CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Patron Data Governance Committee

THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

An exciting opportunity exists to join the independent Data Governance Committee (DGC) that oversees Patron, the University of Melbourne's primary-care data repository developed within the Department of General Practice and Primary Care.

About Patron
The Patron programme (part of the Data for Decisions initiative) curates de-identified general practice data to support high-quality research, policy development and medical education.

The DGC provides independent advice and decision-making to ensure ethical, transparent and proportionate use of Patron data. The Committee considers data-access applications, advises on feasibility and data quality, and reviews outputs and publications that use Patron data.

Who should apply
We welcome applications from individuals with expertise or lived experience in one or more of the following areas:

- Use of general practice services in Australia (for example: GP patient, patient advocate or consumer representative).
- Provision of general practice services in Australia (for example: GP, practice owner/manager, practice nurse).
- Data governance, privacy law, information security or compliance.
- Use of patient-related data for research, data linkage or health-services research.
- Data risk management, clinical informatics or primary-care data extraction and coding.

How to apply
Please submit the following by email to patron@unimelb.edu.au

1. Brief cover letter (maximum one page) outlining your interest and suitability for the committee.
2. CV (maximum three pages) emphasising relevant experience.
3. Contact details for two referees (name, role, email, phone).

Closing date: Friday 20th November 2026.

- Late submissions may be considered at the discretion of the selection panel.
- Shortlisted candidates may be invited to a brief interview (telephone or video

Time commitment and term
Term - 3 years.

Meetings: 3–5 times / year (typically 2–3 hours).

Meetings are held online, with one in-person meeting annually at The University of Melbourne (Parkville).

Occasional ad hoc reviews or urgent queries may be requested between scheduled meetings.

Compensation
- $250 per meeting attended.
- Discretionary local travel / parking reimbursement for in-person meetings.

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Further information on Patron and Data for Decisions: www.gp.unimelb.edu.au/datafordecisions