



Dr Danielle Robert | Youth Assistance Funding

Dear Judy & the Committee of the FNQYAF,

It's been five (5) years since I graduated from James Cook University, Townsville with a Bachelor of Veterinary Science and, it's true what they say – time flies when you're having fun.

Vet students are required to complete a particular number and various types of clinical placements. I wanted to make the most of those placements and chose to undertake some internationally. I knew this would broaden my knowledge significantly and place me in good stead for my working life as a vet. The bursaries I received from the Fund allowed me to undertake some of those clinical placements in addition to purchasing text books, scrubs and other necessary items such as a stethoscope.

In turn, I gained significant industry experience and was exposed to various areas of veterinary science. I completed placements and obtained industry experience as follows:

- Mahidol University, Kanchanaburi, Thailand – two weeks of livestock and wildlife medicine;
- The Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Science, Edinburgh, Scotland – three weeks of small animal clinical placement in Diagnostic Imaging
- Howard Springs Veterinary Clinic, Darwin, Northern Territory – three weeks of mixed practice clinical placement
- Brisbane Veterinary Emergency & Clinical Care, Brisbane – two weeks of small animal emergency and critical care placement
- Cooroora Veterinary Clinic, Cooroy – Two weeks of mixed practice clinical placement
- Limpopo Wildlife Consultants, Modimolle, South Africa – Two weeks of wildlife clinical placement
- Yass Veterinary Clinic, NSW – Two weeks of mixed practice clinical placement.

In addition to the above, I completed placements on the Atherton Tablelands, Cairns and surrounding areas. I also worked as a vet nurse during my holidays at Ulysses Veterinary Surgery, Cairns. To say my veterinary degree kept me busy, is an understatement.

Since graduating in 2017, I have worked in Karratha, Western Australia and Collie, Western Australia. In 2020, I relocated back to Queensland and have been in the employ of Animal Emergency Services, Brisbane since then. I thoroughly enjoy Emergency work and have the opportunity to undertake lifesaving surgeries, and work up some very interesting medical cases. I hope to relocate back to Cairns in the future and give back to the local furry community.

I am forever grateful to the Fund for investing in my education and having the confidence in me to succeed.

Kindest regards,
Dr Danielle Robert