



**RGTS** | Rural Generalist  
Training Scheme

# Overview

## Program summary

The Rural Generalist Training Scheme (RGTS) is a training pathway to ACRRM Fellowship. Attainment of Fellowship (FACRRM) leads to registration as a Specialist General Practitioner in Australia.

The RGTS operates within the Independent Pathway (IP) framework. Training and training support is delivered directly by the College with registrars benefiting from the same flexible approach to operational policies and conditions.

Fellowship training is based on the ACRRM Rural Generalist and RGTS training places benefit from government funded support to the registrar as well as to their supervisors and training practices.

Registrars are provided with training that supports and reflects their distinct training and personal preference.

The scheme aims to directly drive the College vision to have the right doctors in the right places, with the right skills, providing rural and remote people with excellent health care.

The RGTS has been implemented to strengthen and grow Rural Generalist training and address geographic maldistribution and inequality in healthcare access' by strengthening primary care and restoring provision of advanced care services in regional, rural and remote areas.

RGTS supports the development and delivery of health care services within rural and remote communities, by fostering a direct relationship with local health services.

ACRRM and its members will work to develop ongoing relationships that benefit not only registrar training but the healthcare needs of the community. The scheme effectiveness in achieving these goals will be underpinned by ACRRM's unique rurally oriented training model which has recorded unparalleled outcomes in terms of producing doctors that practice long-term in rural and remote communities and provides them with the expansive Rural Generalist skill set.

## College's role

The College acts as a single national administrative point for whole-of-training coordination, enabling all registrars, medical educators and supervisors to liaise directly with the College. ACRRM national and regional teams deliver the ACRRM Fellowship Program and provide support and guidance throughout the registrars' training journey. The College engages with supervisors and training practices directly and provide resources and support to facilitate the employment and retention of registrars in primary care.

## Applications

The College will offer up to 100 places a year over four years via two biannual intakes. Intake start dates will align with jurisdictional hospital training terms. Information on how to apply can be found at [acrrm.org.au/rgts](https://acrrm.org.au/rgts).

## Education Structure

Education is delivered through a blended model of online, webinar and face-to-face learning comprising of facilitated and self-directed activities. The program has been developed and is delivered by ACRRM Fellows consultant specialists, and educators.

The program is structured on the ACRRM Rural Generalist curriculum and prepares and supports registrars for clinical practice and ACRRM fellowship assessments. Education is supported in the regions by medical educators and complemented by regional training activities that involve partnerships with Rural Generalist Coordinating Units (RGCUs) and other providers.

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