

## Lynn Kratcha Memorial Rural Bursary 2019

### Description of Tasks for Applicants

Applications are now called for the Lynn Kratcha Memorial Rural Bursary. Eligible students are those currently in year 2 of the MBBS programme.

The bursary consists of a four-week rural placement in North America or Canada. The bursary will include support for travel and accommodation, and can be undertaken as the 4-week, Year 2 rural placement.

If funding allows there may be more than one international bursary awarded under these rules. Winners must be prepared to provide an oral and written report on their return.

There are three components to the bursary, each of which contributes to the final mark:

- a written task – Book review
- an interview
- an oral presentation

The written task will be used to determine a small number of "finalists", who will be invited to proceed to the next two stages.

### Stage 1 – the written task

The editor of a medical students' journal has asked for a review of the book **The Tall Man Death and Life on Palm Island** by *Chloe Hooper*. The editor has requested the following review:

With reference to the book **The Tall Man Death and Life on Palm Island**:

- Give a brief description of the book.
- Describe the issues for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population in the past (e.g. Assimilation and Segregation Policies, Deaths in Custody Report for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people) and **compare** these to current issues in the 2000's.
- The review should reflect **your views** about the book and its relevance to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander society/community.
- Students will be judged on presentation, clarity and coherence of arguments, originality, writing style and its suitability for the Book review genre.
- Include referencing to support your statements where required.

**NOTE:** This book is available for rent through the JCU Library (2 copies available). If you prefer your own copy, the book can be purchased online for \$12.99 as an eBook or \$20.40 plus shipping for a paperback copy, from [Booktopia](#).

Word Limit: **1000 words**

Written application is due by **12 Noon on Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

Written applications must be **submitted directly either to:**

- **Lynn Kratcha web page** - **Apply Now online**; OR

- **the electronic drop-box on Learn JCU/Medicine Course Site/Prizes and Scholarships/Lyn Kratcha Memorial Rural Bursary** .

## Stage 2 – the interview and oral presentation

Successful "finalists" will be invited to go onto Stage 2 of the process, which will be held in August 2019. The dates for interviews and the presentation evening are to be advised.

### Interview:

The interview will last for approximately 10 minutes. It will be conducted by an interview panel of at least three members, including a previous recipient of the bursary.

Students will be judged on communication skills, interview preparedness, motivation for entering and suitability as a representative of the College of Medicine and Dentistry.

### Oral Presentation:

Students will be asked to prepare a 5-7 minute oral presentation to be delivered at the Lynn Kratcha Memorial Rural Bursary presentation night at the College. This presentation should be designed as a talk that could be delivered to a community group in North Dakota, USA about an aspect of rural health in Australia. Each student will have up to 2 minutes to answer questions from the audience.

Students will be judged on the appropriateness of the talk for a North American audience and quality of content and delivery. Students may support their talk with the usual range of AV materials.

The marking panel will consist of staff members from Medicine, previous Lynn Kratcha Memorial Rural Bursary winner/s and invited guests.

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## MBBS 2 LYNN KRATCHA MEMORIAL RURAL BURSARY

**Name:** Lynn Kratcha Memorial Rural Bursary

**Bursary:** This bursary was founded in 2001 by Lynn Kratcha, MD as the North Dakota Rural Bursary. Dr Kratcha was a rural doctor in North Dakota, USA, who undertook parts of his undergraduate and postgraduate training in North Queensland. Dr Kratcha supported this bursary for many years. He passed away in 2012 and the bursary has been renamed in his honour. The purpose of the bursary is to support a medical student undertaking an international rural elective.

Value of the bursary includes return economy airfare from North Queensland to the location of the elective, and support for living expenses, or such amount as the Selection Committee determines from time to time. Up to 5 bursaries will be awarded each year as determined by the Selection Committee.

### **RULES**

#### **Recipient:**

The recipient must:

1. Be an undergraduate student who is currently enrolled in the 2nd year of the MBBS in the current year; and
2. Demonstrate an interest in rural medicine; and
3. Be able to undertake an international rural elective; and
4. Not currently be receiving any other travel scholarships or grants for placement or coursework; and
5. Be of good academic and professional standing

### **APPLICATION:**

The application procedure may include a written submission, an interview and an oral-presentation.

An information session regarding this bursary will be held on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019 (Timetabled).

### **APPLICATION DUE:**

Written Submission – **12:00 noon 29<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

Applications should be made directly either to:

- [Lynn Kratcha web page](#) - Apply Now online; OR

- **the electronic drop-box on Learn JCU** on the Medicine Course Site.

Students will be contacted after the written submissions have been marked to advise the requirements of the interview and oral presentation.

**SELECTION:**

The Dean of the College of Medicine and Dentistry, in consultation with the Head of Discipline, GPRM (College of Medicine and Dentistry), Academic Staff members from the discipline of GPRM responsible for the delivery of Year 2 (College of Medicine & Dentistry) or nominee and recipients of the Lynn Kratcha Memorial Rural Bursary from the previous year to determine the winner, based on the highest average score awarded for each item submitted.

**WINNER:**      There will be new scholarships awarded every year.