



BCA Theological Student Bursary T&C's

General Information

Bush Church Aid (BCA) has a heart for people living in rural, remote, and regional Australia. We have been reaching Australia for Christ for over one hundred years and are committed to going the distance.

The aim of the BCA Bursary initiative is to identify and support suitable theological students who are committed to serving in a country location.

Generous bursaries of up to \$15,000 per annum are available for current or prospective theological students. The level of support will be determined in discussion with the National Director.

For the term of the bursary, recipients will be considered part of a 100+ year community of men and women committed to gospel ministry in rural, regional, and remote Australia. They will receive the same prayer and pastoral support that BCA Field Staff receive. This will include ongoing pastoral support by the BCA National Director or his delegate and the prayer support of BCA supporters nationwide.

Additionally, during their studies, Bursary Recipients (and their spouse/family if applicable) will have opportunities to experience country ministry.

If appropriate, BCA can assist in locating a country ministry position for Bursary Recipients at the completion of their studies.

In considering applicants for these bursaries, BCA will favour:

- A demonstrated experience and/or commitment to rural, regional, or remote Christian ministry
- The students' academic records and referee references.
- Alignment with the ministry goals and theological position of BCA – to share the gospel of Christ in rural, regional, or remote communities.

Terms & Conditions

Criteria for Bursaries

- All applicants will be required to undergo an application process that includes:
 - The submission of a written application, which includes referees from their theological college and ministry context
 - An interview arranged with the National Director.
- Bursaries will only be granted to students at an evangelical theological college in Australia recognised by BCA.

Financial

- Bursaries will be up to \$15,000 per annum.
- It will be adjusted pro rata to the study load.
- Where possible, the bursary is paid to the college to ameliorate tax implications.

Pastoral and Prayer Support from BCA

- Bursary Recipients will be included in the BCA Prayer Notes.
- The BCA National Director, or his delegate, will meet regularly with the Bursary Recipients for pastoral care.
- The Bursary Recipients and their families will be invited to the Biennial Field Staff Conference as guests.

Ministry Pathway & Support from BCA

- At the National Director's discretion, BCA may facilitate opportunities for Bursary Recipients to experience short-term ministry at BCA Field Staff locations or other agreed country locations.
- If appropriate, BCA can assist in locating a country ministry position for Bursary Recipients at the completion of their studies.
- Although BCA can assist in locating a future ministry position for the Bursary Recipients, BCA shall be under no obligation to a receiving diocese or Christian organisation to financially support this ministry position.

Responsibilities of Bursary Recipients to BCA

- The BCA Bursary Recipients will be asked to be an advocate for BCA and raise the profile of BCA at their theological college e.g. by organising a prayer group and/or facilitating connections between the Society and other students.
- BCA Bursary Recipients may be asked at times by the National Director to speak at a BCA supporter event.

Miscellaneous

- The BCA Bursary Recipients will be required to provide the National Director with a copy of their results at the conclusion of each semester.