



IKI Fellowships – 2022 applications now open

Who is the Indigenous Knowledge Institute?

The [Indigenous Knowledge Institute](#) (IKI) is one of five Melbourne Interdisciplinary Research Institutes at the University of Melbourne. It was launched in 2019 to invest in world-leading Aboriginal knowledge, research, and education. [The IKI team](#) provide annual funding opportunities, support academics and research students, and host a variety of public events and research symposia.

What is the Indigenous Knowledge Institute's purpose?

The IKI aims to be a global leader in Indigenous knowledge by building on current research and educational activities, promoting research linkages and collaboration across the University, and communicating University research to external audiences.

What's in it for the University of Melbourne?

The University of Melbourne has a strong foundation in education and research that elevate Indigenous knowledge systems within the academy. The Indigenous Knowledge Institute is building on this foundation to foster partnerships and develop our Indigenous research profile across the University and beyond.

When are applications due?

Applications are due at 11:59 PM on Friday 21 January 2022, Australian Eastern Daylight Time (Sydney, Melbourne, Hobart, Canberra).

Who is eligible to apply?

Mid-career or senior Knowledge Holders, Traditional Owners, and/or Ceremonial Leaders are eligible to apply. Applicants must be Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander to be eligible. This position is exempt under the special measure provision, Section 12(1) of the Equal Opportunity Act 2011 (VIC).

How much will I be paid?

Three positions are available this round, and applicants will be appointed at Academic Level C, D, or E depending on their experience. Roles will be 0.2 FTE (1 day per week) and paid at the following ranges:

- Level C: \$131,739 - \$151,900 (pro rata \$26,347- \$30,380)
- Level D: \$158,624 - \$174,754 (pro rata \$31,724- \$34,950)
- Level E: \$204,320 (pro rata \$40,864)

See the [position description](#) or [our website](#) for further information about the differences between and expectations of these levels.

How long is the job for?

The 2022 round of Fellowships are for a fixed term, two-year appointment.

Where is the job located?

IKI is based at the Parkville Campus in Melbourne CBD.

Can I work remotely?

Yes, all employees at IKI have the option to be located outside of Melbourne. There may be occasional travel to Melbourne needed during the appointment. All staff will be sent a University-owned laptop to use for work.

If you have any concerns about your ability to work remotely, please contact us to discuss further.

How do I apply?

Please email your completed application form and CV/resume to Indigenous-knowledge@unimelb.edu.au by the due date above. You can also include a reference letter from a partner academic within the University of Melbourne if you have one, but this is optional.

What do I need to put in my application?

Please make sure you answer all the questions in the application form. We want to know about your background and interest in research as well as what you would need to make sure your proposed research is successful.

We also need you to include a CV/resume that includes your education and qualifications; employment history; executive and board memberships; Indigenous organisation memberships and community service; publications and creative works; public speaking and conference presentations; research project participation; and contact details for two referees.

If you have one, you can include a reference letter from a partner academic within the University of Melbourne, but this is optional.

Do I have to tell you what I will spend the \$20,000 research budget on?

You do not need to tell us what you would spend the \$20,000 research budget on in your application. However, if you are successful, you will need to outline your planned budget and have it approved. We will work with you on this to make sure all costs are eligible.

Who owns the research?

IKI operates under a Charter for research with Indigenous knowledge holders, and all research projects will be co-designed with the Indigenous knowledge-holders to ensure they meet the community's needs. All intellectual property, outcomes, and publications are jointly owned between the University of Melbourne and the knowledge holder.

Where is the research stored?

As part of your research project, you will arrange an appropriate storage option of the research outcomes with the community involved. Storage options will ensure ongoing ownership, and cultural and intellectual property rights, of Indigenous knowledge-holders, ideas, and materials.

How can I get more information?

More information can be found in the [position description](#) or on [our website](#). See below for further ways to contact us if you need more information.

Can I talk to someone about my application?

Yes, you can email us at indigenous-knowledge@unimelb.edu.au or ring Kirsten Clark (IKI Manager) at 03 9035 9511 (available Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM AEDT). We can also arrange for you to discuss your application with the IKI Director, Professor Aaron Corn.