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The Specialist Training Program (STP) aims to extend specialist trainee training into regional, rural, remote, and private health settings. The Integrated Rural Training Pipeline (IRTP) is a dedicated stream within STP, focused specifically on enhancing specialist training opportunities in rural and remote areas.

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## **Program Aims and Objectives**

The Specialist Training Program seeks to:

- Expand high-quality, accredited training opportunities across diverse health settings.
  - Strengthen the specialist workforce by supporting training in rural, remote, and private environments.
  - Improve the distribution of the medical workforce, particularly in underserved areas.
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## **Additional IRTP-Specific Requirements**

In addition to meeting the general STP objectives, IRTP posts and trainees must also satisfy the following rural-specific requirements:

1. **Rural Training Commitment**  
At least 66% of the trainee's total Fellowship training must be undertaken in a Modified Monash Model (MMM) 2–7 location. Sites must demonstrate the capacity to support this requirement.
2. **Demonstrated Rural Intent**  
Trainees placed in IRTP posts must show a genuine commitment to pursuing a career in rural practice.

### **Underperformance Notice**

Sites that consistently fail to meet the rural training requirement (i.e. below the 66% minimum) will be subject to review by the STP team. Ongoing non-compliance may result in discontinuation of funding for the post.

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## **Trainees Not Eligible for IRTP Posts**

The following trainees cannot be placed in an IRTP-funded post:

- Specialist International Medical Graduates (SIMGs) on short term training pathway.
- Overseas trainees undertaking Top-up training or peer review.

- Trainees seeking only a short rural rotation without intent to pursue rural practice.

## Funding

IRTP positions are eligible to receive the following (per annum/per 1.0FTE; GST excl.):

Academic Year	Funding amount (GST Exclusive)	Per Semester amount (GST Exclusive)
2022	\$143,497.50	\$71,748.75
2023	\$145,578.22	\$72,789.11
2024	\$147,834.68	\$73,917.34
2025	\$150,126.12	\$75,063.06