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Indigenous Knowledge
Institute



RTP Scholarships 2023

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What is Indigenous knowledge?

Indigenous knowledge, sometimes called traditional or local knowledge, refers to the understandings and practices developed by Indigenous peoples through thousands of years of experience. Indigenous knowledge systems are characteristically holistic, relational, and rooted in a strong and continuing connection with the land, sky, and waters. Knowledge is often passed down orally and can be collectively owned. It can include or be embodied in language, song, story, ritual, lore, and customary practices. The knowledge of Indigenous peoples does not represent a static body of traditional information, and the capacity to incorporate new tools and skills has always been fundamental to the dynamism of Indigenous cultures.

Key dates

Applications open
Friday 7 April

Applications close
Monday 31 July (COB)



For more information, visit

indigenousknowledge.unimelb.edu.au/funding/phd-rtp-scholarships

Application process

Applications open on 7 April 2023. IKI staff are available to assist you in your application and encourage you to contact Indigenous-knowledge@unimelb.edu.au if you have any questions about the application.

Applications close COB Monday 31 July (unless allocated earlier) and will need to be submitted by emailing a completed application form to Indigenous-knowledge@unimelb.edu.au. Scholars from all academic disciplines will be considered and interdisciplinary research is encouraged.

Value	\$34,400 per annum
Number of RTPs available in 2022	Three
Application timeline	Applications open until close of business on Monday 31 July 2023. Applications will be reviewed upon submission. Should a suitable candidate be found prior to the closing deadline, applications will close early

Eligibility

To be selected for the scholarship, the recipient must:

- be a domestic applicant undertaking a PhD (or joint PhD) at the University of Melbourne
- not already be in receipt of an RTP Scholarship
- be writing on a topic related to Indigenous knowledge systems
- be committed to ethical and respectful relationships with Indigenous peoples and communities
- have completed tertiary studies that are at least equivalent to a 4-year honours degree at an Australian university with a minimum result equivalent to a first-class Honours (80%).
- have not completed a PhD previously
- be made a PhD course offer to study at the University of Melbourne
- commence their PhD in 2023
- meet at least one of the following allocation principles:
 - Have a named co-supervisor or collaborator from a partner institution* outside Australia and intend to either spend at least two months during their PhD at the international collaborating institution or undertake research overseas;
 - Have a named co-supervisor from an academic division different to the primary supervisor where this deepens or creates collaboration;
 - Work on a research project connected to “Place” as articulated in Advancing Melbourne.

*“partner institution” is defined as either a University-wide strategic research partner or an Institute-/Faculty-level research partner as defined within their Research Strategy, or a new partner of demonstrable value to the Faculty, subject to ADGR approval.

All Melbourne supervisors of the scholarship recipient must have up-to-date supervisor training and be registered and eligible to supervise as per the Supervisor Eligibility and Registration Policy.

Please note that you must acknowledge the contribution of the Australian Commonwealth Government in any published or produced material which relate to the research project for which the scholarship was awarded.

The terms and conditions related to the scholarship can be found on the [Graduate Research Hub Scholarships Page](#).