



THE UNIVERSITY OF
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Faculty of
Medicine,
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Health
Sciences

Indigenous Genomics Scholarship FAQs

Master of Genetic Counselling &
Masters of Genomics and Health



Frequently Asked Questions

What's the difference between Genetic Counselling and Genomics and Health?

The Master of Genetic Counseling (MGC) prepares students to be associate genetic counsellors. Genetic counsellors work with individuals, couples, and families to help them understand and adapt to genetic conditions that may affect their health.

The Master of Genomics and Health (MGH) prepares graduates to work in roles supporting the use of genomics in healthcare, including in industry, policy, and research. Students undertake advanced study in genomics, variant curation, and communication.

Where will I be studying?

Both degrees are delivered primarily face-to-face at the Royal Children's Hospital (RCH) in Parkville, Melbourne.

What is covered by the scholarship?

Financial support is tailored to each student's unique circumstances. This may include course fees, travel and relocation support.

Do I need a genetics/counselling background?

You do not need to have a genetics or counselling background.

An undergraduate degree in a similar field of study is preferable, however upskilling in genetics and genomics is available through the scholarship.

We recognise that many students bring valuable lived experience, community leadership, health knowledge and communication skills, all of which are highly relevant.

What cultural support is available?

As an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander student at the University of Melbourne, you will have access to:

- Dedicated Indigenous student support services
- Cultural mentoring
- Indigenous student community networks
- Safe study and gathering spaces
- Wellbeing and academic support
- Wadja Family Place at the RCH