



JOIN OUR INDIGENOUS RESEARCH COMMUNITY

Pursue Your PhD with Us!



MONASH
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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Monash University understands that its Australian campuses are located on the unceded lands of the people of the Kulin Nations, and pays its respects to their Elders, past and present. We honour and respect Indigenous peoples as the Custodians of the lands, waterways and skies where each Monash campus is located. Monash acknowledges that Indigenous Elders and knowledge holders sustain and nurture Indigenous ways of knowing, being and doing. The university campuses, both locally and internationally, have greatly benefited from the enrichment and innovation that these knowledge systems provide. We recognise the invaluable contributions of all Indigenous staff and students within Monash University, whose impact significantly influences those around them, and support those who represent our future. We acknowledge that sovereignty has never been ceded and that connection to Country and culture is something that we value.



WELCOME TO MONASH

We are thrilled to have you as part of our vibrant and diverse Indigenous research community. Whether you are new to Monash or continuing your journey with us, we are committed to supporting your academic and professional growth. We aim to provide a nurturing environment where your research thrives and where you are empowered to make meaningful contributions. We look forward to collaborating with you and supporting your success throughout your PhD journey. Welcome aboard!

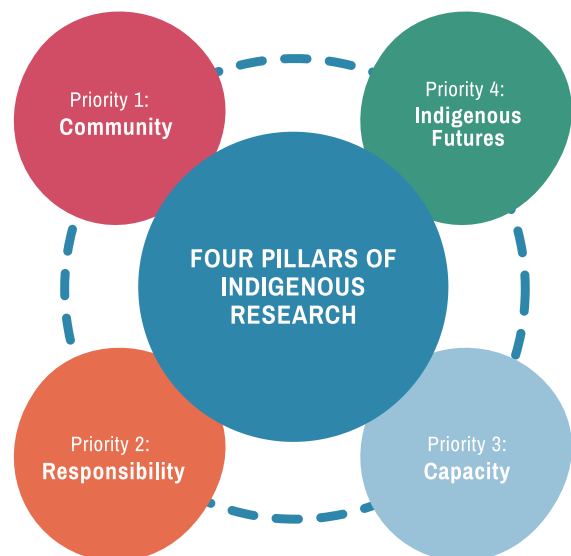


Professor Tristan Kennedy
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INDIGENOUS RESEARCH EXCELLENCE

We are proud of our strong commitment to Indigenous research. Our Indigenous Research Advancement Program (IRAP) and other initiatives highlight our dedication to advancing Indigenous knowledge and perspectives. You'll be part of a community that values and promotes Indigenous-led research.

Our [Indigenous Research Action Plan 2023-2026](#) outlines four key priorities that embody our commitment to Indigenous researchers and communities. These priorities are aligned with sector guidelines and reflect the insights and recommendations of Indigenous researchers and knowledge holders.



INDIGENOUS HDR PATHWAYS

Monash University offers multiple entry pathways and research programs specifically designed for Indigenous researchers interested in pursuing a graduate research course.

To be eligible, applicants typically need one of the following:

- A 4-year bachelor's degree
- A 2-year master's degree
- Demonstrated research experience and strong academic results in a related discipline

There may be other specific requirements too, depending on your preferred course.

If you don't meet the criteria, don't hesitate to reach out—we are committed to supporting you with alternative pathways to entry.

Please note: To apply for a graduate research course, you will usually need to identify a research topic and find a suitable supervisor. Some faculties and graduate programs also advertise pre-approved research projects that may align with your interests.

There is also support for writing a research proposal, finding the right supervisor and submitting an expression of interest in each area, so always reach out for help.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR INDIGENOUS GRADUATE RESEARCH

We offer a range of scholarships and financial aid options specifically for Indigenous Australian students to undertake a Research Doctorate or Research Masters degree.

The total stipend offered to Indigenous PhD students is \$52,352.

The Office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous) offers additional financial support on a case-by-case basis. Additional funding is also available at the faculty level to support research and teaching initiatives.

For further details, please get in touch.

SUPPORT WITH YOUR APPLICATION

Embarking on a PhD is a significant commitment, and we are here to support you every step of the way. Our bespoke support services via our Indigenous Research Team will set you up for success. From an initial EOI or inquiry, we will contact you to discuss your HDR requirements. From there we will assist you with the initial application for postgraduate study as well as linking you with suitable advisors and other key faculty staff to find the best possible support for your research endeavours. Please [click](#) to register your interest in studying at Monash. You can apply anytime throughout the year, there are no restrictions.

We will support you by:

- Ongoing consultation with you to understand their experiences, cultural challenges, and institutional navigation.
- Advising on faculty alignment, including interdisciplinary options.
- Collaboration with faculty to ensure you receive academic and cultural support, including from their advisors.
- Tailored guidance in selecting appropriate supervisor.
- Assistance with writing and reviewing research proposals, submitting EOIs, and ensuring familiarity with relevant research.
- Ensuring smooth application processes and confirming applicable scholarships.





CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE SUPPORT

We understand the unique challenges and opportunities that come with being an Indigenous Academic. At Monash, we all work collectively together, we are versatile and flexible, interdisciplinary and focused on career outcomes. Our team of knowledgeable staff are here to provide you with support, information and advice when you need it.

At Monash, all our supervisors complete cultural safety training and undertake professional development to support enabling supervision practice. We understand this as an important and on-going area of professional development for all our supervisors.

WHAT CAN WE DO FOR YOU

The William Cooper Institute is a centre for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander research, learning, and engagement, fostering Indigenous leadership and advancement throughout Monash University. A range of on-site services are also available on our campuses which may include on-site gym, pool, bookshop, health services and food outlets.

- The Monash Gym is free for Indigenous Staff and Students
- Networking opportunities
- International exposure (through programs like PITCH)

FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

EMPLOYMENT

Upon completing your HDR studies, we are here to support you with your next career move, whether it be within Monash or elsewhere. We offer a personalised approach, working closely with you to identify opportunities that align with your career goals and aspirations aligned with the core skills and attributes that you have developed through completing your PhD at Monash.

CONNECTING WITH PEERS

At Monash University, we prioritise building connections. Our initiatives, like [‘Mob at Monash’](#), and events such as the HDR networking event, NAIDOC Week, and Reconciliation Week, foster engagement and community. Our EDI teams and faculty offer diverse workshops, seminars, and hubs to support First Nations students and staff, creating opportunities to connect, share knowledge, and build lasting relationships.

PROFESSIONAL NETWORKS

A postgraduate degree from Monash University positions you as a leader, knowledge seeker, and subject matter expert in the professional world. Even after graduation, our support continues through an active network of alumni events and professional opportunities. We facilitate connections between Indigenous HDRs and researchers from other universities, offering valuable opportunities to build and expand your professional network during your studies and beyond.



HEALTH AND WELLBEING

We are committed to supporting a healthy mind, and healthy body, support offered at Monash are:

Monash Counselling

As a Monash student your first 6 appointments will be free.

T: 03 9905 3020

W: www.monash.edu/students/support/health/counselling/appointments/our-counsellors

Monash Help Online 24/7

T: 1300 788 336

W: www.monash.edu/students/support/health/counselling/help-online

Safer Communities Unit

The Safer Community Unit (SCU) responds to reports and disclosures of concerning, threatening and inappropriate behaviour.

T: 03 9905 1599

W: www.monash.edu/students/support/safety-and-security/concerning-behaviour/sexual-harm

E: safercommunity@monash.edu

CONTACT US

To express an interest in postgraduate study at Monash University, please email Indigenous@monash.edu or you can also find further information on the [Monash University Indigenous Research](http://www.monash.edu/indigenous-research) website.