



Bond University First Nations Medical Scholarship 2023

Bond University is committed to fostering diversity and providing a culturally-inclusive environment with equitable educational opportunities for Indigenous Australians.

The increasing presence of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and staff benefits the whole Bond community in learning about, and respecting, cultural differences that exist between non-Indigenous Australians and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Bond University is committed to providing opportunities in tertiary education for Indigenous Australians, including an Indigenous pathway into its Medical Program*, which comprises a Bachelor of Medical Studies and Doctor of Medicine.

In 2023, Bond University will award a 50% scholarship for an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander student for the Bachelor of Medical Studies. If eligible, the Doctor of Medicine will be covered by ABSTUDY.

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 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.

If you would like any assistance with your application, please contact Paul Martin: pmartin@bond.edu.au or phone 07 5595 5652.

*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.



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 12 January, 2023 and close on 27 January, 2023. Visit the QTAC website at qtac.edu.au for more information on how to apply. Bond University will arrange for the standard QTAC application fee for first-time applicants to be waived for students who meet the eligibility criteria for this scholarship.

The Bond Medical Program has two intakes, in May and September 2023. Applications for both intakes are via the January QTAC application process.

Indigenous applicants who meet the requisite criteria for the Bond University Medical Program will be contacted by Bond University and invited to attend an Indigenous Community-Based Interview on-campus.

Who should apply

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

Admissions Criteria

Interested applicants should refer to the admissions criteria for the Medical Program at bond.edu.au/medical-program-entry-requirements.

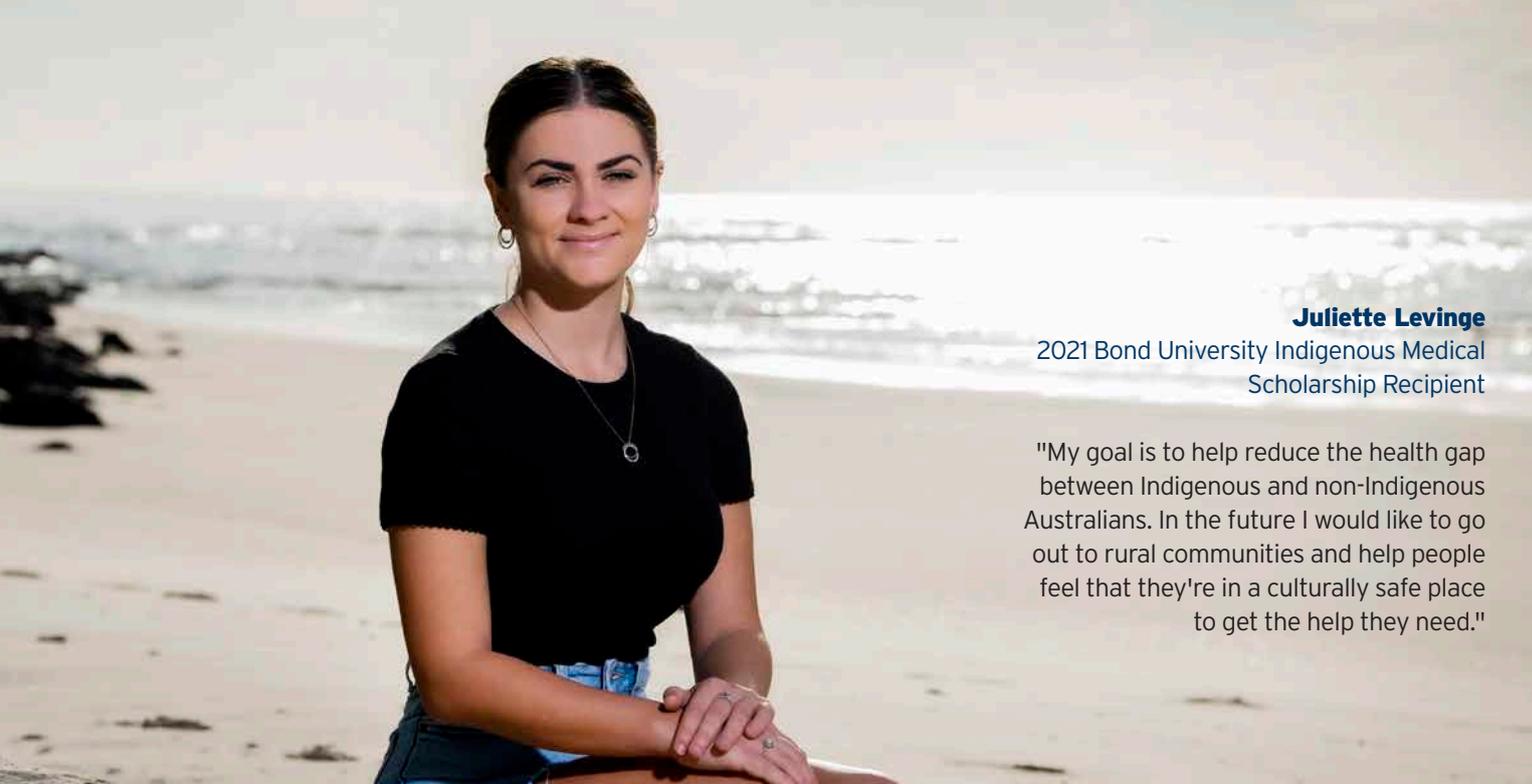
Confirmation of Indigeneity

As part of Bond University Policy, Confirmation of Indigeneity is required in order to apply for the Bond University First Nations Medical Scholarship. Applicants must apply through QTAC identifying as an Indigenous applicant during the QTAC application period of 12 January 2023 and 27 January 2023.

The Office of Admissions from Bond University will contact all eligible applicants requesting Confirmation of Indigeneity documentation by email no later than 1 February 2022. This documentation needs to be provided within 14 working days from the initial request by the Office of Admissions.

The Confirmation of Indigeneity document may be a signed, written and stamped statement from an authorised officer 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 Paul Martin: pmartin@bond.edu.au or phone 07 5595 5652.



Juliette Levinge

2021 Bond University Indigenous Medical Scholarship Recipient

"My goal is to help reduce the health gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians. In the future I would like to go out to rural communities and help people feel that they're in a culturally safe place to get the help they need."

Applicant selection and award

Admission into the Medical Program and the award of the scholarship will be based on:

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

The psychometric testing will be conducted online. The MMI and the Indigenous Community-Based Interview may be conducted on different days. Bond University will arrange for the fee for the psychometric testing to be waived and will cover the cost of any travel and accommodation required for attending on-campus interviews. The Nyombil Indigenous Support Centre is able to assist students through this application process.

The Multi-Mini Interview (MMI)

Shortlisted applicants will be required to attend an interview in person at Bond University on the Gold Coast, where their general suitability to medicine and preparedness to undertake a highly demanding course will be examined in a structured multiple mini interview (MMI). Interviews are conducted using an MMI structure consisting of at least four (4) mini interview stations. Interviewers are doctors and community members from both medical and non-medical backgrounds, who are highly trained in the interview process for entry into medicine.

Interviews are held on campus for shortlisted applicants only. Interviews will be undertaken in the first week of March. Visit bond.edu.au/program/medical-program/medical-programimportant-dates-deadlines for more information on dates.

The interview process is designed to test:

- Knowledge and critical thinking
- Leadership, Initiative and teamwork
- Communication skills
- Responsibility

Indigenous Community-Based Interview

Indigenous applicants who 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

Successful applicants will be awarded a place in the Medical Program with a scholarship. 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	50% tuition remission for the Bachelor of Medical Studies plus the cost of the first semester's accommodation and meal plan (up to \$5,150) if residing on campus.
Program	Medical Program (2023 intakes)
Duration	4 years 8 months

For more information regarding this scholarship and eligibility criteria, please visit bond.edu.au/bond-university-indigenous-medical-scholarship.

Eligibility criteria

- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person
- Prerequisites as per the Bond University Medical Program (please refer to bond.edu.au/medicine).
- Eligible for FEE-HELP*

*More information and eligibility requirements can be found at bond.edu.au/financing-your-studies under the 'Other Government Assistance' tab.

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