

Early Childhood Intervention Rural Practicum Placement Scheme

Program Information

The Early Childhood Intervention Rural Practicum Placement Scheme aims to support students who may be considering a career in a rural early childhood intervention service**. Financial incentives of up to \$1000 are available to support students to undertake a practicum placement within a rural early childhood intervention service.

The financial support provided through this scheme aims to assist recipients with the costs of travel and living away from home to undertake a practicum placement in a rural early childhood intervention service.

In recognition of the service's role the Early Childhood Intervention Service will receive a financial incentive of \$500.

Early Childhood Intervention Services support children with a disability or developmental delay from birth to school entry and their families. They provide special education, therapy, counselling, service planning and coordination, assistance and support to access services such as kindergarten and child care.

Services are tailored to meet the individual needs of the child and focused on supporting the child in their natural environments, in their everyday experiences and activities. These services are funded through the Office for Children and Early Childhood Development and provided by Specialist Children's Services teams and Early Childhood Intervention agencies.

Who can apply for the scheme?

Applications are invited from students who would be eligible for employment in an early childhood intervention service upon graduation. These may include students currently studying physiotherapy, occupational therapy, dietetics, early childhood teaching, speech pathology, social work, psychology or to become a parent advisor for hearing impaired.

Applicants must:

- Be an Australian citizen or a permanent resident of Australia
- Currently be enrolled and studying a relevant undergraduate or postgraduate qualification
- Agree to enter into a formal agreement with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.

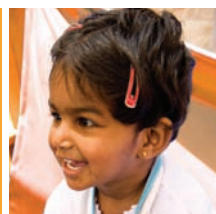
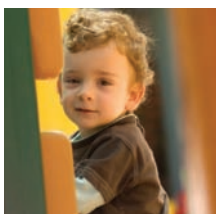
Services must:

- Be funded by the Office for Children and Early Childhood Development to provide early childhood intervention services.

All eligible applicants will be considered.



** Rural early childhood intervention services are considered to be any Office for Children and Early Childhood Development funded early childhood intervention service in regional or rural Victoria. This is defined as any location in the following Department of Education and Early Childhood Development Regions: Barwon-South Western, Gippsland, Grampians, Hume and Loddon Mallee.



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Conditions of Grant

Break in studies	If the scholarship holders cease studying for any reason without having undertaken their practicum placement in an early childhood intervention service they must notify the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development immediately.
Satisfactory Progress	Successful applicants must maintain satisfactory progress throughout their practicum placement. If the applicant fails to maintain satisfactory progress, the scholarship may be withdrawn.
Participation in data collection	In order to assist in the collection of data with regard to workforce planning, successful applicants must provide their contact details to the Department for a period of 5 years. Information may be sought from successful applicants over this period for the purpose of analysing the effectiveness of the scheme and to inform future workforce policies and programs.

Selection Process

Applications for the Rural Practicum Placement Scheme will be assessed against the following criteria:

- Demonstrated interest in early childhood intervention
- Length of practicum placement in an early childhood intervention service in rural Victoria
- Applicants year of study, preference will be given to final year students
- Applicants University - preference will be given to students enrolled in a Victorian University
- Practicum placement outside of their current residential locality.



Application Documentation

The following documentation must be submitted:

- Completed application form
- Certified copy of Academic Transcript to date for relevant undergraduate or postgraduate study*
- Letter from Course Coordinator confirming your enrolment in undergraduate or postgraduate study, length of practicum placement and your year of study
- Letter from Early Childhood Intervention Service confirming arrangement of practicum placement or provisional arrangement including location in rural Victoria and dates of placement.

Please note that missing information will delay or prevent the processing of your application.

Please note this application and any supplementary documentation will become the property of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development and will not be returned.

If documents are in a previous name, submit a certified copy of documentary evidence of name change e.g. marriage certificate, deed poll.

**These must be certified as being true and correct copies of originals by either the issuing body or by those people qualified to accept a statutory declaration e.g. police, pharmacists, doctors, accountants etc
Do not submit original documents.*



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How to apply

Download application documentation at www.education.vic.gov.au/careers/earlychildhood

Or contact 1300 651 662 to request an application pack.

Submitting Applications

Applications should be marked CONFIDENTIAL and signed and submitted by post, courier or email. Please ensure you have enclosed all the required information.

Applications should be addressed to:

Project Officer – Early Childhood Intervention Workforce
Strategy Division
Office for Children and Portfolio Coordination
Department of Education and Early Childhood Development
GPO Box 4367
Melbourne, Victoria 3001
Or email: early.years.workforce@edumail.vic.gov.au

You will be advised in writing of the outcome of your application approximately 6 weeks after submitting your application.

Scholarships are limited and will be granted at the discretion of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.

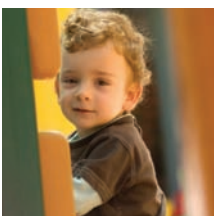
For details of closing dates please visit www.education.vic.gov.au/careers/earlychildhood

Privacy Statement

The personal information which is provided in this application form will be stored securely on Department of Education and Early Childhood Development property in accordance with the requirements of the Public Records Act 1973 and the Information Privacy Act 2000. It will only be accessed by Department of Education and Early Childhood Development for the purposes of allocating scholarships and the development of research based policy relation to the Early Childhood Intervention Workforce.

Contact us

For more information visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/careers/earlychildhood
email early.years.workforce@edumail.vic.gov.au or telephone 1300 651 662



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Application Form - Early Childhood Intervention Rural Practicum Placement Scheme

Applicant Details	Family Name	Given Name		
	Date of Birth	Gender	<input type="checkbox"/> male	<input type="checkbox"/> female
	Are you an Australian citizen or permanent resident of Australia? (✓)		<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
	Are you of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin? (✓)		<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
	Do you speak another language other than English? (✓)		<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
	If yes what language do you speak?			
Residential Address	Address			
	Suburb	State	Postcode	
Postal Address if different from residential address - this will be used in all correspondence	Address			
	Suburb	State	Postcode	
Telephone number				
Email address				
	Have you previously lived in a rural location ? (✓)		<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
	If yes, where?			
	Please provide dates you resided in a rural location			
	Do members of your immediate family currently reside in rural Victoria? (✓)		<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
	Have you ever undertaken a rural placement before? (✓)		<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
	If yes, where?			
	Please provide dates placement was undertaken and placement type			
Application for other funding	Are you in receipt of any Scholarship or will you receive any other Grant or Financial assistance for this placement?		<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
	If yes, please provide details of grant including the name and value.			
Course details	Full course name			
	Length of course	Institution/University		
	State	Date commenced course		
	Are you a full time student? (✓)		<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no

