

La Trobe University and Lowitja Institute Indigenous Postgraduate Research Scholarship

Graduate research scholarships awarded to outstanding Indigenous candidates to undertake research intended to help to close the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health gap.

These prestigious scholarships, supported by La Trobe University in partnership with the Lowitja Institute, will enable an outstanding Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander candidate to undertake a PhD or Master's by research degree at La Trobe University.

Applicants must be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent and have a high level of academic achievement, including a knowledge of Indigenous knowledge systems.

The successful applicant will enrol in a field of health research that will contribute to at least one of the Lowitja Institute CRC's three research programs:

- community capability and the social determinants of health
- needs and opportunities for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health workforce
- health policy and systems.

Benefits of the scholarship

Benefits of the scholarship include:

- a tax-free stipend to support your living costs with a value of \$30,000 per annum, for up to three years for PhD study or two years for Master's by research study
- generous leave provisions and allowances
- opportunities to work with La Trobe's outstanding researchers, and have access to our suite of professional development programs.

Australian and New Zealand citizens and Australian Permanent Residents enrolled will not pay tuition fees, as fees for graduate research degrees are covered by the Australian Government's Research Training Scheme (RTS). Details are available at: education.gov.au/research-training-scheme

How to apply

If you wish to apply for a Lowitja Institute Indigenous Postgraduate Research Scholarship, follow these steps:

- review the Lowitja Institute Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health CRC website: lowitja.org.au/licrc
- review details on how to apply for candidature at La Trobe: latrobe.edu.au/research/future
- to identify a potential supervisor, submit an enquiry using our online enquiry system, indicating that you wish to be considered for a Lowitja Institute Indigenous Postgraduate Research Scholarship. We will direct this to the appropriate La Trobe staff member
- when you have received in-principle agreement for supervision, complete and submit your application by 31 August 2016 for admission into a PhD or Master's by research program at La Trobe, indicating you wish to be considered for Lowitja Institute Indigenous Postgraduate Research Scholarship
- applicants may include a 500 word statement that outlines achievements that will contribute to their successful candidature for a higher degree by research.

The University will carefully review your application and consider you for a Lowitja Institute Indigenous Postgraduate Research Scholarship.

You will be advised of an outcome as soon as possible after the application closing date. If you are unsuccessful for a Lowitja Institute Indigenous Postgraduate Research Scholarship, you will be considered for a standard La Trobe scholarship.

Closing date

Applications close 31 August 2016.

Contact us

If you require further information, please contact the La Trobe Graduate Research School at: grs@latrobe.edu.au