

REAP Undergraduate Rural Participation Programs (Years 3 and 4)

Policies & Guidelines

The REAP Undergraduate Rural Participation Programs fund REAP UBC medical students who complete the Rural Family Practice Clerkship and/or Fourth Year Electives in Rural Subsidiary Agreement (RSA) Communities except for Prince George.

Eligible medical students may apply for reimbursement of actual travel and accommodation expenses according to REAP's Expense Policies below:

- Accommodation up to \$700 for rotations of two weeks or less. An additional \$350/week is provided for rotations longer than two weeks.
- One roundtrip travel between the home training site and the rotation site up to \$1,000.

Upon submission of the claim, to maximize reimbursement, the REAP or DoBC office may combine travel and accommodation allocations in cases where one expense category is over the individual category limit.

EXPENSE POLICIES

Eligible expenses directly incurred by the student will be reimbursed. The claim submission must include itemized receipts for all expenses except distance travelled by personal vehicle or rental car. Credit card receipts will not be accepted. Students are expected to choose the most economical travel/accommodation options that are practical for their circumstances. All other sources of funding must be declared on the claim form.

ACCOMMODATION – Accommodation expenses will be reimbursed as outlined above; however, a limit of \$200/night applies to all accommodation support regardless of the duration of the rotation and/or the provision to combine travel and accommodation allocations. Accommodation expenses for personally owned properties or those owned by a partner or relative are not eligible

LAND TRAVEL – If travelling by personal vehicle, roundtrip mileage between the home training site and the rotation site will be reimbursed at a rate of \$0.63/km. If a rental car is required to reach the rotation community, reimbursement will be based on the most economical vehicle available plus one roundtrip between the pick-up location and the rotation site at a rate of \$0.15/km. Local mileage (i.e. daily commute and/or travel <25km) will not be reimbursed.

AIR TRAVEL – Airfare will be reimbursed based on the most economical fare available. Excess baggage, seat selection or change fees will not be reimbursed.

MEALS & OTHER EXPENSES – Reimbursement of meals or other expenses will not be provided.

NORTHERN MEDICAL PROGRAMS TRUST (NMPT)

Fourth-year UNBC medical students doing electives in Williams Lake, 100 Mile House or communities in the Northern Health Authority (except Prince George) are eligible for NMPT funding. Eligible students receive a tuition waiver and travel bursary from the NMPT.

Students eligible for NMPT funding may apply to REAP for accommodation funding *only*. REAP will not cover travel expenses related to NMPT-eligible rotations unless the NMPT funding does not cover all of the travel expenses related to the rural elective. When NMPT funding is not sufficient, REAP will cover the difference for reasonable travel expenses up to a maximum of \$1,000. NMPT funding must be declared on the REAP claim form.

DEADLINE

The claim form and all supporting documentation must be submitted to Doctors of BC within 90 days of rotation completion or by March 31, whichever is sooner. Claims will not be paid before the completion of the rotation or after the claim deadline.

PAYMENT PROCESS

REAP payments will only be made via direct deposit. Submit your banking information to Doctors of BC by visiting: <https://www.doctorsofbc.ca/account/member/banking/add>.

INCOME TAX

REAP payments are considered to be a taxable benefit and as such, a T4A will be issued. You may claim educational costs as a deduction for income tax purposes. Please contact your tax advisor for further details.

RESOURCES

For inquiries related to claims and payments, please visit www.doctorsofbc.ca, phone 604-736-5551 or email benefits@doctorsofbc.ca. For program inquiries please contact the REAP Program Assistant at REAP.Students@ubc.ca.