



Flexible Approach to Training in Expanded Settings (FATES)

What

- From 2021-2022, the Australian Government will re-invest \$29.5 million over four years from the Specialist Training Program into a new innovative funding pool (funding pool) for non-GP medical specialist training.
- The ongoing funding pool will provide flexibility to support and promote growth in specialist medical training and deliver better distribution and supply of specialists matched to community health needs.
- The pool will fund innovative activities such as:
 - small scale trials of networked training models,
 - expanded setting supervision and innovative supervision models to enhance training system quality and capacity, and
 - support for junior specialists in training to transition to rural practice.
- The Government will also undertake a consultation and design process to develop a more flexible and responsive funding model and framework for the core STP program.

Why

- The Australian Government is committed to building a skilled and well-distributed health workforce to deliver quality, safe and affordable health care that is responsive to the health needs of the community.
- The innovative funding pool will better target investment in non-GP specialist medical training by providing increased flexibility to support and promote growth in specialist medical training in expanded settings. This gives the future specialist workforce experience where they are needed

Who

- The funding pool is complementary to the Specialist Training Program and will fund specialist medical colleges to enhance specialist training in expanded settings through innovative training models.
- Health settings will benefit from investments in innovative models of supervision, increasing training system quality and capacity.
- The funding pool will increase opportunities for specialist medical trainees to experience high quality training in expanded settings.
- Community need will be prioritised under the funding pool, ensuring that communities benefit from specialist trainees delivering services where they are need.

When

- The innovative funding pool will commence 1 January 2022.