



Australian Government

National Health and Medical Research Council



National Health and Medical Research Council 2018 – 2019 Indigenous Internship Program

Are you passionate about Health?

Do you want to contribute to Australia's future?

Do you foresee a career in Health or Medical Research?

The National Health and Medical Research Councils (NHMRC) Indigenous internship program provides opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to gain insight into the work of NHMRC and contribute to their educational experience through practical work experience.

The internship with NHMRC provides:

- exposure to funding processes and requirements in relation to health and medical research
- experience in developing guidelines, identifying and promoting resolution of ethical issues
- exposure to mechanisms and challenges of disseminating and increasing uptake of knowledge
- better understanding of the rationale for, and demands of, public administration and accountability.

What will I gain from undertaking an NHMRC Indigenous internship?

- A learning experience that will enhance, inform and inspire future study and work life in the health and medical research field

- An opportunity to undertake mentally stimulating and challenging work, with the ongoing support of a Mentor throughout your placement
- Exposure to realities inherent in areas of work and a glimpse at the issues impacting the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and medical research sector in Australia
- An experience which may encourage a career as a health or medical researcher and how to best utilise your academic background.

How long is the internship?

The internship runs for twelve weeks over mid-November and mid-January (during the summer university break) and mid-June to mid-August (during the winter university break) each year, however there is flexibility around these timeframes, especially for recent graduates. Internships are a full-time commitment usually around 37.5 hours per week and Indigenous interns are paid at the APS 2 Level salary. When considering applying to the Indigenous Internship Program you must commit to the minimum internship length (twelve weeks).

What will it cost?

- Indigenous interns are paid at the APS 2.1 Level
- You will need to cover your own day-to-day expenses (e.g. food, entertainment, local travel etc.) so careful consideration should be given to this prior to applying for an internship
- If your preference is to be placed away from home, you will be expected to source your own accommodation and organise your own transport. You should have a clear idea of your accommodation and transport options prior to applying for an internship.

What is expected of interns?

Every internship is unique. Interns are encouraged to approach the experience with flexibility and a willingness to learn. Supervision can be minimal at times requiring an ability to work independently and to show initiative. Interns should expect to be given a balance of challenging and interesting tasks along with administration tasks (database entry, filing etc.)

Applying for an internship

To apply for an internship you need:

- a strong academic record
- to be able to work independently and as part of a team
- an interest in the area of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and medical research in Australia

- good interpersonal and communication skills
- commitment to the minimum internship length.

Eligibility

To be eligible to participate in NHMRC's Indigenous Internship Program you must:

- Provide evidence of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent
- Be enrolled in an undergraduate/post graduate course in a health or medical research related field.

How do I apply?

An Expression of Interest needs to be submitted along with all documentations via email recruitment@nhmrc.gov.au :

- Application
- Academic Transcript
- Confirmation of Aboriginality and/or Torres Strait Islander Heritage

Questions about the Internship Program

Questions about the NHMRC's Indigenous Internship Program should be emailed to recruitment@nhmrc.gov.au

Applications for the 2018-2019 National Indigenous Internship Program close at 5:00pm on Friday 2 November 2018.