

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **STEM scholarship applications now open**

QTAC is pleased to announce that applications are now open for round two of the Australian Government's Rural and Regional Enterprise Scholarships Program.

The Program was launched in 2017 to support undergraduate, postgraduate and Vocational Education and Training (VET) students from regional and remote areas of Australia to undertake a science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM) course, including in the fields of health and agricultural science.

Successful scholarship applicants receive funding of up to \$18,000 to assist with the financial costs of study, and a further \$500 to support an internship of their choice.

The first round of scholarships in February of this year saw 600 scholarship offers made to eligible applicants. A further 600 scholarships are on offer for round two.

QTAC was chosen by the Australian Government Department of Education and Training to be the Scholarship Support Organisation for the Program in 2017.

QTAC CEO, Dr John Griffiths, welcomed the opportunity to support the Department of Education and Training and highlighted the value of the Program to regional and remote students.

"QTAC is delighted to be managing the scholarship awards on behalf of the Australian Government. The Program is a great initiative, offering regional students the chance to pursue a career in science, technology, engineering, maths, and related fields, by easing the financial burden associated with study," Dr Griffiths said.

Scholarship applications close Friday, 14 December 2018.

For more information and to apply, visit [www.qtac.edu.au/scholarships/rresp](http://www.qtac.edu.au/scholarships/rresp).