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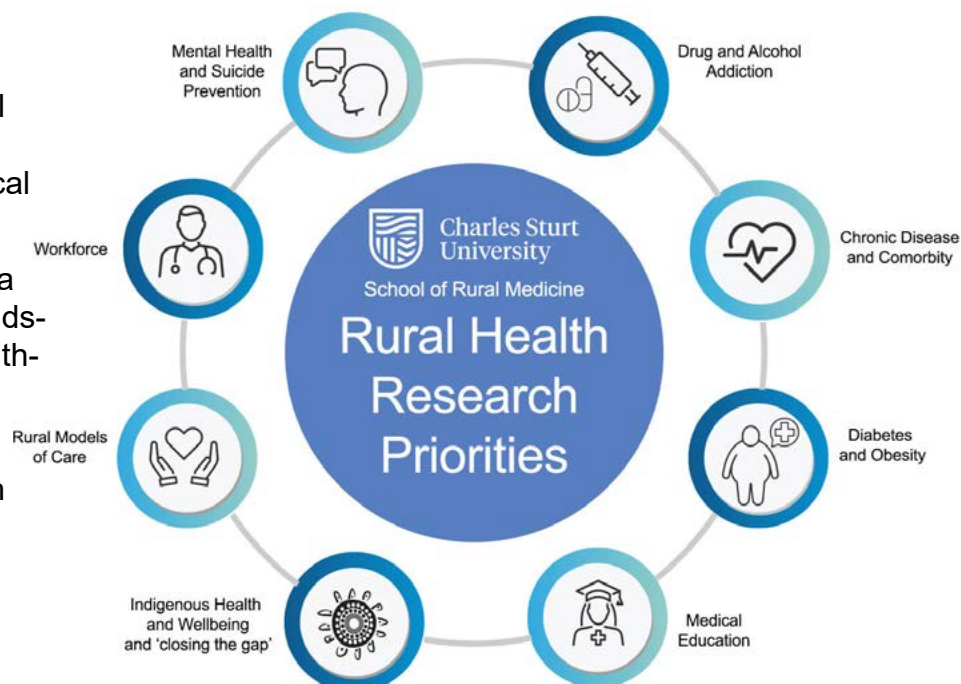
THE MD PROJECT PROGRAM

Medical students across Australia engage in scholarly research as part of their medical education. At Charles Sturt, the MD project is a key component of the Bachelor of Clinical Science (Medicine) / Doctor of Medicine (MD) program, exposing students to research, honing their research skills, and enhancing critical assessment skills. The aim of this project is to expose our students to research, to provide experience in the research process, to develop their research skills and their ability to critically evaluate research outputs.

Each MD Project is unique, with students focusing on questions or aims pertinent to their specific Rural Clinical School (RCS), of which CSU has nine. This structure also facilitates larger “umbrella” projects that span multiple locations, targeting health issues affecting rural communities. Students are allocated 10 weeks, divided between Year 3 and Year 4, to complete their projects.

Our MD Project Mission

- To graduate students with strong ethical research capability and provide skills relevant to their future careers as medical professionals
- To provide the opportunity to work with a clinical supervisor and to conduct a hands-on, in-depth investigation of a rural health-related topic
- To increase the research capacity of the rural workforce by collaborating with research-interested rural clinicians
- To become a centre of excellence for rural health research by supporting and collaborating with rural and remote clinicians



Rural Health Research Improves Rural Health Outcomes



MD Project Timeline 2026-27

