Professional Certificate in Indigenous Research

Develop your research skills from an Indigenous perspective

Working together as a cohort, participants of this interdisciplinary program explore research and develop research skills in a culturally respectful learning environment underpinned by Indigenous perspectives.

The course is taught via a mixed mode of seminars, case studies and group activities, with an emphasis on collaborative learning. Participants engage in a range of activities, including structured reflection, academic writing and formal verbal presentations. Assessment tasks relate directly to participants’ own research.

Learning outcomes

At the end of this course, participants will be able to:

- Resolve research issues and bring this ability to the solving of research problems from an Indigenous perspective
- Demonstrate an understanding of ethical issues and conduct in Indigenous research
- Demonstrate a knowledge and appreciation of principles, practices and milestones in developing and completing their research projects
- Communicate understanding effectively through oral and written research presentations.

Course structure

To gain the Professional Certificate in Indigenous Research, participants must complete one core 25-point subject called Indigenous Research (MULT90022). The subject explores research and develops skills from an Indigenous perspective. Topics covered include:

- Designing research and refining research questions
- Establishing effective relationships with supervisors
- Managing the research project
- Reviewing the literature
- Research methods and methodologies
- Qualitative and quantitative data collection and analysis
- Ethical issues in Indigenous research
- Planning and writing a thesis.

Suitable for

Research Higher Degree students (Masters or PhD) from any Australian university who are of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent.

For more information, visit melbourne-cshe.unimelb.edu.au
Articulation into the Graduate Certificate in Indigenous Research and Leadership

Upon satisfactory completion of this program, participants are awarded a Professional Certificate in Indigenous Research, which will give them 25 credit points towards the Graduate Certificate in Indigenous Research and Leadership (GC-IRL).

Please note: you may not undertake the Professional Certificate and the Graduate Certificate in the same year.

Contact hours
This course is taught over the course of a semester. The first component is taught online followed by an in-person symposium at the University of Melbourne’s Parkville campus.

Course fees
Applicants accepted into the course will receive a full scholarship thanks to a generous Gift to the University from Julie Hannaford.

The following expenses will be covered:
- Course fees
- Travel to/from Melbourne
- Accommodation for the on-campus symposium.

Entry requirements
- Current enrolment in a Research Higher Degree course at a Masters level or above*
- Written endorsement from the applicant’s principal research project supervisor
- A confirmation of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander heritage.

*A Research Higher Degree is defined as requiring at least two-thirds research work and not more than one-third coursework.

How to apply
Please refer to our website to apply for this course: go.unimelb.edu.au/whd6

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