

## Vic hospital pharmacy intern funding

**SIX** rural and regional hospitals across Victoria have been granted additional pharmacist intern position funding from 2020, in partnership with Vic's Department of Health and Human Services.

The successful applicants include South West Healthcare Warrnambool in partnership with Colac Area Health; Bass Coast Health, Wonthaggi; Ballarat Health Services in partnership with Djerriwarrh Health Services; Goulburn Valley Health Shepparton; and Echuca Regional Health.

Society of Hospital Pharmacists CEO Kristin Michaels said a total of 18 applications were received, and while funding was only available for five extra positions in 2020, a further five will be added in 2021.

"The standard of expressions of interest was very strong, which bodes well for pharmacy education and internship support in Victoria," she said.

The Department will provide approximately 60% of pharmacy intern salaries for 85 positions across Victorian public hospitals, expanding to 100 by 2023, through its Allied Health Workforce Training and Development Grant.

Unsuccessful applicants were encouraged to apply again for the next tranche of funded positions, which commence in 2021.

An information session for pharmacy students seeking hospital pharmacy internships for 2020 will be held at Collingwood Town Hall on Wed 29 May.

More information at [shpa.org.au](http://shpa.org.au).