the Life of a Notre Dame Medical Student

The University of Notre Dame Australia's School of Medicine, Sydney is offering rural schools the opportunity to select students to apply for a School of Medicine, Sydney Vacation Scholarship.

The program is aimed at inspiring rural students and/or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students towards a career in medicine. The Scholarship will provide them with the opportunity to experience a day in the life of a medical student.

Notre Dame's School of Medicine, Sydney is a young, vibrant School underpinned by a mission to train excellent, ethical and caring doctors. The School is already gaining a reputation for its innovative and distinct medical education program. About one in four of our students have a rural background, and we aim to attain a student profile that reflects the diversity of the Australian population. We have clinical schools in regional areas including Lithgow, Wagga Wagga and Ballarat.

Secondary schools are invited to **nominate one student** and **one reserve student** from Year 11 or Year 12 to attend a one day workshop at the School in Darlinghurst, Sydney on Friday, 7 July 2017. During the day, the students will attend lectures and tutorials run by medical staff and students on topics that are integral to the medical degree. Students will have the chance to participate in a variety of activities such as suturing, plastering, resuscitation skills and medical examination, and will enjoy a tour of Notre Dame's facilities.

Successful applicants will receive a scholarship payment of up to \$600 to cover transport and travel expenses for the day. They will also be awarded a certificate for their participation.

The students put forward for consideration by the School must meet the following criteria:

- Come from a rural and/or an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander background;
- Be involved in community life and activities, sport, cultural and/or social events;
- Have demonstrated good personal conduct and a strong interest in ethics, centered on the concept of 'social justice'.

Students accepted into the Vacation Scholarship Program must be able to travel to Sydney for the annual workshop day scheduled for Friday, 7 July 2017, commencing at 9.00am and ending at 3.30pm.

A parent or guardian is welcome to accompany the student on the day. Meals will be provided and the students will be under the supervision and direction of Medical School staff over the course of the day.

The event will be coordinated by Ms Marion Thomas. If you wish to receive further details about the Vacation Scholarship, please feel free to contact Marion on 02 8204 4464 or marion.thomas@nd.edu.au.

Nominations for the Scholarship will close on **Friday, 28th April 2017**. Late applications will not be accepted.

In order to suggest a candidate from your school, please complete the enclosed form and return via facsimile to 02 9357 7680. Alternatively, you may scan and email the document to Marion.

I hope that you will consider this opportunity for your students and we hope to hear from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

Associate Professor Joe McGirr
Associate Dean Rural, School of Medicine, Sydney
The University of Notre Dame Australia

Emergency Contact Details (one for each Student)

In case of emergency, please contact:

Student 1:

Student 2 (Reserve):

Name:		Name:	
Address:		Address:	
Phone Numbers: H		Phone Numbers: H	
M		M	
Email:		Email:	
Relationship to child:		Relationship to child:	
Does the child identify as <input type="checkbox"/> Rural <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Both		Does the child identify as <input type="checkbox"/> Rural <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Both	
School Contact:		School Contact:	
Email:		Email:	

On selection of participant scholarships, information will be sent out to the students and parents concerning further details about the day.