

About the Rural Summer Project Program

The University of South Australia, Department of Rural Health (UniSA DRH) in collaboration with local host agencies, offer paid Rural Summer Projects for university students wishing to undertake community development project work in the Eyre Peninsula region during the summer vacation period (20 January – 14 February 2020). This provides an opportunity for university students studying a health-related degree to experience living and working with rural South Australian communities. Students work in collaboration with local host agencies to undertake a community development project, with support from UniSA DRH staff.

Which students are eligible to apply?

Undergraduate or Graduate Entry students studying a health program at a South Australian university are eligible to apply. Undergraduate students must have completed the second year of their undergraduate program. All students must be Australian citizens or permanent residents of Australia.

What does the project provide?

The Rural Summer Project provides an opportunity for local host agencies to propose a 4 week project which will benefit their agency and/or the community. Please see 'Rural Summer Project List' for further details regarding offered projects.

The Rural Summer Project provides students with an opportunity to develop their skills, knowledge and experience in community development, project management, stakeholder engagement, professional communication, working autonomously, and as part of a team. Student costs are covered by the UniSA DRH. Project associated costs are covered by the host agency.

What will students be doing?

As part of the project students will spend four weeks in the region completing their allocated project. Accommodation, transport support and a living allowance is paid to all successful students.

Students work in pairs on an allocated project to an agreed plan and timeline under the supervision of UniSA DRH staff and in conjunction with host agencies. Students will undertake other agreed activities during the project period facilitated by the UniSA DRH (for example a cultural awareness, presentation skills and project management workshops).

Students are required to prepare a 10 minute oral presentation about the project process and outcomes, where host agencies, community members, university staff and students are all welcome to attend. The presentation morning is scheduled for **09:30am on Friday 14th February 2020** at the UniSA DRH. Students also are required to prepare a 500 word reflective paper about their experience. Students will hand over any work to the host agency upon completion of the project.

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