1. BACKGROUND
RMIT University’s School of Medical Sciences is pleased to announce two scholarships, valued at $7,000 per annum for four years, for rural students commencing the Bachelor of Pharmacy program in 2012.

The Pharmacy program has preliminary approval from the Australian Pharmacy Council and equips students for a career in Pharmacy. It consists of an integrated program based on academic activities at RMIT’s Bundoora West campus and extensive pharmacy placements. It is expected that scholarship holders will conduct at least one of their placements in RMIT-selected rural areas in Victoria.

2. ELIGIBILITY
This scholarship is open to students who:
- are classified as local students (Australian Citizens, Australian Permanent Residents, New Zealand Citizens, or holders of a permanent humanitarian visa);
- have applied through VTAC for admission to do a full-time Bachelor of Pharmacy degree at RMIT and have been accepted for and are commencing enrolment in Semester 1, 2012; and
- are rural students as defined by the Federal Government's PhARIA classification. Students living in Categories 2-6 are eligible.

3. SELECTION
The selection criteria will be based primarily on suitability to complete the program as evidenced by interest, academic record and, where applicable, other prior learning and experience.

The Selection Committee will comprise the Head of School and Discipline Head Pharmacy.

4. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

4.1. In order to continue receiving the scholarship, the awardee must be enrolled full time and have successfully completed all courses (subjects) in which they are enrolled during that academic year.

4.2. The awardee must agree to complete at least one pharmacy clinical placement in an RMIT-approved rural location.

4.3. Failure to successfully complete all courses in an academic year may result in the scholarship being revoked.

4.4. The scholarship offer does not extend to honours or postgraduate studies, the internship year of training, other RMIT undergraduate programs, nor can it be transferred to another university.
4.5. The scholarship can be suspended on medical grounds, and resumed when the student is able to return to full time studies.

4.6. Application to the Pharmacy Rural Scholarship does NOT constitute an application to an RMIT program.

4.7. The scholarship is valid only in relation to RMIT’s Pharmacy program. It is not transferable to any other school, faculty, university or institution.

4.8. RMIT University and the School of Medical Sciences reserve the right not to offer a scholarship.

4.9. Tenure of award:
   i. The award is valid for a maximum of four years/eight semesters (full time), subject to the candidate maintaining satisfactory academic progress. Please refer to http://www.rmit.edu.au/students/acadprogress for further information on the Academic Progress responsibility.

   ii. The scholarship will be paid in two instalments per year, following the 31st of March and 31st of August census dates.

   iii. Continuation of the scholarship may be suspended or revoked by the Selection Committee should the recipient’s conduct or behaviour both on- or off-campus be considered likely to reflect detrimentally upon the scholarship, the School or the University.

   iv. Scholarship payments will be suspended during periods of approved Leave of Absence for medical reasons.

   v. The scholarship will be terminated under any of the following circumstances:
      - If the student fails to maintain full-time enrolment;
      - If the student fails to successfully complete their courses in a calendar year;
      - If the University is satisfied that the program of study is not being carried out with competence and diligence or in accordance with the offer of scholarship;
      - When the student ceases enrolment without indication of a date at which enrolment will be resumed;
      - On cancellation of enrolment; or
      - At the end of the period of tenure provided for by the scholarship.

   vi. If a scholarship is terminated, it will not be resumed unless the termination occurred in error.

4.10. Obligations of award holder:
   The person to whom benefits under the Scholarship are being paid or are payable, is required to notify the School within seven days in writing if the person:
      - leaves Australia for reasons other than for approved overseas study, approved suspension or approved recreation leave;
      - discontinues full-time studies in the program; or
      - is absent for any reason for a period of fourteen days or longer from the person’s place of study, except on approved recreation leave.
5. APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Prospective students wishing to apply for the scholarship must submit a completed Pharmacy Rural Scholarship Application Form.

Applications close 22 December 2011.

Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted. Scholarship selection will take place in early January 2012 and offers will be made to successful applicants around mid-January 2012.

Applications may be submitted via one of the following ways:

Via post:
School of Medical Sciences, RMIT University, PO Box 71, Bundoora VIC 3083
(Note: Envelope must be postmarked no later than 5 pm, 21 December 2011)

In person:
School of Medical Sciences, RMIT University
Reception, Building 203 Level 3 Room 35
Bundoora West Campus
Plenty Road, Bundoora

Via fax:
+61 3 9925 7063