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## New Head of Melbourne Medical School

Professor Sarath Ranganathan has been announced as the new Head of Melbourne Medical School. He will commence in the role on 15 January 2024.

Sarath is an internationally recognised clinician scientist and expert in respiratory medicine. He will be known to many of you, having held several leadership roles in the faculty including Stevenson Chair and Head of the Department of Paediatrics, within the Melbourne Medical School since 2020. He was appointed as Academic Director, Clinical Education Strategy and Risk, MDHS in August 2022, has been a consultant respiratory physician at the Royal Children's Hospital since 2004 and was Director of Respiratory and Sleep Medicine at the Children's from 2012–2020.

Professor Nicola Lautenschlager will continue to act in the role until Sarath begins in the new year.



## University of Melbourne Public Holiday – Friday 29 September

A short week this week for University staff who will enjoy a Public Holiday this Friday for the Grand Final Parade.

## Change to Password Requirements

To enhance the security of staff and student Unimelb accounts, password requirements changed on 19 September 2023.

The minimum password length has increased, and passwords known to be weak will no longer be accepted. The new requirements will apply the next time you change your password.

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More information: [https://unimelb.service-now.com/kb\\_view.do?sysparm\\_article=KB0029668](https://unimelb.service-now.com/kb_view.do?sysparm_article=KB0029668)

## Switching Over to The New VPN Provider Palo Alto GlobalProtect – FAQs

We've changed our VPN provider and access to Cisco AnyConnect will cease from Friday 15 September. Please use PaloAlto GlobalProtect to connect to the University's VPN. If you're on a UoM managed device, GlobalProtect should already be installed on your device. Please see the link below for FAQs or log a ticket with ServiceNow for Assistance.

More information: <https://go.unimelb.edu.au/k2cs>

## Melbourne Medical School Organisational Structure

The organisational structure and key contacts across the Melbourne Medical School are available via the [MMS Staff Hub here](#). We extend our thanks to Department Managers who have assisted in the recent review of the organisation charts. Please email [pam.jones@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:pam.jones@unimelb.edu.au) with any further updates.

## 2023 MDHS Panel Discussion

The 2023 MDHS Panel Discussion will take place on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October @ Ian Potter Auditorium**. This year's topic is on 'The Impacts of Healthcare Privatisation'; refreshments will be provided. Please join us for a fascinating session with our panel of experts! See attached flyer for more information.

Reserve a spot - [LINK](#)

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## 2023 Research Data Infrastructure

### Objective

The objective of this grant opportunity is to provide grants of financial assistance to support Australian medical research and medical innovation projects that use novel methods to harness multiple existing data infrastructure types in developing and implementing new approaches for addressing an unmet medical need.

### Key Dates

Applications open – 29 August 2023

Submit final draft application including UoM CEO Letter of Support, to RIC for strategic review – 24 November 2023

Applications close – 8 December 2023

For more information - [LINK](#)

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## 2023 International Clinical Trial Collaborations - Round 2

### Objective

The objective of this grant opportunity is to provide grants of financial assistance to support Australian medical research and medical innovation projects that use novel methods to harness multiple existing data infrastructure types in developing and implementing new approaches for addressing an unmet medical need.

### Key Dates

Applications open – Now

Minimum Data closes on Sapphire – 6 December 2023

Applications close – 7 February 2024

For more information - [LINK](#)

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## 2023 Indigenous Health Research

### Objective

The objectives and intended outcomes of the [2023 Indigenous Health](#) grant are aligned with: the following [Australian Medical Research and Innovation Priorities 2022-2024](#):

#### Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health

One of the below streams:

**Stream 1 (Targeted Call for Research):** conduct a large-scale multidisciplinary project to explore the biological, psychological and/or social determinants of intergenerational health and inequality.

**Stream 2 (Targeted Call for Research):** conduct a large-scale multidisciplinary project to develop and evaluate interventions that reduce cancer incidence and improve cancer survival rates among Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people.

**Stream 3 (Targeted Call for Research):** conduct a large-scale multidisciplinary project to develop and evaluate new strategies to reduce the prevalence and incidence of infectious disease in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people.

**Stream 4 (Incubator):** conduct small-scale developmental projects to establish feasible, evidence-based approaches for embedding Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander concepts of health and wellbeing within health systems.

**Stream 5 (Incubator):** conduct small-scale developmental projects to establish feasible, evidence-based approaches for ensuring the health care systems can support the cultural and social determinants of health.

### Key Dates

Applications open – Now

Minimum Data closes on Sapphire – 7 February 2024

Applications close – 6 March 2024

For more information - [LINK](#)

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