

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health PhD and MPhil Scholarships - commencing early 2022

The Royal Melbourne Hospital (RMH) is committed to improving health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Identifying strategies that can effectively reduce the significant health gaps between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and non-Indigenous people is central to the work of the RMH.

The RMH has partnered with The University of Melbourne to offer two scholarships for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to undertake PhD or Masters (MPhil) studies within the Allied Health Department. The scholarships include an annual stipend of \$50,000 a year for three years (PhD) or 18 months (MPhil). The PhD and MPhil including the accompanying scholarships can also be taken up part time (paid pro-rata).

The specific area of research is negotiable to allow alignment with the applicant's research and professional interests. Research topics need to be related to services/programs offered by the RMH or focus on areas of health concern where the RMH has a role in service provision. The research will require adherence to Aboriginal research ethics and protocols, such as the AIATSIS or NHMRC guidelines, and Aboriginal community organisation engagement, where appropriate.



Candidates

These scholarships are offered to applicants who:

- Have an honours or master's degree or demonstrated equivalence
- Are an Australian or New Zealand citizen or an Australian permanent resident
- Are an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person
- Are able to demonstrate their ability to complete a research higher degree through a combination of academic study, research experience and or professional experience

Work/study environment

The RMH Allied Health Department is located within the Parkville precinct in Melbourne, Australia. More information about the RMH can be found at thermh.org.au

Students will also be offered support through the Melbourne Poche Centre for Indigenous Health at The University of Melbourne, Murrup Barak Melbourne Institute for Indigenous Development, the Indigenous Graduate Student's Association, the School of Health Sciences and the Melbourne School of Population and Global Health at The University of Melbourne.

Next steps

If you would like to find out more about this research opportunity, please contact RMH physiotherapy researcher Associate Professor Catherine Granger via catherine.granger@mh.org.au or Professor Richard Chenhall at the Melbourne School of Population and Global Health at The University of Melbourne via r.chenhall@unimelb.edu.au

If you would like to learn more about the support available for Indigenous research students in The University of Melbourne, Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences, please contact the Associate Director of the Poche Centre, Shawana Andrews, at shawanaa@unimelb.edu.au

How to apply

Send an expression of interest by **31st January 2022** to Associate Professor Catherine Granger (catherine.granger@mh.org.au) with the following information:

- A 1–2-page cover letter which outlines your professional experience, research skills, area of research interest, and why this opportunity interests you
- CV
- Academic transcript
- Desired position (PhD or MPhil) and desired work fraction (full or part time)



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