

INDIGENOUS RESEARCH MATRIX

This matrix is to guide researchers and professionals in achieving culturally safe Indigenous community research engagement at Monash University. Its purpose is to ensure that research involving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, land, water and sea is conducted collaboratively with these communities. Respecting their perspectives and ensuring the knowledge generated remains with them.

Support provided at all stages of the process; please contact Indigenous@monash.edu

1. BEFORE DEVELOPING RESEARCH IDEAS

- Has the appropriate Indigenous community been identified and a relationship formed?
- Do I have an understanding of how to appropriately engage?
- Is this Indigenous-led research?

If yes, proceed

If no, seek Indigenous Research Team advice
Indigenous@monash.edu

2. DEVELOP A RESEARCH PROPOSAL WITH COMMUNITY

- Co-develop a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Community.
- Ensure research aligns with the communities' interests.
- Seek cultural advice from the Indigenous Research Team, if required.

If above is complete, apply for Funding (similar time as ethics application)

3. DEVELOP ETHICS PROTOCOL

- Research must benefit the Indigenous community.
- Adhere to the [AIATSIS Code of Ethics](#) for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Research.
- Complete training modules for Ethics for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Research through MyDevelopment.

Submit to: Monash University Human Research Ethics Committee Review and Approval

REVIEWED BY INDIGENOUS ETHICS SUB-COMMITTEE:

If approved, proceed

If not approved, seek Indigenous Research Team advice:
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4. CONDUCTING RESEARCH

- Comply with ethics protocol & the AIATSIS Code of Ethics.
- Provide regular reports to the Indigenous community and the Indigenous Research Team: Indigenous@monash.edu

5. WRITING AND SHARING RESEARCH

Apply Indigenous Data Sovereignty Principles

- Data collection and research are in consultation with Indigenous community.
- Check interpretations of traditional Indigenous languages and place names.
- Share research information with Community and ensure storage/maintenance of data is in accordance with the MOU.
- Seek permission from the community before publishing and discussing outputs.
- Attribute and cite Indigenous contributor in all outputs.
- Ensure community access to data and outputs in the format they wish.