

Bond University Indigenous Medical Scholarship



Myora Kruger, Inaugural Bond University Medical Program Indigenous Scholarship recipient.



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Bond University is committed to providing opportunities in tertiary education for Indigenous Australians.

In 2018, Bond University will be providing an Indigenous pathway into its Medical Program[^]. As part of this initiative, Bond University has developed one 50% scholarship for one Aboriginal and / or Torres Strait Islander student commencing in the 2018 Medical Program[^].

This opportunity means that the successful applicant of the 50% scholarship will incur no up front cost to study the Bond University Medical Program[^] providing they are eligible for FEE-HELP and ABSTUDY*.

People that identify as being Aboriginal and / or Torres Strait Islander and are expected to meet the academic entry requirements are encouraged to apply.

BOND UNIVERSITY MEDICAL PROGRAM[^]

The Bond University Medical Program[^] is an integrated evidence-based course offering direct entry to both Year 12 school leavers as well as university graduates. It is designed to equip graduates with the knowledge and practical skills that a doctor needs to practise medicine in a modern clinical setting. A strong emphasis is placed on clinical skills training, and due to small class sizes, students learn in a highly personalised environment with state-of-the-art equipment. With Bond's three-semester timetable and intensive clinical training periods, the Medical Program[^] can be completed in 4 years and 8 months. Graduates are then eligible to apply for hospital internships. The Medical Program[^] has a fully integrated award-winning Indigenous health curriculum.

NYOMBIL INDIGENOUS SUPPORT CENTRE

The Nyombil Indigenous Support Centre caters to the ongoing growth of Indigenous student enrolments and supports the University's Indigenous community. The Centre assists students with transitioning into the higher education environment, as well as promoting cultural engagement by assisting students and the University to connect with the local Indigenous community.

The Centre, which is open 24 / 7, is equipped with dedicated tutorial and group study rooms, state-of-the-art computers and printers, as well as kitchen and lounge areas. It creates an environment where students are able to study, connect and grow both academically and personally for their ambitions to come to life.

[^]The Medical Program is comprised of two sequential degrees - the Bachelor of Medical Studies (BMedSt) and the Doctor of Medicine (MD). All students selected for entry into the Medical Program[^] will have to complete both the BMedSt and MD to be eligible for registration as a medical practitioner in any state or territory in Australia or New Zealand.

*More information and eligibility requirements can be found at bond.edu.au/fees.



THE INDIGENOUS PATHWAY INTO THE MEDICAL PROGRAM[^]

HOW TO APPLY

The Indigenous pathway into the Bond University Medical Program[^] will be automatically initiated once you identify on your QTAC application form that you are of Aboriginal and / or Torres Strait Islander descent.

QTAC applications open on 16 January, 2018 and close on 1 February, 2018. You can visit the QTAC website at qtac.edu.au.

The yearly intake for Bond medical students is in May.

Indigenous applicants who meet the requisite criteria for the Bond University Medical Program[^] will be contacted by Bond University and invited to attend the multi-mini interview (MMI) process.

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES:

Please visit the Bond website for important dates and deadlines at bond.edu.au/medicine

WHO SHOULD APPLY

Aboriginal and / or Torres Strait Islander people* who are expected to meet the following academic criteria and have a passion to be an Indigenous doctor and leader for their community are encouraged to apply.

Undergraduate Applications

Undergraduate applicants will be assessed on the following criteria:

- Overall secondary academic results (which must include Year 12 English, and Chemistry or Maths B or Physics, or equivalent)
- Psychometric testing
- Structured interview ranking

Postgraduate applicants will be assessed on the following criteria:

- GPA from previous university degree (all subjects within the qualification completed within the last 9 years) which also demonstrates qualifications at least equivalent to Queensland Year 12 English, and Chemistry or Maths B or Physics, or an equivalent
- Psychometric testing
- Structured interview ranking

Please visit bond.edu.au/medicine for further information.

*CONFIRMATION OF ABORIGINALITY

As part of Bond University Policy, Confirmation of Aboriginality is required. In order to apply for the Bond University Indigenous Medical Scholarship, applicants must apply through QTAC identifying as an Indigenous applicant during the QTAC application period of 16 January, 2018 and 1 February, 2018. The Office of Admissions from Bond University will contact all applicants requesting a Confirmation of Aboriginality document. This document needs to be provided within 10 working days from the initial request from the Office of Admissions.

The Confirmation of Aboriginality document must be a signed written statement (including a common seal) of an Aboriginal Heritage Association, Aboriginal Corporation or Land Council in the community where you live or have lived.

For further assistance pertaining to this form, please contact Jason Murray: jamurray@bond.edu.au or phone 5595 5617.

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Narelle Urquhart, Indigenous Cultural Support Officer

APPLICANT SELECTION AND AWARD

Determining which applicants are offered a position into the Medical Program[^] and the awarding of the single full-fee paying scholarship will be based on:

- Academic ability
- Psychometric testing
- Multi-Mini Interview (MMI)
- Indigenous Community-Based Interview

The MMI and the Indigenous Community-Based Interview may be conducted on different days. The Nyombil Indigenous Support Centre are able to assist students in this situation.

The Multi-Mini Interview (MMI)

The MMI structure consists of eight mini interview stations that assesses communication, ethical and clinical reasoning, leadership and teamwork, together with scientific knowledge and understanding. The MMI examines an applicant's general suitability to study medicine and their preparedness to undertake a highly demanding course.

Indigenous Community-Based Interview

Indigenous applicants that choose this pathway will be required to participate in the Indigenous Community-Based Interview. The interviewers for this panel include key representatives from the University, the Bond University Medical Program[^] and representatives of the local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community. In general, the questions on this interview will assess the same graduate attributes as the MMI and include an Indigenous perspective.

This panel will consider all factors when offering the scholarship. As the decision regarding a candidate's eligibility for an offer of a scholarship is final, please be advised that the Faculty of Health Sciences & Medicine does not provide individual feedback to applicants regarding applications and the outcome thereof.

POSSIBLE OUTCOMES OF THIS PROCESS

One successful applicant will be awarded a place in the Medical Program[^] with a 50% scholarship¹. Students who are not successful in obtaining the scholarship may still be offered a place in the Program; however they will incur the usual tuition fees. Please refer to fee structure at bond.edu.au/fees.

Scholarship Program	50% scholarship
Duration	Bond University Medical Program [^] (2018 intake)
Availability	4 years 8 months
	One student

Eligibility criteria

- Aboriginal and / or Torres Strait Islander person
 - Prerequisites as per the Bond University Medical Program[^] (please refer to bond.edu.au/medicine)
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