What you’d be doing

NHMRC graduates will be exposed to a variety of placements covering government processes and requirements for funding health and medical research, guideline development, and understanding of the rationale for, and demands of, public administration and accountability.

You don’t have to be a health professional to consider a career with NHMRC.

We need graduates who:
• are not afraid of a challenge
• have strong analytical and organisational skills
• have excellent communication skills
• can work as part of a team.

We offer graduates:
• a senior mentor to assist with career guidance
• a flexible and supportive work environment
• opportunities for working directly with Indigenous stakeholders
• commitment to a Reconciliation Action Plan to promote respectful and supportive relationships and an inclusive working environment.

We recognise and value the diverse knowledge and experiences that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employees bring to the workplace and are committed to increasing opportunities available for professional and personal development.

By joining us, you will have the opportunity to help build NHMRC’s knowledge, understanding and respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, and ensure our work continues to represent the Australian population we serve.
Be part of improving health and medical knowledge, through funding research, translating research findings into evidence-based clinical practice, administering legislation governing research, issuing guidelines and advice for ethics in health and promoting public health.

Who we are

The National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) is the leading national investor in health and medical research, advancing health and medical knowledge to improve the health of all Australians.

NHMRC has been Australia’s key government body for supporting health and medical research since 1937 and has an annual research budget of approximately $800 million a year.

See the full cycle of research and have the opportunity to:

• Influence research policy
• Engage with the research community
• Develop grant guidelines
• Ensure research is translated and implemented
• Improve the health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people through research

Vernon Armstrong
NHMRC Indigenous Intern
2017/18, 2018/19

“I’ve learnt a lot including that team work is really important, supervisors are a great help, and I’ve learnt a lot about spreadsheets and data collection, such as data analysis and data saturation. I’ll definitely use this in the coming years of research.”

Professor Sandra Eades
Chair, NHMRC
Principal Committee
Indigenous Caucus

“It’s one of the things I really enjoy doing now, looking out for people to mentor and support. It’s important to encourage them to believe in themselves—not to think that people like me should always be the only people whose voices are heard—but to create the best training pathways and hear the voices of other new up and coming Aboriginal researchers—because they need to take over.”

India Kinsey
NHMRC Indigenous Intern
2018/19

“After doing my research project on Indigenous Eye Health in NSW in 2017, I grew a greater appreciation for research. I felt working with the NHMRC would offer me insight and experience into the research sphere of medicine that we don’t get exposed to in medical school.”