

Student Accommodation Subsidy Information

Students electing to source their own accommodation, other than UCRH accommodation, may be eligible to receive a subsidy from the UCRH of up to \$70 per week, where funding permits, to help them cover the costs of their accommodation whilst on placement in the Northern Rivers region. This amount may be reduced if:

1. the cost of the accommodation is less than \$70 per week; and/or
2. If the student's home university is also contributing to the costs of their accommodation the subsidy payable by UCRH will be up to a combined maximum of \$70.

The subsidy will be paid to approved students on a 6-weekly basis or at the end of a student's placement whichever is earliest.

To receive a subsidy, students are required to fill in and submit a **student accommodation subsidy application form** (located on the UCRH website) **and receive confirmation back from the UCRH that their application has been approved**. Students may apply for the subsidy up to 12 months before their placement. It is strongly recommended that students apply for confirmation of approval to receive the subsidy before they commence their placement. Applications should be submitted with the required documentation to the student's Education Co-ordinator, who will forward it on to the Facilities Management team for final approval. Subsidies are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis (where funding permits).

Eligibility for access to the UCRH Accommodation Subsidy

Eligibility of students to receive the UCRH Accommodation Subsidy will be subject to assessment and approval by the UCRH. Eligibility criteria include:

1. Be a domestic Australian student. No Accommodation Subsidy will be offered to International students who arrange their own non-UCRH accommodation.
2. Live further than 60km from their placement site (60km is regarded as a reasonable commuting distance).
3. Stay in any non-UCRH accommodation (i.e., the subsidy is not restricted to accommodation that has been approved by UCRH)
4. Students receiving the Accommodation Subsidy will be expected to:
 - Attend/participate in a UCRH orientation session (either in-person or on-line);
 - Complete the UCRH online registration process (REDCap);
 - Complete UCRH evaluation surveys;
 - Make an application for approval to receive the Accommodation Subsidy using the form available on the UCRH website. It is strongly recommended that students apply for confirmation of approval to receive the subsidy before they commence their placement;
 - Provide receipts as evidence of payment made for accommodation over the period of their placement, indicating an ABN or statutory declaration from the payee.

Students who receive the Accommodation Subsidy are strongly encouraged to participate in UCRH activities, where possible, during the period of their placement stay in the Northern Rivers.