

## Monash University Developing a Research Protocol FAQ and Key Dates 2026

The following document summarises the key dates for the Monash University Developing a Research Protocol (MUDRP) starting in January 2026 and some Frequently Asked Questions.

The MUDRP Learner and Supervisor Guide details the full terms and conditions of our program which can be accessed [here](#). We request that all learners access and read this guide before completing the enrolment process.

### Key Dates – January 2026 Intake (Group 1)

#### What are the key dates for the program?

##### Enrolment, Commencement, Conclusion

Enrolments for MUDRP commences. Access to the program will be granted as soon as an application is processed, and payment is received.	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2025*
Enrolments for MUDRP closes	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2026
MUDRP concludes (Final assessment deadline)	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2026

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.

##### Workshops 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 research protocol.

Workshop 1: Refining the Research Question	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2026 3-5pm (AEDT)
Workshop 2: Developing the Protocol Part 1	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2026 3-5pm (AEDT)
Workshop 3: Developing the Protocol Part 1	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2026 3-5pm (AEDT)

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 compliment 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	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2026 11.59pm (AEDT)
Assessment 2 : Elevator Pitch	Oral presentation Zoom	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> April 2026 3-5pm (AEST)
Assessment 3 : Completed Research Protocol	Written Submitted online	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2026 11.59pm (AEST)

## 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 (e.g. [Graduate Certificate of Advanced Pharmacy Practice](#))?

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 (for example [Graduate Certificate of Advanced Pharmacy Practice](#)).

Learners who have completed the MUDRP micro-credential may be eligible to apply for 6-credit points of credit towards an award course, including the [Graduate Certificate of Advanced Pharmacy Practice](#). (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](mailto: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](mailto: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 \$1,600 AUD to complete.

A discounted rate of \$1,440 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](mailto:louise.lord@monash.edu)) or Director of EDGE ([steven.walker@monash.edu](mailto: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 \$1,300 AUD.

### How long does the program take?

The MUDRP comprises of 100 hours of learning and assessment. This includes all the online content, attendance 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 refer to the [Developing a Research Protocol Program – Learner Guide 2025](#)

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

**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 students 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](mailto:louise.lord@monash.edu)