



| Name | Rural trainee travel bursary |
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| Purpose | <p>Supports trainees based in remote locations (MM4–MM7 in Australia or R2 in Aotearoa New Zealand) to attend the RANZCP Congress.</p> <p>The bursary may be used in 2026 or 2027 at the choice of the recipient.</p> <p>This is a one-off bursary.</p> |
| Funding source | Donation of remaining funds from the NSW Country Psychiatrists' Association (upon being wound up), supplemented by additional Foundation funds. |
| Number offered | Twelve bursaries, each valued at \$1,000. |
| Eligibility | Open to RANZCP trainees who are in good standing, and are on rotation, in 2026, in MM4- MM7 in Australia, or R1-32 in Aotearoa New Zealand. |
| Conditions | <p>The bursary is intended to support travel costs for attending Congress. Recipients are responsible for all other expenses.</p> <p>Recipients must</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Visit and register at the Rural Psychiatry Training Pathways Lounge during Congress, and - Submit a 200-word report within six months. <p>If funding is used for travel to Congress in 2027, the recipient must still be on rotation in a rural or remote area.</p> |
| Applications | <p>Applicant Statement (300 words): How you support psychiatry training or practice in rural locations (examples encouraged).</p> <p>Submit via the online portal by the due date.</p> |
| Selection process & criteria | <p>The selection panel will comprise three members of the RANZCP Foundation Committee. Panel members will review and score blinded applications, then recommend recipients to the Foundation Committee for approval.</p> <p>Applications will be assessed primarily on demonstrated commitment to rural psychiatry, with additional consideration, where relevant, for applicants who indicate financial need or involvement in the Congress program.</p> |
| Key dates | <p>Open: Monday, 19 January 2026</p> <p>Close: Friday, 20 February 2026</p> <p>Outcome: Friday, 6 March 2026</p> <p>Funding available until: 30 June 2027</p> |
| Terms | Recipients must accept a formal letter of offer. Recipients can claim the bursary via an expense re-imbursement. Claims will be processed after confirmation of Congress registration has been provided by the recipient. |

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| Contact: | Manager, RANZCP Foundation | | |
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