Lowitja Institute Higher Degree Research Top-Up Scholarship

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The Lowitja Institute is offering Higher Degree Research (HDR) Top-Up Scholarships to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander HDR students who have passed their Confirmation of Candidature with a focus on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health research. The research project should also align with Lowitja Institute's research agenda and principles.

Scholarship Value

The HDR Top-Up Scholarship value is up to $10,000 per annum for a maximum duration of 3 years. An additional $10,000 travel and knowledge translation allowance may be awarded for a maximum duration of the scholarship offer.

Contact Details

* indicates a required field

Applicant *

Title   First Name   Last Name

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Date of Birth *

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Must be a date.

Phone Number *

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Must be an Australian phone number.

Email *

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Must be an email address.

Address *
Address

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Address Line 1, Suburb/Town, State/Province, Postcode, and Country are required.

Do you identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander? *
☐   Aboriginal
☐   Torres Strait Islander

☐ Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
☐ Neither Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
No more than 1 choice may be selected.

Confirmation of Aboriginality or Torres Strait Islander Descent *
Attach a file:

A minimum of 1 file must be attached.
Confirmation must include the common seal and signed by the chairperson of an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Council, or an incorporated Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisation in whose area the person lives or has previously lived.

Enrolment Details

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Name of University *

Campus Location *
Address

Faculty and/or School *

Type of postgraduate degree *
☐ PhD
☐ Masters by Research
No more than 1 choice may be selected.

Commencement date *

Must be a date.

Proposed completion date *

Must be a date.
This is your planned submission date or proposed end date from your University, whichever is applicable.

Proof of enrolment in current HDR program. *
Attach a file:

Eg. Enrolment letter, transcript, etc.

Is the administering institution aware of this application? *

○ Yes
○ No

Please provide evidence the administering institution is aware of this application. *

Attach a file:

Eg. Email correspondence, support letter, etc.

Relevant Administering Institution Contact

This may be the graduate office, grants office or research office relevant to your institution.

Name of Institution Contact *

Title   First Name   Last Name

Position *

Email *

Must be an email address.

Phone Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

Primary Supervisor

Name of Primary Supervisor *

Title   First Name   Last Name

Position *

Institution and/or Campus *

Word count:
Must be no more than 50 words.

Email *

Must be an email address.

Phone Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

Other Financial Support

Are you receiving any other financial support for your postgraduate studies? *
☐   Yes, I have applied for other financial support
☐   Yes, I am receiving other financial support
☐   No, I am not receiving any other financial support
This is in addition to your Research Training Program (RTP) Stipend such as scholarships, small grants etc.

If yes, please describe any additional financial support you are receiving including type, amount and expected duration of receiving the additional support.

Confirmation of Candidature

* indicates a required field

Have you passed Confirmation of Candidature? *
☐   Yes
☐   No

If yes, please provide date *

Must be a date.

Attach Confirmation of Candidature document (Research Proposal). *
Attach a file:

This is your Research Proposal or Project Plan you submitted prior to your Confirmation Milestone and outlines your proposed postgraduate research project.

Attach evidence of passing Confirmation of Candidature. *
Attach a file:

This may be a letter or other evidence indicating you passed the Confirmation of Candidature Milestone.

Research Overview

Research Project Title *

This is the title of your thesis/research project. This title will also be used on the Lowitja Institute website if your application is successful.

Brief Project Summary *

Must be no more than 250 words.
Please provide a brief project summary that may be used on Lowitja Institute website if your application is successful.

How will your research benefit Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and community? *

Word count:
Must be no more than 250 words.

What is the significance of your research for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and community? *

Must be no more than 250 words.

How will Lowitja Institute scholarship funding support you to complete your HDR program and what impact will this have for your research? *

Must be no more than 250 words.

Knowledge Translation Plan

* indicates a required field

The Lowitja Institute considers it is vitally important that our investment in research results in lasting positive impact on the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Knowledge translation (KT) is the complex series of interactions between knowledge holders, knowledge producers and knowledge users, with the goal of achieving research impact, which we define as positive and sustainable long-term benefit for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, beyond the realm of academia.

This reciprocal process of combining experiential wisdom with academic research underpins the Institute's approach to KT and research impact. KT is not only the dissemination of research findings, but also the process of setting research priorities and developing research questions, selecting methodologies, and the collection and analysis of data. Effective KT must centre Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and their wisdoms throughout in order to achieve maximum research impact.

Those successful in receiving a Lowitja Institute Scholarship, will be required to complete a Knowledge Translation (KT) plan as a deliverable of the Scholarship Agreement. The Lowitja Institute will assist scholars workshop the most effective KT activities to translate their research findings and achieve maximum research impact.

How has your research project considered knowledge translation throughout the course of the project? *

Must be no more than 250 words.

Ethics Approval

* indicates a required field

Have you obtained ethics approval for your research activity? *
○ Yes
○ No

Have you obtained Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander specific ethics approval? *
○ Yes
○ No

Ethics Approval

If yes, please provide ethics approval evidence. *
Attach a file:

Ethics Approval

If no, please explain reason for not obtaining ethics approval or any plans you have to obtain ethics approval in the future. *

Word count:
Must be no more than 250 words.

Lowitja Institute Research Agenda

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Research Agenda

The Lowitja Institute's Research Agenda 2024 to 2026 aims to achieve positive health and wellbeing benefits for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples across four key themes:

1. **Self-determination** – This theme seeks to uphold historical, contemporary and future truth-telling as a fundamental process for the decolonising of health and wellbeing policy and practice. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have the right to regain control to lead research and decision-making processes to contribute to social transformation throughout generations.
2. **Sovereignty** – This theme seeks to acknowledge the political and intellectual sovereignty of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. This theme upholds sovereignty in the political discourse including determining the agenda, the creation, governance, control and protection of knowledge.
3. **Cultural Determinants** – This theme seeks to recognise the importance and relatedness of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural determinates which includes our knowledge systems as integral part to strong health and well-being.
4. **Racism** – This theme recognises the ongoing legacy of colonisation and the impacts on health, and health care delivery and access. This theme seeks to uphold Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander rights to culturally safe systems free of racism through privileging community-led solutions to policy development and implementation to health service management and delivery, research, education and training, to improve health system quality and safety.

Select how your project demonstrates one of the Lowitja Institute Research Agenda themes?
- ○ Self-determination
- ○ Sovereignty
- ○ Cultural Determinants
- ○ Racism

Describe how your project relates to the chosen Lowitja Institute research agenda theme. *

Word count:
Must be no more than 250 words.

Intellectual property (IP) and Indigenous Cultural Intellectual Property (ICIP)

The Lowitja Institute recognises the fundamental importance of identifying and classifying intellectual property (IP) and Indigenous Cultural Intellectual Property (ICIP) developed from research activities funded by the Institute, as well as protecting background IP provided to research activities by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people along with that of other participants in research collaborations. Lowitja Institute-funded research activities are also required to recognise ICIP rights which are the protection of traditional knowledge, cultural practices and knowledge systems developed by Indigenous peoples. ICIP can include ecological knowledge, ancestral remains, cultural tools, languages, performances, ceremonies, artwork, music, scared sites, oral stories, medicinal knowledge and so on. Applicants should be aware that, if they are successful in obtaining funding for their research, IP and ICIP will be discussed and negotiated to achieve an equitable outcome for all parties as part of the Institute's general research funding agreement negotiations.

Is there any Background IP to be brought to your research? *

Word count:
Must be no more than 250 words.
Background IP is IP that was developed before the research commenced and that you will use in your research. Please identify any background IP that you will bring to your research. BIP can include specific know-how, existing data, photographs, notebooks, discoveries, frameworks, tools etc.

Applicant Declaration

* indicates a required field

I declare that the information supplied in this application is true and correct. I have original copies of all submitted documents and I understand that the Lowitja Institute may request sighting the original documents for the purpose of verification. I acknowledge that all documents submitted will become the property of the Lowitja Institute and, as such, will not be returned to me. *

☐ Yes
☐ No

I understand that the information collected in this application form will enable the Lowitja Institute to assess my application and, if my application is successful, create a legally binding Scholarship Agreement. I also understand that if I do not complete all relevant sections of this application or fail to supply all supporting documentation my application will not proceed. *

☐ Yes
☐ No

I understand that it is a serious offence under the Criminal Code of the Australian Commonwealth to give misleading or false information and I acknowledge that the Lowitja Institute reserves the right to reverse any decision made about my scholarship application funding if it is found that I have provided misleading or false information *

☐ Yes
☐ No

Name *

Date *

Must be a date.