The Rural Allied Health Undergraduate Scholarship Scheme is an Australian Government initiative to support rural-origin individuals to undertake allied health and oral health degrees so they may pursue a clinical career in rural and remote Australia.

The RAHUS Scheme is open to individuals with a rural background to study an allied health or oral health degree. Eligible disciplines for allied health are: audiology, chiropractic, dietetics, exercise physiology, Indigenous health (tertiary degree only), occupational therapy, optometry, osteopathy, medical radiation science (medical imaging, radiation therapy & nuclear medicine technology) physiotherapy, podiatry, psychology (postgraduate), social work and speech pathology; and for oral health are: dentistry and oral health.

The scholarship provides $10,000 a year to assist students with accommodation, living and travel expenses during their studies. Eligible applicants will have lived in a rural or remote region of Australia for at least five consecutive or eight cumulative years and must be Australian citizens or permanent residents. Applicants must be entering or currently enrolled as a full-time student in an accredited or approved undergraduate or graduate entry level Australian allied health or oral health degree.

Applications close on Friday, 31 August 2007. For further information, please contact the RAHUS Administrator, Services for Australian Rural and Remote Allied Health (SARRAH), on 1800 460 440 or by email on rahus@ruralhealth.org.au, or view the SARRAH website at www.sarrah.org.au.

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