

First Nations Governance Scholarship Program

**A deadly opportunity
for Mob in Victoria**

Are you Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander and interested in helping shape the future of health services in your community?

The **First Nations Governance Scholarship Program** supports Mob living in Victoria to build skills, confidence and pathways into leadership and board roles across Victorian hospital and health services.

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What the scholarship offers

Successful applicants receive:

- full funding to complete the Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD) Company Directors Course
- support with travel and accommodation (for regional, rural and remote candidates only)
- access to high quality governance training and mentoring

Who can apply

You can apply if you:

- identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- live in Victoria
- demonstrate interest in contributing to governance and leadership within Victorian hospital and health services
- applicants do not need to be currently working in a health service or hold a board position.

Why this program matters

- More First Nations voices on health boards means better decisions for community
- Strong governance helps bring culture, lived experience and leadership into health services
- The program supports self-determination, cultural safety and shared decision making across Victoria
- This initiative responds to the Yoorrook Justice Commission call for stronger Aboriginal leadership and fewer barriers to participation in health governance.

How to apply

- Expressions of interest open Tuesday 7 April 2026.
- Scan the QR code to learn more or visit: <https://www.health.vic.gov.au/grants/first-nations-governance-scholarships-program>
- Applications close Monday 11 May 2026.



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