

Yes! I would like to introduce a future doctor to our community!

Please send me more information about:

- being a Community Contact for the JFPP
 Hosting a student in the JFPP

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number(s): _____

Email address: _____

I heard about the JFPP from: _____

I prefer you to contact me by: email phone post

Please **POST** to ACRRM: GPO Box 2507, Brisbane, Q 4001
or **FAX**: 07 - 3105 8299

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John Flynn
Placement Program



About the John Flynn Placement Program

The John Flynn Placement Program (JFPP) encourages medical students to choose a career in rural medicine.

Every year, 300 medical students are selected to join the program. Students live in rural communities for two weeks each year over four consecutive years. Their time is divided between clinical experiences with local medical services and getting to know the people and their way of life.

A student who develops friendships within a rural community is more likely to return to practise medicine when he or she is a qualified doctor. That's why a welcoming community is so important.

The roles of Community Contacts and Hosts

Individuals and organisations participate in the JFPP as Community Contacts, Hosts, or both.

Community Contacts are an essential part of the program. They welcome students into the community and enrich their rural experiences.

Hosts provide homestay accommodation.

Some students prefer to stay in commercial accommodation (e.g. motel) or hospital quarters.

Community Contacts provide students with:

- a warm welcome to the community
- practical information about the local area and places of interest
- local transport and/or transport information
- invitations to local activities and events
- introductions to local people

Hosts provide students with:

- a warm welcome into their home
- dinner and basic self-catering breakfast
- a clean, private bedroom with bed, linen, desk and chair
- access to a clean bathroom
- access to clothes washing and drying facilities

Payments to Community Contacts and Hosts

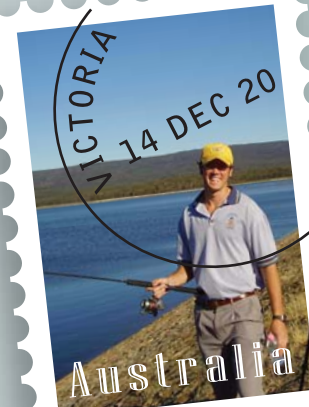
Community Contacts are paid \$350 for each two-week placement.

Hosts are paid \$200 for each two-week placement for accommodation plus \$200 for food (breakfast and dinner only).

Students' interests and the information they need

Students make contact with their medical service Mentor, Community Contact and Host (if applicable) some months before each visit to arrange placement dates and share information.

To help match student interests and needs with what is available in your community, we provide everybody involved with a JFPP Placement Checklist. The Checklist facilitates discussion and planning during pre-placement phone calls or emails. This is particularly helpful for first time students and community participants. Once you know each other, second and subsequent visits are easy to organise and usually feel like reunions with old friends.



“I love being a Community Contact. Over the years I've met students from various parts of Australia. It has helped me rediscover my community – the local characters, special places, and country hospitality. I also learn about the students' hometowns, lifestyles and backgrounds. It's a breath of fresh air for all involved.”

JFPP Community Contact

Interested?

To register your interest in becoming a Community Contact or Host for the John Flynn Placement Program, please complete the attached form and return to ACRRM. Fax and post details are on the back of this leaflet.