



RACGP Northern Territory Placement Support Grant

GUIDELINES for APPLICANTS

Overview

The 2025 RACGP Northern Territory Placement Support Grant (NT PSG) provides \$150,000 in support to GP Registrars who are undertaking training in a different region of Australia and are willing to relocate to the NT for a period of their training (min 6 months). Additionally, current NT-based registrars who relocate from an MM2 location to undertake a placement in an MM6-7 location can also apply. The grant is open to both general and rural pathway registrars.

This round of grants will apply to the 2025.1 term. Those considering a relocation or a future placement in 2025.2 are encouraged to send an [email](#) expressing interest now.

Individual grants are available through the program, including:

Interstate Registrars: Relocate to the Northern Territory for at least 6 months and receive up to \$10,000. Choose a 6-month placement in an MM6-7 location within the Northern Territory and qualify for an additional \$5,000.

Northern Territory Registrars: Move from MM2 to MM6-7 locations, train for 6 months, and receive \$5,000.

Victoria or Queensland Composite Pathway Registrars: Undertake your rural rotation in an MM6 or 7 location in the NT and receive up to \$10,000.

This means that a GP Registrar who commits to relocating from interstate to an MM6-7 region in the Northern Territory will be eligible for up to \$15,000 in grant funding.

Details of the Modified Monash Model regions is available [here](#) and details of the accredited training sites in the NT are here ([insert hyperlink](#))

Eligibility Criteria

- This grant requires a self-nominated application using the [Application Form](#).
- Applicants must be enrolled in the AGPT program with the RACGP at the time of application.
- Applicants must intend to move to the Northern Territory from a state or territory outside of the Northern Territory for a minimum period of 6 months for the 2025.1 term; or to move from Darwin (MM2) to an MM6 or MM7 region within the NT for a minimum period of 6 months for the 2025.1 term.
- Evidence of current residential address may be required.
- GP registrars on the General, Rural or composite pathways are eligible to apply.
- Applicants must have core training terms remaining in their AGPT Program.
- Hospital placements are excluded.
- Applicants must demonstrate commitment to all aspects of training.
- Interstate applicants must obtain approval for a training region transfer from their Regional Operations Manager.

Payment of Grant Funds

- The grant will be paid in three instalments: 50% upfront upon signing of the **Letter of Offer** and confirmation of your placement in the NT to assist with initial relocation costs, 25% six weeks after commencement, and 25% six weeks prior to the placement conclusion.
- The grant is payable in addition to any National Consistent Payments (NCP) and flexible funds that applicants may be eligible to receive through the AGPT pathways and any grant funding that might be



available from time to time for relocation to the NT from other sources including the NT Government and NT Primary Health Network & Rural Workforce Agency NT.

- If after awarding of the grant a registrar chooses not to undertake the placement associated with the grant, they will be required to pay back the grant funds.
- If after awarding of the grant the registrar only undertakes a portion of the placement, they will be required to pay back the grant funds on a pro-rata basis. Personal, unforeseen, and/or extenuating circumstances should be reported as soon as possible and will be managed on a case-by-case basis.
- There are no requirements as to how the funds are spent, however it is recommended that funds are used for relocation costs and/or investing time in the local town and community.

Process for Awarding Grants

- Applications must be received during the Application Period and on the Application Form. Applications received outside the Application Period will only be considered on a case-by-case basis and if funding is available.
- GP Registrars should submit only one application, even if they may consider multiple training sites in the NT. The value of the grant will depend on where the GP Registrar is placed and what region they are currently training in.
- Grant Recipients will be eligible for a direct placement but must apply in the open market placement process in the first instance. Every effort will be made to ensure Grant Recipients receive a placement that is as close as possible to their preference (including potential placement above the set constraints of training post capacity), however this cannot be guaranteed.

Time Frames

Step	Date
Applications Open	Monday 19 August 2024
Applications Close	Friday 20 September 2024
Panel Review Applications	Thursday 26 September 2024
Successful applicants notified	Friday 27 September 2024
GP Registrars submit a transfer application	Throughout October 2024
Successful applicants provided with NT training post capacity/options and supported to apply for NT placement	Throughout October 2024
GP Registrars apply for 2025.1 placement	14 October 2024
Successful applicant linked in with NT training team and registrar support group	October 2024
Medicare Provider Numbers guaranteed	29 November 2024
Relocate from interstate, or from Darwin to MM 6-7 region	January 2025
Successful Applicant to receive first payment (50% total grant awarded)	2 - 8 January 2025
2025.1 NT term commences	3 February 2025
2025.1 orientation	3 February 2025
Successful Applicant to receive second payment (25% total grant awarded, 6 weeks after placement commences)	17 March 2025
Successful Applicant to receive third and final payment (25% total grant awarded, 6 weeks prior to term concluding)	23 June 2025
Pastoral care support & regular check-ins with NT training team.	Throughout placement
GP registrar to provide feedback re the grant program and opportunity to consider further placements in the NT.	Throughout placement



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PLACEMENT SUPPORT GRANT TERMS & CONDITIONS

1. These terms apply to all RACGP Northern Territory Placement Support Grants unless otherwise indicated. By submitting an application, Applicants agree to these Terms.
2. In these Terms, the following words have these meanings:
 - a. "Applicant" means the parties listed on an application for a Grant.
 - b. "Eligible Placement" means a six (6) month placement as an AGPT Registrar in the Northern Territory which will require the Applicant to relocate either from another State or Territory in Australia, or from Darwin to a MMM6 or MMM7 region within the Northern Territory.
 - c. "Grant" means any grant funding provided by the RACGP.
 - d. "Grant Recipient" means a successful Applicant who will receive the funds and sign a Letter of Offer with the RACGP.
 - e. "PSG Selection Panel" means the RACGP's Placement Support Grant Selection Panel, which comprises four RACGP staff members and the NT Faculty Chair, all of whom are based in Northern Territory.
 - f. "Offer Date" means the date of the letter which notifies the Grant Recipient of the successful outcome of their application.
 - g. "RACGP", "us" or "our" is a reference to The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners Ltd.
 - h. "Terms" means these *Grant Application Terms & Conditions*.
 - i. "you", "your", "they" or "their" is a reference to the Applicant.
- The RACGP is committed to protecting your privacy. By applying for a Grant, Applicants consent to RACGP's collection of the information provided by them in their application(s) for the purpose of assessing their application and, if successful, publicising their name(s). You also consent to the sharing of your information with our funding partner (Primary Health Network Northern Territory), if necessary, for the purposes of assessing your application and to inform future funding opportunities and programs to improve attraction and retention of GP Registrars to the NT. If you do not complete the application in full, then your application for a grant will be excluded from assessment. You may access the information RACGP collects from you, or you may make a complaint about breaches of the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth), by contacting the Privacy Officer (privacy@racgp.org.au). Further information about our collection, use, storage and disclosure of your personal information is available on our privacy policy which can be found at www.racgp.org.au/privacy-policy. If you no longer consent to the use of your personal information, please contact us on 1800 198 586 or by email at privacy@racgp.org.au
3. All Grants are conditional upon the Grant Recipient completing an Eligible Placement. If a Grant Recipient is unable to complete an Eligible Placement, the Grant Recipient must repay to the RACGP the full amount of the Grant, or a part there-of on a pro-rata basis (as determined by the RACGP).
4. These Terms are governed and construed by the laws of the State of Victoria, Australia.
5. The PSG Selection Panel is responsible for the evaluation and review of Grant applications.
6. All decisions are final and no correspondence will be entered into. Decisions made in relation to grants are not subject to reconsideration, review or appeal.
7. The PSG Selection Panel may ask Applicants to clarify in writing information contained in their application in order for the PSG Selection Panel to assess their application.
8. The PSG Selection Panel may remove an application from consideration during the selection process if it is considered uncompetitive, incomplete, incorrect or if the application does not meet the eligibility criteria.
9. The RACGP, in its sole discretion, may:
 - a. decide not to award any Grants if the applications received are assessed as not meeting the required standard; and
- if the total funds available under this Grant program are not awarded, adjust the value of the Grants or awarding Grants to Applicants who are relocating in 2024.2 or for 2025.2.



10. Unsuccessful Grant Applicants will be advised in writing; however detailed feedback will not be provided.
11. Successful Grant Applicants may be required to attend an event hosted by the RACGP NT faculty.
12. Unless otherwise agreed, Grant funds will be paid according to the following payment schedule upon completion of the relevant milestone to the satisfaction of RACGP:

Milestone	Payment
Signing of Letter of Offer and confirmation of placement	50% of grant funding
Six (6) weeks after commencement of placement	25% of grant funding
Six (6) weeks prior to placement completion	25% of grant funding

13. Grant Recipients must:
 - a. upon signing of the Grant Letter, provide the RACGP with a 1-2 paragraph biography and a high-resolution electronic photograph. The Grant Recipient grants to the RACGP a license to use the biography and photograph for the purposes of promoting the NT Placement Support Grant program.
 - b. Within six (6) weeks of completion of the placement, the Grant Recipient must provide the RACGP with a written reflection report (of no more than one (1) page) of how the Grant funds were of benefit to you and the value you obtained from receiving them. The Grant Recipient grants to the RACGP a license to use the written reflection report for the purposes of promoting the NT Placement Support Grant program and for reporting back to the funding Partner (Health Network Northern Territory).
 - c. do all things reasonably required by the RACGP (including executing all documents) to give full effect to a Grant and the transactions contemplated by it.
14. Grant Recipients acknowledge and agree they are independent of the RACGP and not an employee or agent, and have no authority to bind the RACGP by contract or otherwise.
15. Neither party may assign, novate or otherwise transfer their rights or obligations under a Grant.
16. Any action, including any act of grace by the RACGP is only effective as a waiver if it is reduced in writing and provided to the other party, and then only to the extent of that written waiver.
17. Any grants funds requiring repayment is a debt owed to the RACGP. The RACGP reserves the right to charge interest on any such amount, at the prevailing rate pursuant to the *Penalty Interest Rates Act 1983* (Vic) for the period from the due date until the date of payment in full, with any such funds being offset against any accrued interest prior to being applied against the outstanding grant funds.