

Guidelines

Indigenous Pathways into a PhD program

Prospective indigenous candidates have had limited opportunities to progress into a PhD program through the standard process of a degree followed by a research Honours. Recognising this, the following pathways have been implemented to address this issue. These pathways are for indigenous candidates who want to undertake a PhD exploring a range of indigenous-focused research areas. In general, these PhD programs will be undertaken through GNIBI. In recognising that indigenous-based research requires well-developed knowledge and experience in working with indigenous communities, the pathways focus on this particular area.

The two pathways are:

1. Candidates who have extensive experience in working with indigenous communities but do not hold a bachelor degree.

These candidates are eligible to undertake the Honours program run through GNIBI which focusses on adding research skills and training to their existing cultural knowledge and experience. The Dean of GNIBI is responsible for admitting the candidates. Those that complete with a H1 or H2A, and on the recommendation of the Dean of GNIBI, can be admitted into a PhD program focussed on an area of indigenous research. All candidates admitted through this pathway MUST be supervised by an Indigenous Principal Supervisor.

2. Candidates who hold a degree but not a research Honours.

These candidates, on the recommendation of the Dean of GNIBI, can be conditionally admitted into a PhD program focussed on an area of indigenous research. All candidates admitted through this pathway MUST be supervised by an Indigenous Principal Supervisor.

As part of their conditions of enrolment, they need to complete INDG7004 Indigenous Research Theory and Practice and our INDG7005 Doctor of Indigenous Philosophies Research Proposal.

These units are required to be completed during the period prior to confirmation.