

Summer Studentships 2026/2027

PROJECT TITLE:

Medical Student Perspectives on Regional Placements

AIM:

To ascertain Y4-5 medical students views of the Regional placements - particularly with relation to their motivations for going (or not going) to regional placements, and the factors which impact this preference.

METHODS:

- Online written questionnaire, delivered to Year 4 and Year 5 medical students at the Wellington campus.
- Optional semi-structured small group and/or 1:1 interviews to further explore key emerging themes

RESEARCH SIGNIFICANCE:

- Inform institutional practice at the Wellington campus regarding regional placement design and support.
- Improve academic, pastoral, and logistical services available to students preparing for or on regional placements.
- Ensure clear awareness of the unique personal, practical, and wellbeing needs of medical students during regional attachments.

STUDENT'S ROLE AND EXPOSURE TO SCIENTIFIC METHOD:

- Data Collection & Management: Questionnaire deployment, survey administration, and data collation.
- Qualitative Interview Skills: Conducting semi-structured 1:1 and small group interviews.
- Analytical Skills: Application of qualitative thematic analysis to survey responses and interview transcripts

RELEVANT PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE FOR STUDENTS (Education or Research):

Nil required

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	Can students work remotely?	Yes but some in person attendance is expected