

## LYNN KRATCHA MEMORIAL RURAL BURSARY

**Name:** Lynn Kratcha Memorial Rural Bursary

**Bursary:** This bursary was founded in 2001 by Dr. Lynn Kratcha. 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.

**NOTE: The location of this Bursary will be in Australia for 2023. (Either Weipa or Thursday Island.)**

The 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. Up to 6 bursaries may be awarded as determined by the Selection Committee.

### **RULES**

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 a rural elective; and
4. Be of good academic and professional standing

**Note: Winners must be prepared to provide a report/presentation on their return.**

### **APPLICATION:**

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

- a written task;
- an interview; and
- an oral presentation.

The written task will be used to shortlist a small number of applicants who will be invited to proceed to the next two stages.

### **APPLICATION DUE:**

- Written Submission – **12:00 noon 26 July 2023**

Applications should be made directly to **JCU Scholarships via the Apply Now button AND to 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.

## Lynn Kratcha Memorial Rural Bursary 2022 Description of Tasks for Applicants

### Stage 1 – the written task

The editor of a medical students' journal has asked for a review of the book '*Remote As Ever – The Aboriginal Struggle for Autonomy in the Western Desert*' by David Scrimgeour.

This book is available online through the JCU library.

The editor has requested the following review:

With reference to the book *Remote As Ever – The Aboriginal Struggle for Autonomy in the Western Desert*:

- Give a brief description of the book.
- Describe the issues for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population in the past 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 Movie review genre.
- Include referencing to support your statements where required.

Word Limit: **1000 words**

Written application is due by **12 Noon, 25<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

Written application must be submitted to JCU Scholarships: Using the Apply now button [here](#).

### Stage 2 – the interview and oral presentation

Successful "finalists" will be invited to go onto Stage 2 of the process. Interviews will be held on **Tuesday, 22 August 2023** and Oral Presentation on **Thursday 24 August 2023**.

#### 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.