



Rural Education Action Plan

British Columbia Rural Interest Award

Application Form

GENERAL INFORMATION

SURNAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME
ADDRESS	CITY, PROVINCE, COUNTRY	POSTAL CODE
MOBILE PHONE (INCLUDING AREA CODE)	EMAIL ADDRESS	UBC STUDENT #
Have you received this award in the past? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, when? _____		

APPLICATION CATEGORY – I AM APPLYING UPON (CHECK ONE):

Admittance to medical school

3rd Year Integrated Community Clerkship completion Community: _____ Preceptor: _____

3rd Year Rural Family Practice Clerkship completion Community: _____ Preceptor: _____

3rd Year other demonstration of rural interest (Please explain in your personal letter)

4th Year other demonstration of rural interest (Please explain in your personal letter)

4th Year Rural Elective completion Community: _____ Preceptor: _____
Elective discipline: _____

4th Year FLEX Project completion Topic: _____ Supervisor: _____

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

DURING YOUR FORMATIVE YEARS (AGE 0 -20), WHERE DID YOU LIVE? HOW LONG IN EACH COMMUNITY?

HIGH SCHOOL NAME AND CITY (INCLUDING PROVINCE AND COUNTRY)	GRADUATION YEAR
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In your formative years (age 0-20) how many years did you live in a community the size of? (Note: your answer must add up to 20)

VANCOUVER – major urban centre		VERNON or DUNCAN – suburban city near fair-sized city (>60,000), 30 minutes to 2 hour drive	
LANGLEY – large suburban city		TERRACE, WILLIAMS LAKE or CRANBROOK – city with >10,000 people but more than 2 hours from any suburban or fair-sized city	
KELOWNA or VICTORIA – fair-sized city (>60,000) surrounded by other communities		FORT NELSON, BELLA COOLA or SPARWOOD – small rural town often with just a few doctors and no specialists	
PRINCE GEORGE – fair-sized city (>60,000) few or no nearby towns		ATLIN or ELKFORD – very small rural town often with only one doctor	
CHILLIWACK – suburban city near major urban centre, 30 minutes to 2 hours drive		KLEMTU – very small, rural isolated community most often with visiting clinics.	

PRACTICE INFLUENCES

If you are considering rural practice (or are uncertain), rate the influence of the following factors in your decision to practice rural medicine. (1 being least influential, 10 being most influential)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	N/A
Grew up in a rural community	<input type="checkbox"/>										
Interesting medicine/Professional lifestyle	<input type="checkbox"/>										
Respected Rural Family Doctor	<input type="checkbox"/>										
Response to need in my community	<input type="checkbox"/>										
Financial incentives provided by REAP	<input type="checkbox"/>										
Enjoy rural lifestyle/like outdoor activities	<input type="checkbox"/>										
Spousal/Partner's influence	<input type="checkbox"/>										
Other: (please specify) _____											

PRACTICE INCLINATION

Consider only SIZE and TYPE (see description provided) when deciding how likely you believe you are to end up practicing in a community like:

	NOT even a consideration	Not likely	Maybe	Quite likely	ABSOLUTELY The only thing I am considering
VANCOUVER – major urban centre	<input type="checkbox"/>				
LANGLEY – large suburban city	<input type="checkbox"/>				
KELOWNA or VICTORIA – fair-sized city (>60,000) surrounded by other communities	<input type="checkbox"/>				
PRINCE GEORGE – fair-sized city (>60,000) few or no nearby towns	<input type="checkbox"/>				
CHILLIWACK – suburban city near major urban centre, 30 minutes to 2 hour drive	<input type="checkbox"/>				
VERNON or DUNCAN – suburban city near fair-sized city (>60,000), 30 minutes to 2 hour drive	<input type="checkbox"/>				
TERRACE, WILLIAMS LAKE or CRANBROOK – city with >10,000 people but more than 2 hours from any suburban or fair-sized city	<input type="checkbox"/>				
FORT NELSON, BELLA COOLA or SPARWOOD – small rural town often with just a few doctors and no specialists	<input type="checkbox"/>				
ATLIN or ELKFORD – very small rural town often with only one doctor	<input type="checkbox"/>				
KLEMTU – very small, rural isolated community most often with visiting clinics.	<input type="checkbox"/>				

ATTACHMENTS AND SIGNATURE

Please attach to this application:

- A personal letter explaining why you are deserving of this award and how you meet the eligibility requirements.
- At least two reference letters as outlined in the Application Procedures below.

Prior to submitting, please ensure entire application package is clear, legible and of professional quality.

I certify that the information recorded herein is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the provision of false information will render me ineligible for further assistance. I am aware of no reason why this application would not be eligible for consideration. By submitting this application, I agree to participate in follow-up surveys of the REAP Evaluation & Quality Improvement Unit.

Signature

Date

Printed Name

I authorize REAP to release the following information to Doctors of BC, Ministry of Health, RCCbc and other affiliated organizations for the purpose of promoting the establishment of this award and its purpose to other medical students, BC doctors and the public through established media:

- my high school graduation community
 my application category

British Columbia Rural Interest Award

Program Guidelines

OVERVIEW

It is known that students of rural origin or with strong rural connections and students who have repeated rural exposures during their training are more likely to consider rural locations for their medical practice. These students are under-represented in our medical schools. The cost of post-secondary and medical school education may be part of the barrier to the participation of rural students. The REAP British Columbia Rural Interest Award aims to support rural students in UBC Medical School by providing additional financial support during the years of training. We hope this will encourage these students to consider rural placements and allow ongoing contact with them as they progress through their training which will also encourage eventual rural recruitment.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must meet one or more of the following eligibility requirements:

- Living in a rural community at least five of the ten years prior to admission to medical school, with preference to those who graduated from high school in a rural community.
- Demonstration of other extensive rural connections.
- Demonstration of interest in rural medicine.

Applicants applying upon completion of their 3rd Year Rural Family Practice Clerkship, Integrated Community Clerkship or 4th Year Rural Electives must also have the:

- Recommendation of rural physicians, in particular preceptors in the 3rd and 4th year.

Applicants applying upon completion of a 4th Year FLEX project must also have the:

- Recommendation of their FLEX Advisor or Activity Supervisor.

Students may apply each time they meet the eligibility criteria to a maximum of once per year. The above eligibility criteria are guidelines that the Selection Committee will use to determine successful applicants. The criteria are not limited to the above.

AWARD DETAILS

Students may apply at several points in their UBC medical school career:

1. Upon admittance to UBC Medical School.
2. Upon completion of a 3rd Year Rural Family Practice Clerkship in a Rural Subsidiary Agreement (RSA) community, with the recommendation of their preceptor.
3. Upon completion of an Integrated Community Clerkship, with the recommendation of their preceptor.
4. Upon completion of a minimum four week 4th Year Rural Elective in an RSA community, with the recommendation of their preceptor.
5. Upon completion of 3rd or 4th Year and a written explanation of what they have done in the current year to demonstrate an interest in rural medicine.
6. Upon completion of a 4th Year FLEX project related to rural medicine, with the recommendation of their FLEX Project Advisor or Activity Supervisor.

Up to thirty awards are available each year. Each award is \$5,000.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

The British Columbia Rural Interest Award application package must be received by the UBC REAP office along with all the required supporting documents before 4:30pm on the application deadline. Applications will now be accepted via email but must be submitted in one complete package including reference letters. Reference letters submitted separately from the application will not be accepted. The application and references letters may be signed digitally if preferred. The entire application package must be clear, legible and of professional quality. Please review the quality of your electronic application package prior to submitting. *Incomplete or illegible applications and applications received after the deadline will not be considered.*

Your application package must include:

1. A completed British Columbia Rural Interest Award Application Form
2. A letter explaining why you are deserving of this award and how you meet the eligibility requirements
3. At least two *signed* reference letters. For applicants who are applying upon acceptance to UBC Medical School, at least one reference should be from a member of your community (not a classmate or colleague). For 3rd and 4th year applicants, at least one reference should be from your rural preceptor or FLEX Advisor/Activity Supervisor.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

September 30th, 2020* - For students applying upon completion of 3rd or 4th Year activities. Selection will be announced by December 1st, 2020.

* Due to the interruption of clinical rotations and remote work requirements resulting from COVID-19 this year's deadline has been extended to Sept 30th, 2020.

September 30th, 2020 - For students applying upon admittance to UBC Medical School. Selection will be announced by December 1st, 2020.

Please submit the completed application package to:

REAPStudents@familymed.ubc.ca

QUESTIONS

First check our frequently asked questions page at <http://rccbc.ca/education-and-cmecpd/medical-students/reap/british-columbia-rural-interest-award/bc-rural-interest-award-frequently-asked-questions/>
If you still have questions, email: REAPStudents@familymed.ubc.ca

INCOME TAX

REAP payments are considered to be a taxable benefit and as such a T4A will be issued. Social insurance numbers are required for this purpose.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For more information about REAP, please visit: <http://rccbc.ca/rccbc/about-reap/reap-programs/>

For the purpose of this application, rural communities in British Columbia are those included in the Rural Subsidiary Agreement (RSA) or smaller. Rural communities outside of British Columbia will be considered based on geographic location, population and location in relation to the nearest suburban or urban community.

For a list of Rural Subsidiary Agreement (RSA) Communities, please see:

<https://rccbc.ca/rccbc/about-the-jsc/rsa-communities/>