

**TASMANIAN SCHOOL OF MEDICINE**  
**Aboriginal Entry Application Process - Application Form**  
**Bachelor of Medical Science and Doctor of Medicine (BMedScMD)**  
**2024 Entry**

**Closing Date: 11:59 pm AEST 30 September 2023**

**No late applications will be considered.**

**Note: In addition to completing and submitting this form via e-mail, you must also apply for the BMedScMD online via the UTAS portal (<https://www.utas.edu.au/study/apply>) by the closing date above.**

**Please complete the following form and send to [aboriginal.applicationprocess@utas.edu.au](mailto:aboriginal.applicationprocess@utas.edu.au) if you need assistance filling in the form, please contact us at this same email.**

**Aboriginal Entry Application Process**

The Aboriginal Entry Application Process aims to support students who are of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent to study medicine. The University of Tasmania has specific places for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students and provides additional supports to match the individual's needs.

Only people of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent may apply for consideration under the Aboriginal Entry Application Process. The University requires applicants for these places to provide evidence of their eligibility in accordance with the University guidelines for verifying a person's identification as an Aboriginal person for employment purposes.

The evidence of eligibility is based on the three-tiered criteria for Aboriginality used by Commonwealth and State Government Agencies and as defined by Federal Court decisions. The definition of Aboriginality as defined by Federal Court decisions requires that an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person:

1. is of Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent,
2. identifies as an Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, and
3. is accepted as such by the community in which they live or have lived.

**Part 1 – Personal Details**

Title					
First Name		Family Name			
Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	/ /				
Address					
Suburb		State		Postcode	
Email					
Home Phone (inc. area code)		Mobile			
Gender	<input type="checkbox"/> Female	<input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate/Intersex/Unspecified		
Citizenship status					
University Application Number					

**Preferred time of contact (AEDST):**  0900 - 1200  1200 - 1400  1400 - 1730  1730 - 2000

**Preferred method of contact:**  Mobile  Home phone  Email

**Are you currently or have you ever been a University of Tasmania student?**

No  Yes

If yes, please state your student number -

**Are you of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin?**

No  Yes

**Part 2: Personal Statement**

Please include here a personal statement that addresses the following questions: **Why do you want to become a doctor? (200 word maximum)**

**How will this enable you to contribute to your community? (300 word maximum)**

**Which three personal characteristics do you believe will help you become a good doctor? Please give an example of how you have used this in the past (300 word maximum)**

### Part 3: Aboriginal Entry Applicants Supporting Documentation

#### CONFIRMATION OF ABORIGINALITY PROCEDURE FOR UTAS SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

The evidence an applicant may submit must cover all the following categories:

##### 1. Descent

A person must be able to demonstrate that they are of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent. A person should provide documentary evidence that shows a direct line of descent linked back through an identifiable family name to traditional Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander society.

Documentary evidence will usually take the form of a verifiable family tree, and archival or verifiable historical documentation which links a person to a traditional Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander family or person.

In circumstances where documentary evidence is not available, other relevant evidence (refer below) can be considered, however, this will need some form of verification and where possible will be checked against available archival information.

The Tasmanian Archive and Heritage Office may be consulted in relation to verifying any evidence or documentation that has been provided. Where there is verifiable documentary evidence available, such evidence will have a greater weight than other relevant evidence that may be provided (refer below).

##### 2. Self-identification

In addition to demonstrating descent, a person must be able to demonstrate self-identification as an Aboriginal person or Torres Strait Islander.

##### 3. Communal Recognition

In addition to demonstrating descent and self-identification, a person must be able to demonstrate communal recognition or acceptance by members of the Aboriginal community in which they live or have lived. In practical terms a person will generally be required to:

- obtain three signatures from recognised members of the Aboriginal community in which they live or have lived
- demonstrate that these three community members can acknowledge that person's or family's identification as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
- demonstrate that the signatories are not from the immediate family of the person seeking confirmation and are from family groups who are accepted members of the Aboriginal community in which they live or have lived;

and/or

- provide a fully completed Confirmation of Aboriginality or Torres Strait Islander Descent form.

The weighting given to a Confirmation of Aboriginality or Torres Strait Islander Descent form will vary depending on the organisation's eligibility threshold. The Registrar of Aboriginal Corporations does not require evidence of Aboriginality from members of a corporation established under the *Aboriginal Councils and Associations Act 1976*. Given this, it would not usually be sufficient for confirmation of communal recognition to come from an Aboriginal organisation alone, without separate support from members of the Aboriginal community in which they live or have lived. However, evidence of communal recognition may be considered from one or more Aboriginal organisations alone, if the basis of the evidence can be properly demonstrated.

Where a person claims Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent from outside Tasmania, proof of that descent and communal recognition must be demonstrated.

**Declaration:**

The University of Tasmania collects, stores and uses personal information, including student images, for the purposes of:

- administration of the student's enrolment and progress in their study;
- the provision of other services to the student by the University; and
- to comply with the Higher Education Support Act 2003, the Education Services for Overseas Students (ESOS) Act 2000 and the National Code of Practice for Registration Authorities and Providers of Education and Training to Overseas Students 2007.

All information and images are collected and stored on a secure server; only accessed by University staff for the purposes for which they have been collected; and will only be used or disclosed in accordance with the University of Tasmania Privacy Policy at <http://www.utas.edu.au/policy>.

I understand that

- I have the right to access my personal information held by the University in accordance with the Right to Information Act 2009 (Tas);
- I may make a Right to Information request to access my information and I am able to do so by following the information provided at [www.utas.edu.au/legal-services/right-to-information](http://www.utas.edu.au/legal-services/right-to-information);
- It is my responsibility to ensure that my enrolment is correct by the census date;
- I agree to pay all fees, levies and charges within the specified timelines;
- I will receive information and notices in relation to my course of study or general information via my University e-mail account;
- I am required to abide by the University Ordinances, Rules, Policies and procedures;
- I am aware of the conditions under which I can use the University's Information Technology facilities and I accept responsibility to obtain and read the relevant documents;
- I understand that the email service may be delivered using cloud services from another provider with data centres hosted overseas;
- I consent to UTAS disclosing my personal information to a person or body external to UTAS where disclosure is:
  - required by law, or permitted by law or is required to fulfil necessary reporting requirements to Commonwealth and/or state departments, or statutory bodies,
  - is made necessary for reasons associated with my enrolment at UTAS, and for the purposes of:
    - other institutions involved in the delivery of my course of study,
    - providing me with careers advice, services and development, which will benefit me as a student,
    - disclosure to external organisations such as professional bodies, if the disclosure is necessary to undertake learning in a workplace,
    - providing information to third parties contracted to administer surveys of students and graduates on behalf of the University
    - being part of the UTAS Alumni database upon graduation to foster alumni relations,
    - of being part of the UTAS Advancement Office database to engage with and support the university in the future, and,
    - any other circumstances in accordance with the UTAS Privacy Policy at [www.utas.edu.au/policy](http://www.utas.edu.au/policy)
- I authorise UTAS to obtain official records from any educational institution I have attended to enable my application to be considered. Where necessary QualSearch will be engaged to access this academic information. I understand that UTAS is not responsible if any educational body/ institution does not supply these records. I understand that the results of the search will be made available to me on request and that an audit of this authority may also be undertaken; and
- I acknowledge I have read and understood the University's Privacy Policy.

**I declare to the best of my knowledge and belief that the information given in this form is correct and complete in every detail.**

Please send your completed form to [aboriginal.applicationprocess@utas.edu.au](mailto:aboriginal.applicationprocess@utas.edu.au)

You will receive acknowledgment of receipt within 30 days.