



THE UNIVERSITY OF  
MELBOURNE

Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry  
and Health Sciences

## Tell their genetic health story

### Master of Genetic Counselling Indigenous Practitioner Scholarship

#### Genetic Counselling

Genes hold stories about where we come from, why we get sick, what will heal us and how to stay healthy. These genetic stories are written in the language of DNA.

Genetic Counsellors interpret the specialist language of DNA, to enable people to discover more about their own genetic story, empower them to communicate with medical practitioners, and make informed decisions about health interventions.

#### Indigenous Practitioner Scholarship

The 2020 Victorian Genetic Counselling Indigenous Practitioner Scholarship Program (the Scholarship) will support you to become a genetic health storyteller and help Victorian individuals, families and communities access the health benefits of this rapidly evolving science.

The Scholarship will be tailored to each student and will include a suite of substantial financial and academic supports, to successfully complete the Master of Genetic Counselling program at the University of Melbourne and transition into professional practice.

The Scholarship will include a living allowance, payment of course fees, academic support and mentoring, conference travel and other support to enter the Genetic Counselling profession.

Additional support may also be available after graduation to complete the practice requirements for professional certification with the Human Genetics Society of Australasia.

#### Do I need a genetic science or counselling background?

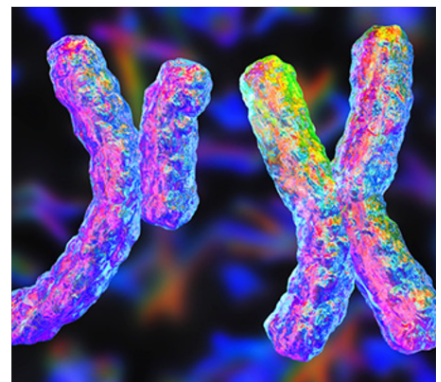
The Scholarship will support up to a year of additional preparatory study for students who need to obtain the relevant genetic science knowledge and counselling experience required to enter the graduate degree program.

#### Questions?

Feel free to call or email A/Prof Jan Hodgson on 03 9345 4936 [hodgson@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:hodgson@unimelb.edu.au)

or visit the Master of Genetic Counselling webpage:

<https://study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/graduate/master-of-genetic-counselling/>



#### Scholarship Applications

Email an Expression of Interest to

A/Prof Jan Hodgson,  
Program Director  
Master of Genetic Counselling

[hodgson@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:hodgson@unimelb.edu.au)

To be eligible to apply for the Scholarship, you must be Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, have completed a Bachelor degree and intend to practice in Victoria for a minimum of three years following graduation.

Scholarships may be awarded if the selection committee decides that an applicant is likely to succeed in the proposed course of study. The number of Scholarships and the amount awarded will be determined after reviewing the needs of all applicants.

For more information, visit [mdhs.unimelb.edu.au](https://mdhs.unimelb.edu.au)