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COASTCITYCOUNTRY TRAINING GENERAL PRACTICE TRAINING ADVANCED RURAL TRAINING PATHWAY

INFORMATION SHEET

From 2012 Applicants for Rural Registrar positions can apply for the Murrumbidgee/Riverina Advanced Rural Training Pathway. This pathway is available to Australian General Practice Training Program General Practice Registrars choosing the Murrumbidgee/Riverina region as a rural training location, training and working in practices and rural hospitals across the region including: Cootamundra, Gundagai, Hay, Leeton, Lockhart, Narrandera, Temora, Tumut, and Young.

The Murrumbidgee Local Health District (MLHD) supports the development of this Advanced Rural Training Program co-ordinated by CoastCityCountry as the local General Practice training provider. Murrumbidgee LHD is part of the Prevocational Training Network and will endeavour to provide the required hospital terms at Wagga Wagga Base Hospital for General Practice training applicants opting for the Advanced Rural Training Pathway with CoastCityCountry as the training provider. The Advanced Rural Training Pathway is also supported by access to a range of GP Procedural Training posts provided at Wagga Wagga and Griffith Base Hospitals

Prerequisites

PGY2+ from January 2012

Selection of the Murrumbidgee/Riverina Local Training Group as your CCCGPT preferred training location

The Training Pathway

Advanced Rural Training pathway applicants will have the advantage of being able to lock in plans (including locations and posts) for the entirety of their training program in the first few months of joining the RTP. Some applicants may seek a training program based out of one practice or centre, while others may choose flexibility and multiple training experiences to enhance their learning.

A typical training pathway will consist of:

- 1 hospital based year (PGY2 entry point only)
- 2-3 years in a combination of private general practice and rural hospital settings, with a minimum 12 months spent in one practice
- 1 additional year in a procedural training post (anaesthetics, obstetrics, emergency medicine, mental health, surgery) in Griffith or Wagga Wagga

The pathway will also provide access to a range of training courses and forums in addition to the local Registrar training program, aimed at skilling applicants for their chosen careers in rural practice.

A specialty of the Murrumbidgee Local Hospital District includes its program of Scenario based simulation training with an emphasis on teamwork and preparing doctors for working in smaller hospitals and applicants will have access to simulation courses tailored to suit their needs.

Applicants will also be encouraged to network with other pathway applicants and registrars already engaged on similar career paths.

Education Outcomes

Fellowship Australian College of Remote and Rural Medicine, or
Fellowship of Advanced Rural General Practice
DRANZCOG or DRANZCOG (Advanced) Obstetrics

Credentialing outcomes

Credentialing as Visiting Medical Officer (subject to normal recruitment screening)
Credentialed to practice in a procedural specialty (subject to normal credentialing screening)

Employment obligations

After selection for the pathway applicants will be offered a choice of practice locations and assisted in negotiating employment.

Applicants will also need to apply for a VMO (Visiting Medical Officer) position with Murrumbidgee LHD (this is facilitated by CCCGPT and the chosen training practice)

Financial Support

In addition to a base subsidy of \$1600 per year paid to all registrars, applicants will be provided:

- A location incentive (up to \$4000 per annum depending on location)
- A VMO incentive (up to \$2000 per annum depending on location)
- An advanced training allowance of \$8,000 (over 2 years)
- Relocation costs will be paid where applicants move to meet their training requirements

Applicants will also qualify for Commonwealth Procedural Training grants and location incentives

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TO SPEAK TO DR TIM CATON, DIRECTOR MEDICAL EDUCATION MURRUMBIDGEE/RIVERINA LOCAL TRAINING GROUP OF COASTCITYCOUNTRY GENERAL PRACTICE TRAINING ON 02 69235400 OR EMAIL ftrench@ccctraining.org

YOU MAY SUBMIT AN EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) TO JOIN THE ADVANCED RURAL PATHWAY AT ANY TIME UNTIL 9 SEPTEMBER 2011

SUBMISSION OF AN EOI PRIOR TO 9 SEPTEMBER 2011 IS NOT BINDING AND IF OFFERED A REGISTRAR PLACE WITH CCCGPT, YOUR PREFERENCE TO JOIN THE PATHWAY WILL BE CONFIRMED AT INTERVIEW, FOLLOWING A DISCUSSION OF PREREQUISITES, TRAINING REQUIREMENTS AND YOUR PROFESSIONAL GOALS.