

Monash University Developing a Research Protocol FAQ and Key Dates 2027

This document summarises key dates and frequently asked questions for the Monash University Developing a Research Protocol (MUDRP) program offered in 2027.

The MUDRP Learner and Supervisor Guide details the full terms and conditions of our program which can be accessed by emailing louise.lord@monash.edu.

Key Dates

The MUDRP will be offered twice in 2027 where minimum participant sizes permit. Please contact Louise Lord (Louise.Lord@monash.edu) to discuss options outside these dates.

April 2027 Group

What are the key dates for the program?

Enrolment, Commencement, Conclusion

Enrolments for MUDRP commence. Access to the program will be granted as soon as an application is processed, and payment is received.	Monday 1 st February 2027*
Enrolments for MUDRP close	Monday 19 th April 2027
MUDRP concludes (Final assessment deadline)	Sunday 1 st August 2027

Note: Applications will usually be processed within 7 working days.

*Learners enrolling earlier will have access to content if available but will attend workshops and complete assessments as outlined below.

Workshop Dates

A series of workshops (face to face) will be delivered at regular intervals to allow more in-depth discussion to facilitate progression of your individual research protocol.

Workshop 1: Refining the Research Question	Tuesday 18 th May 2027 3-5pm (AEST)
Workshop 2: Developing the Protocol Part 1	Tuesday 8 th June 2027 3-5pm (AEST)
Workshop 3: Developing the Protocol Part 2	Tuesday 29 th June 2027 3-5pm (AEST)

Workshops are planned for in person attendance at a Melbourne-based Monash University campus. Alternative options such as via Zoom will be considered based on participant location, logistics and venue availability.

Assessment Dates

Completion of assessments is required at various timepoints and are paced to complement the workshops to facilitate the various steps required towards developing a research protocol.

Assessment	Submission detail	Due date
Assessment 1 : Problem statement	Written Submitted online	Sunday 30 th May 2027 11.59pm (AEST)
Assessment 2 : Elevator Pitch	Oral presentation Zoom	Thursday 17 th June 2027 3-5pm (AEST)
Assessment 3 : Completed Research Protocol	Written Submitted online	Sunday 1 st August 2027 11.59pm (AEST)

July 2027 Group

What are the key dates for the program?

Enrolment, Commencement, Conclusion

Enrolments for MUDRP commence. Access to the program will be granted as soon as an application is processed, and payment is received.	Monday 3rd May 2027*
Enrolments for MUDRP close	Monday 19 th July 2027
MUDRP concludes (Final assessment deadline)	Sunday 31 st October 2027

Note: Applications will usually be processed within 7 working days.

*Learners enrolling earlier will have access to content if available but will attend workshops and complete assessments as outlined below.

Workshop Dates

A series of workshops (face to face) will be delivered at regular intervals to allow more in-depth discussion to facilitate progression of your individual research protocol.

Workshop 1: Refining the Research Question	Tuesday 17 th August 2027 3-5pm (AEST)
Workshop 2: Developing the Protocol Part 1	Tuesday 7 th September 2027 3-5pm (AEST)
Workshop 3: Developing the Protocol Part 2	Tuesday 28 th September 2027 3-5pm (AEST)

Workshops are planned for in person attendance at a Melbourne-based Monash University campus. Alternative options such as via Zoom will be considered based on participant location, logistics and venue availability.

Assessment Dates

Completion of assessments is required at various timepoints and are paced to complement the workshops to facilitate the various steps required towards developing a research protocol.

Assessment	Submission detail	Due date
Assessment 1 : Problem statement	Written Submitted online	Sunday 29 th August 2027 11.59pm (AEST)
Assessment 2 : Elevator Pitch	Oral presentation Zoom	Thursday 16 th September 2027 3-5pm (AEST)
Assessment 3 : Completed Research Protocol	Written Submitted online	Sunday 31 st October 2027 11.59pm (AEDT)

Frequently Asked Questions

If I complete this program, what skills will I obtain?

The MUDRP is designed to support health professionals (including registered pharmacists) to acquire the required knowledge and skills to develop a research protocol.

Can I credit this microcredential to an award course?

The MUDRP is also approved as a microcredential with Monash University. Microcredentials are short courses with assessment, that can lead to credit in an award program.

Learners who have completed the MUDRP micro-credential may be eligible to apply for 6-credit points of credit towards an award course (subject to credit limits). Completion of the MUDRP micro-credential is not a guarantee of admission into an award course. To enrol into a Monash Pharmacy Postgraduate award course, you must apply for and meet all published eligibility criteria. Please note that award courses have maximum credit limits and recency requirements for credit. You should check with the Program Coordinator to ensure you meet these requirements. If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact pharmacy.microcredentials@monash.edu

Who is eligible to enrol in this program?

This program is eligible for healthcare professionals that are registered with Ahpra (except provisionally registered pharmacists i.e. pharmacy interns). Applicants will be required to submit evidence of their registration (e.g. certificate of registration).

Exceptions will be considered for individuals that are not currently registered healthcare professionals with Ahpra (e.g. pharmacy technicians) but who would benefit from completion of this program. In this case, individuals are encouraged to contact the Director of EDGE (steven.walker@monash.edu) directly.

The program is designed to support learners to develop a research protocol for a project relevant for their workplace. The online learning material and workshops focus on research methodologies most suited to a practice-based research project conducted in a healthcare setting. Therefore, all applicants are required to complete a brief 500-word summary explaining why they have chosen to complete the program and describing an initial project idea that they will work on during the program. This will help the team determine the suitability of the program in relation to the learners needs.

How much does the program cost?

The MUDRP costs \$1,700 AUD* to complete.

A discounted rate of \$1,530 AUD* may be available to cohorts from a single workplace, if their learning is supported by more senior leaders at their workplace. Please contact the Academic Lead (louise.lord@monash.edu) or Director of EDGE (steven.walker@monash.edu) for more information

We also offer a version of this program that does not include assessments. In this case, you will complete the online learning material and workshops only. This version of the program is not a microcredential and the cost for this version is \$1,380 AUD*.

*Fees are subject to annual changes.

How long does the program take?

The MUDRP comprises of 100 hours of learning and assessment. This includes all the online content, attendance at the required workshops and set assessments described in the Key Dates section.

The estimated time for the various components is summarised in the table below. For a more detailed overview of this program's content please contact louise.lord@monash.edu to request a learner guide.

Component	Activity	Estimated time commitment
Online Modules	Self-paced, interactive online learning	24 hours
Workshops	Face to face and moderated to provide in-depth guidance to progress your research protocol	6 hours
Assessments	Written and oral formats, including the preparation and delivery of the finalised research protocol	70 hours

Am I considered a Monash University student by completing this program?

Learners in the MUDRP are not enrolled students at Monash University and do not have student access to facilities and services, including Monash ID, Monash IT account, Library or learning resources that are licensed for enrolled students only. Along with the program content, the moderators will provide appropriate support and resources for learners to successfully complete the MUDRP.

What is the refund policy?

If a learner does not abide by the conditions of the MUDRP, the team reserves the right to cancel the participant's registration at any time and without a full refund of fees.

Learners can apply in writing to withdraw from a course and obtain a refund:

- A full refund (100%) will be provided if you apply to withdraw at least 28 calendar days prior to the MUDRP commencement date.
- A 50% refund will be provided if you apply to withdraw at least 14 calendar days prior to the MUDRP commencement date.
- No refund will be provided if you apply to withdraw later than 14 calendar days prior to the MUDRP commencement date.
- Note: in the event of late withdrawal, you may credit your registration fee to another date (same course) within two years of your original registration.

Any further questions? Please feel free to contact us louise.lord@monash.edu