## **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Doctor of Medicine Admission Pathway (Graduate)**



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### **MD Admission Pathway (Graduate) Application Form**

This Pathway is for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander graduates (or those graduating in the year prior to admission) seeking admission to the Doctor of Medicine at the University of Queensland. It is an alternate entry pathway to the Graduate Entry Medical School Admission System (GEMSAS). Individuals applying through this Pathway are assessed holistically regarding their suitability for admission to the Doctor of Medicine, using a range of factors including academic, personal and professional experience.

#### **Eligibility Requirements**

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Doctor of Medicine Admission Pathway (Graduate) is available to people who identify as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person. The following are required to be considered for this pathway;

- Confirmation of Aboriginality (CoA) and/or Torres Strait Islander status under the common seal of a community organisation may be provided. Where exceptional circumstances apply, a statutory declaration accompanied by supporting materials may be considered. **Original or certified copies of CoAs and/or supporting documentation must be provided;**
- Have successfully completed an undergraduate (bachelor) degree from an accredited institution or be currently completing the final year of their first bachelor degree;
- It is not mandatory to sit the Graduate Medical School Admissions Test (GAMSAT) as part of the entry process.
   However, applicants may choose to sit the GAMSAT as a means to strengthen their application, particularly if applicants do not have prior undergraduate level studies in biological sciences or related fields.

#### **Application Process**

Applicants are encouraged to contact the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (ATSIS) Unit at atsisaltentry@uq.edu.au to express their interest in applying via the Admission Pathway. To apply:

- 1. Applicants must complete all sections of the application form, and SIGN and DATE the declaration;
- 2. All applications should be accompanied by the following:
  - Personal resume, including the contact details of at least two referees;
  - Personal statement outlining reasons for wishing to study medicine (statement to be no longer than one A4 page in length);
  - <u>JP-certified</u> copy of confirmation of Aboriginality and/or Torres Strait Islander status under the common seal of an incorporated community organisation or, in exceptional circumstances, a statutory declaration and supporting materials;
  - Academic transcripts and/or certificates of completions from previous enrollments in educational courses or programs;
  - o If applicable, GAMSAT results

#### **Highly Desirable**

- Reference letters evidence of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander community engagement;
   Supporting evidence of any academic, leadership or community service awards or achievements relevant to your application.
- Evidence of competency in the biomedical sciences (anatomy, physiology, other) to a 2nd year undergraduate level
- 3. Complete the application form and provide all required documentation by the closing date

Applications Close: August 1st

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#### **Selection Process**

After the closing date for applications, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (ATSIS) Unit will convene a selection committee for shortlisting eligible applicants. The shortlisted applicants will be invited to attend an interview to discuss their application in early September.

#### **Outcome**

Students will be advised in writing of the outcome of their application, as soon as possible after interviews have been conducted and finalised. If accepted for the Doctor of Medicine program, applicants will commence studies in the January.

Applicants who are graduating from an undergraduate degree at the end of the year of application will only be eligible for a conditional recommendation offer. Conditional recommendation offers will require applicants to successfully complete their current program by December 31<sup>st</sup> of the year of application. Applicants will then be required to show proof of eligibility for graduation before having their place in UQ's Doctor of Medicine program confirmed.

#### **Deferment**

Deferment options are tightly restricted. If you are considering deferment at this point of application, we recommend applying for a future intake instead.

#### **GEMSAS**

If you wish to be considered for a place in medicine at a range of institutions, you are free to apply separately through GEMSAS before their closing date. If you choose to submit a GEMSAS application, it is important that you include UQ as a preference.

#### **Submission requirements**

Return the signed application form with ALL requested documentary evidence to:

#### Mail:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies Unit Level 2, UQ Bookshop Building (4) The University of Queensland ST LUCIA QLD 4072

**Email:** Scan and email your application to: <a href="mailto:atsisaltentry@uq.edu.au">atsisaltentry@uq.edu.au</a>

**Or in person\*:** Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies Unit Level 2, UQ Bookshop Building (4) The University of Queensland ST LUCIA QLD 4072

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Please note, the preferred method of submission is a signed, scanned version by email.

**APPLICATION CLOSE DATE: August 1st** 

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SECTION A – Personal Details								
Do you identify as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person?					YES	NO		
If 'Yes', you are required to provide documentary evidence of your Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status  If 'No', please do not proceed any further. You are ineligible for this Admission Pathway. Please contact UQ Admissions through  admissions@uq.edu.au for information regarding your application options.								
Family Name:								
Given Name(s):								
Date of Birth:								
Home Address:								
Suburb:		State:		Postcode:				
Mailing Address: If different to home address		1						
Suburb:		State:	ſ	Postcode:				
Home Phone:			Mobile Number:					
Email Address:								
Have you ever lived in a rural locality for 5 or more continuous years (or 10 years cumulatively)?						YES	NO	
If 'Yes', please provide details of the rural address that you lived for 5 or more continuous years (or 10 years cumulatively).								
SECTION B – Education History								
Have you completed the GAMSAT exam in the last 2 years?						YES	NO	
If 'Yes', please attach your GAMSAT results								
Have you applied through GEMSAS for admission?					YES	NO		
GEMSAS Application Number:								
Have you completed a bachelor degree from an accredited institution?  YES		YES	NO	Final Year				
Have you previously been enrolled in a UQ program?						YES	NO	
UQ Student Number:  If known, please provide								
Have you completed the two prerequisites or equivalent:						YES	NO	
<ul> <li>Integrative Cell and Tissue Biology (BIOM2011) and Systems Physiology (BIOM2012)</li> </ul>								

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Please list all prior and current tertiary level studies, completed or otherwise:  This includes university level studies, TAFE Courses, apprenticeships, evening courses, bridging courses, professional development, short courses, and community-based courses. If you have more than 6 courses to list, please attach details								
Institution		Course/ Program Name	Duration of Enrolment					
Please list any academ	ic, leadership o	or community services awards or achie	evements that are relevant to your					
application. You will need t	to provide evidence o	of anything you include in this section						
		SECTION C – Declaration						
I declare that the information supplied on this form and in accompanying documents and statements is complete and correct								
	to the best of my knowledge. I understand that completion of this application does not guarantee an offer of a place at The University of Queensland. I give permission to UQ to obtain information relating to my application from GEMSAS (if applicable).							
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become the property of t	he University.							
Applicant Signature:			Date:					
Please note: Unsigned application	ons or those with the	following required supporting documentation will no	ot be processed.					
SECTION D – Document Checklist								
Document Checklist (please tick):								
<ul> <li>☐ Signed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Doctor of Medicine Admission Pathway (Graduate) application form</li> <li>☐ Certified copy of your confirmation of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status under the common seal of an incorporated community organisation or, in exceptional circumstances, a statutory declaration accompanied by supporting documentation</li> <li>☐ Personal resume, including the contact details of at least 2 referees</li> <li>☐ Personal statement outlining reasons for wishing to study medicine (no longer than one A4 page in length)</li> </ul>								
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Please contact the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies Unit for assistance.

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