



JOIN OUR TEAM!

Funded graduate student and staff opportunities with OnTRACK starting in 2026

The OnTRACK (Teaching, Research And Community Knowledges) project aims to promote brain health with older First Nations peoples, to benefit those at risk of or living with dementia, their carers and communities.

We are looking for First Nations students or staff to join our team as we embark on a new project working with older First Nations peoples and Elders to develop culturally safe healthcare services. Using visual imagery, metaphors, and storytelling, you will listen and learn from Elders and their carers as they reflect on their lived experience of dementia and their healthcare journeys. By yarning about dementia journeys, we can help safeguard the stories of the memory keepers of First Nations communities.

About the OnTRACK team

The OnTRACK (Teaching, Research And Community Knowledges) program aims to promote brain health with older First Nations peoples, to benefit those at risk of or living with dementia, their carers and communities. The story of our team began long before OnTRACK. We are a group of First Nations and non-First Nations academics, health workers and community members who work with Elders, 'For Our Elders' to improve the wellbeing of older First Nations people in Australia. Our team is diverse, dynamic and supportive with a number of First Nations academic leaders who can supervise and mentor you.

About you and your role

- In this patient journey project, you will explore the deep well of experiences of Elders and their communities in their journey and draw on this knowledge to inform culturally safe dementia care.
- This opportunity is open to people with experience at university and without. You might be a student who is interested in graduate research like an Honours, Master or PhD, or you might be looking for work and interested in learning more about Elder health or research. We can shape the project to fit your needs and preferences.
- We have funding and scholarships available to support you, alongside additional funding opportunities from the University of Melbourne.
- This project commences in 2026 and requires a flexible time commitment of 1-4 years.
- OnTRACK is based at the University of Melbourne, with collaborators nationwide. With the right support in place, you can be based at any of our partner institutions, located in Queensland, Western Australia, New South Wales, Tasmania.

Interested in having a yarn about this opportunity or our project? Give us a shout.

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