



INDIGENOUS ENTRY STREAM (IES) for the DOCTOR OF MEDICINE (MD)

APPLICATION GUIDE 2021

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This guide provides information about the current eligibility criteria and application process for entry to Indigenous Entry Stream (IES) for the MD in 2022 only. Flinders University reserves the right to make changes to the entry requirements and selection methodology to the MD in the future. Any such changes will be reflected in future editions of this guide online at <https://www.flinders.edu.au/study/courses/postgraduate-doctor-medicine/indigenous-entry>

WELCOME

WELCOME TO THE 2021 INDIGENOUS ENTRY STREAM (IES) for the 2022 DOCTOR OF MEDICINE (MD) APPLICATION GUIDE. READING THIS GUIDE IS THE FIRST STEP ON THE WAY TO APPLYING FOR THE IES PATHWAY TO MD AT FLINDERS UNIVERSITY

This Guide will help applicants determine their eligibility to apply and to understand the application process, required supporting documentation and submission deadlines for the IES at Flinders University.

Reading and understanding this Guide forms part of the application process.

If, after reading this Guide, applicants have any questions relating to the application process, they are asked to email askflinders@flinders.edu.au for assistance.

We thank applicants for considering the IES for the Doctor of Medicine at Flinders University.



ALL PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO ACT PROFESSIONALLY TOWARD THE UNIVERSITY, ITS STAFF, STUDENTS AND OTHER APPLICANTS. APPLICANTS ARE ASKED TO NOTE THAT POSTING CORRESPONDENCE, INCLUDING OFFER LETTERS IN ONLINE FORUMS IS NOT APPROPRIATE. FLINDERS UNIVERSITY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CONSIDER ANY ASPECT OF AN APPLICANT'S BEHAVIOUR IN THE ASSESSMENT OF THEIR SUITABILITY FOR ENTRY TO THE IES and MD.

APPLICATION TIMELINE

IES 2021 entry for MD 2022 entry

Friday 4 December 2020	Applications open 9.00am (ACDT)
Friday 12 February 2021	Applications close 11.59pm (ACDT)
Friday 12 February 2021	Final date for submission of sub-quota supporting documentation to ensure equal consideration
Friday 12 February 2021	Final date for submission of academic transcripts to ensure equal consideration
8 th – 12 th March 2021	Interviews held
Late March 2021	Offers made for IES entry
12 th April – 3 rd September 2021	Flinders University Extended Learning in Science commences
28 th June to 9 th July 2021	Preparation for Medicine Program commences in Darwin
October 2021	Offers to Doctor of Medicine are made from October 2021
February 2022	Classes for Doctor of Medicine commence February 2022

Applicants are strongly encouraged to regularly consult the website for the most up to date timeline.

Flinders University retains the right to introduce subsequent application or interview rounds. In this unlikely event, a notice will be published at:

<https://www.flinders.edu.au/study/courses/postgraduate-doctor-medicine/indigenous-entry>

ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY

In order to be eligible to apply for entry into the IES, applicants must be of Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander descent and meet minimum academic requirements. Applicants do not require a valid GAMSAT score to submit an application.

ABORIGINAL/TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER DESCENT

Applicants must be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent, identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander, and be accepted as such by the community in which they currently or have formerly lived and must provide documentary evidence signed under community seal.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

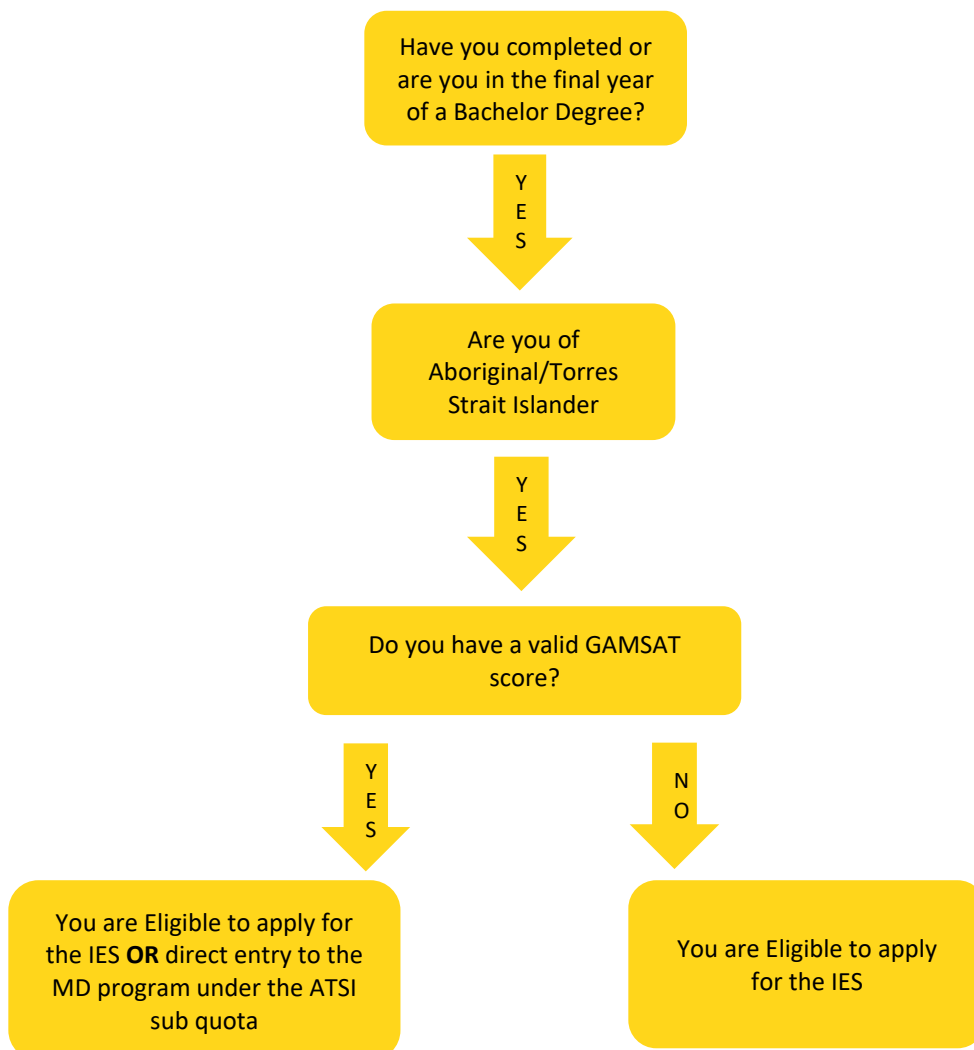
Applicants are required to have completed or be in the final year of a Bachelor degree or equivalent.

Postgraduate qualifications are not taken into consideration for the purposes of weighted GPA calculations.

Please note Flinders University does not have a 10-year rule. Applicants who completed a Bachelor degree, or equivalent, older than 10 years are eligible to apply for entry to the IES.

GAMSAT SCORE REQUIREMENTS:

Applicants for the Indigenous Entry Stream are not required to have a valid GAMSAT score. Applicants who do have a valid GAMSAT score can apply for the IES or apply for direct entry into the MD degree through an Indigenous Sub Quota place. Details on this sub quota are available at <https://www.flinders.edu.au/study/courses/postgraduate-doctor-medicine/indigenous-entry> A valid GAMSAT score is one where the applicant has a minimum score of 50 in each Section of the test (www.gamsat.acer.edu.au)



APPLICATION

Applications are submitted directly to Flinders University through the online application system.

HOW TO APPLY

If you have never studied at or made an application to Flinders University, you can register and submit your application to the Indigenous Entry Stream for MD using the [Online Application System](#). You will receive two emails once your application is completed: confirmation of application submission; and a second email with your student ID. Note, it may take 1-4 hours for your student ID to be created.

If you have been made an offer for a course at Flinders University within the last 12 months you can submit your application via the [Student Information System](#). You can apply by selecting the My Applications tab at the top of the page, and searching for the MD.

If you have been made an offer for a course at Flinders University more than 12 months ago you will need to [reactivate your FAN](#) first. With an active FAN you will then be able to submit your application via the [Student Information System](#) as advised above.

Please ensure you have read this guide carefully. Every year a number of applicants fail to complete their application correctly and are therefore not eligible for consideration. The most common oversight is failure to submit supporting documentation as required and by the due date. It is the applicant's responsibility to read and understand the application requirements.

NOTE: Once you have registered, search for the [IPEP Course Code](#) or [Indigenous Pre-Entry Program Course Title](#) in order to start your application.

PREFERENCES

Applicants can nominate one of three locations when submitting their application for the IES:

*Indigenous Entry Stream, South Australia; OR
Indigenous Entry Stream, Northern Territory (as a Northern Territory/non-Northern Territory resident); OR
Indigenous Entry Stream, Both South Australia and Northern Territory (indicate your first preference among the two)*

DOCUMENTATION

Applicants will be asked to provide the following information, in addition to their personal details, as part of the application process:

ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPT

Applicants must provide details of their most recently completed (or to be completed by 31 December 2021) Bachelor degree or equivalent qualification for consideration. Applicants must also upload a certified copy or original official academic transcript by the deadline to their online application.

Flinders graduates of a Bachelor degree or current Flinders students completing their Bachelor degree at Flinders are not required to provide a copy of their official transcript.

If an applicant's official academic transcript is available via the My eEquals platform they can provide their URL link to allow access to the digital document as part of the online application. If they have set a PIN via my eEquals (this is optional) they will also need to supply this. If they wish to set an expiry date for access to the digital document, the date selected should be after February 2022 as the University may need to access the document up to this time. For further information about providing official academic transcripts via My eEquals see: www.myequals.edu.au/faq/.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Applicants must also provide the relevant supporting documentation with their application:

- Details of community involvement;
- Personal achievements;
- CVs or Resumes outlining work experience information;
- Supporting statement;
- Referee reports.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The application assessment process is administered by Flinders University.

To maximise chances of gaining entry to the IES an applicant needs to:

- understand and adhere to the application procedures and deadlines;
- provide all the information and supporting documentation asked of them by Flinders University by the relevant deadlines;
- read and understand the terms and conditions of application when they apply;
- follow all the instructions given carefully whilst applying and in any subsequent communications;
- keep personal details up-to-date.

The information provided by the applicant will be used:

- to identify the applicant as the owner of the data they have provided;
- to obtain from other educational institutions details of their enrolment, results and academic qualifications at those institutions, which are considered necessary to process their application;
- for statutory reporting to the Australian Government as indicated in the terms and conditions of application.

FAST FACTS

- Applicants must be available for an interview during the published interview period.
- Applicants who need to change their contact details after applications close including preferred email, can do so by logging into the Student Information System and updating their information in the My Details tab. The Office of Student Recruitment is not automatically notified of these changes, and you must email askflinders@flinders.edu.au to notify us of your updated contact details.
- Applicants who have been excluded/precluded from a medicine course at another university will not be able to apply until the exclusion/preclusion has been lifted.
- Deferment of a place is unlikely. In the case of genuinely unforeseen and usually compassionate circumstances, however, a request may be considered. Unless applicants are able to provide documentary evidence to demonstrate that their circumstances changed between applying and receiving an offer and that these changes were outside of their control and therefore prevent them from commencing the course, deferment requests will not be considered.
- All applications have been assessed uniformly, therefore appeals for the outcome of an application to be considered are normally not possible. However, a written request should be sent to askflinders@flinders.edu.au in the first instance.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

STATUTORY DECLARATIONS AND DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE OF ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Flinders statutory declarations are included in this Guide and are also available for download from the website <https://www.flinders.edu.au/study/courses/postgraduate-doctor-medicine/indigenous-entry>

Applicants are required to submit a separate Flinders statutory declaration for each criteria that is applicable to them. Statutory declarations or supporting letters pertaining to other Universities CANNOT BE ACCEPTED.

All sub-quota supporting documentation must be received by 12th February 2021. Please note that documents submitted after this date will not be accepted and applicants will not be considered.

Applicants should note that a person who makes a false statement in a statutory declaration is guilty of an offence under Section 11 of the Statutory Declarations Act 1959 and may have their offer withdrawn as a result of the provision of inaccurate or incomplete information.

Rural Residency Status

Applicants who have indicated that they meet the Rural residency requirements are required to provide a Flinders statutory declaration which confirms that they meet the rural eligibility criteria. This is defined as residency for at least 10 years cumulatively or any five years consecutively in an Australian Statistical Geography Standard (2016) – Remoteness Areas (ASGS – RA) 2 to 5. Applicants can check their ASGS – RA status at: <https://www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/health-workforce-locator/health-workforce-locator> The statutory declaration must be received by **12th February 2021**.

Additionally, Rural applicants who are invited to interview will be required to provide documentary evidence that confirms they meet the rural eligibility criteria.

Acceptable sources of documentary evidence include supporting letters from a:

- School
- University
- Medical Practitioner
- Dentist
- Employer
- Lawyer

Letters from one or more sources must be original and on letterhead and include:

- your full rural address;
- the dates and duration that you resided at that address;
- the author's name, position and contact details.

Letters from relatives will not be accepted. Applicants are encouraged to submit this document at the time of submitting their application to avoid delays in their invitation for interview.

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Origin

Applicants are required to provide a document signed under the seal by an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander organisation in the community from which the applicant originates or is recognised, confirming that the applicant is recognised by that community.

The document must be received by **12th February 2021**. Please note that documents submitted after this date will not be accepted and the application will not be considered.

Northern Territory Residency Status

Applicants who are Northern Territory residents are required to provide a Flinders statutory declaration confirming their residency when submitting their application.

A Northern Territory resident is defined as an Australian citizen or permanent resident who, at the time of commencement of the medical course, has:

- resided with a permanent address in the Northern Territory for a total of at least two years out of the last six years; or
- resided with a permanent address in the Northern Territory for a total of at least five years since commencing primary school.

The statutory declaration must be received by **12th February 2021**. Please note that documents submitted after this date will not be accepted

Additionally, those applicants who identify as Northern Territory residents and who are invited to interview for a Northern Territory place will be required to provide documentary evidence that confirms they meet the Northern Territory residency requirements.

Acceptable sources of documentary evidence include supporting letters from a:

- School
- University
- Medical Practitioner
- Dentist
- Employer
- Lawyer

Letters from one or more sources must be original and on letterhead and include:

- your full address; and
- the dates and duration that you resided at that address.

The letter must include the author's name, position and contact details. Letters from relatives will not be accepted.

Applicants are encouraged to submit this document at the time of submitting their application to avoid delays in their invitation for interview.

Academic Transcripts

Non-Flinders graduates of a Bachelor degree or equivalent, are required to submit a copy of their official academic transcript by **12th February 2021**. Applicants are not required to provide academic transcripts for postgraduate study (i.e. graduate diploma, graduate certificate).

Applicants who are due to complete their Bachelor degree by 31 Dec 2021 must have Semester 2, 2020 results stated in the official academic transcript they provide, as these will be used in the wGPA calculation.

If an applicant's official academic transcript is available via the My eEquals platform they can provide their URL link to allow access to the digital document as part of the online application. If they have set a PIN via my eEquals (this is optional) they will also need to supply this. If they wish to set an expiry date for access to the digital document please ensure the date

selected is after February 2022 as the University may need to access the document up to this time. For further information about providing official academic transcripts via My eEquals see: www.myequals.edu.au/faq/

If any of the academic transcripts are in a language other than English, applicants must submit copies of both the original documents and full translations. Transcript translations must show results for all subjects undertaken. All translations must be certified by an independent accredited translator. It is an applicant's responsibility to comply with any requests to provide further documentation, either in the original language or translated into English.

Statutory Declaration Templates

Applicants may download a copy of the relevant statutory declaration/s from the website. A copy of each template is also provided in this Guide which applicants may print, complete and upload to their application.

Applicants must upload all supporting documentation to their online application in one of the following file formats: DOC, DOCX, or PDF e.g. transcript.pdf. Applicants must submit each academic transcript, resume, or statutory declaration, as a separate file for each of the criteria they are eligible for.

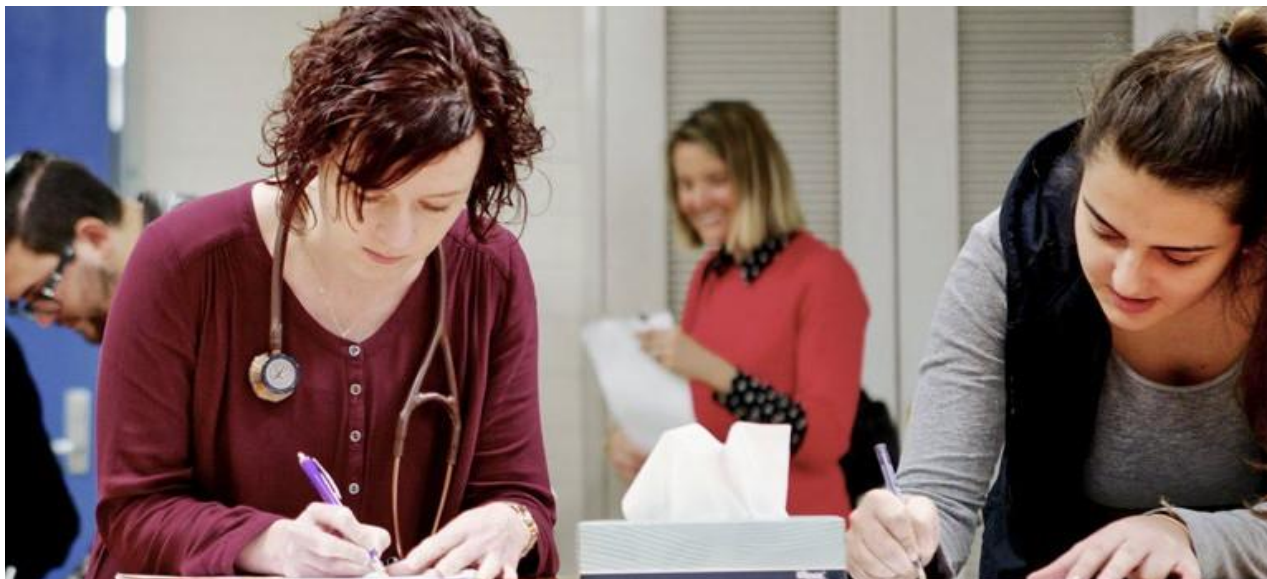
Only clear legible scans will be accepted. The entire document must be included without any external elements visible – such as a table, shadows etc. We only accept scanned copies of original documents. Please do not upload screenshots, photos, statements of results, academic records or unofficial transcripts as they will not be accepted.

Required documentation must be in one of the following file formats: DOC, DOCX, or PDF e.g. transcript.pdf or transcript.docx.

Statutory declarations are due by 12 February 2021. Documents submitted after this date will not be accepted.

Official academic transcripts are due by 12 February 2021. Academic transcripts submitted after this date will not be accepted.

SELECTION CRITERIA



INTERVIEW

Applicants will be invited to interview on the basis of their overall IES application.

Applicants will be sent an invite to the interview via email.

All applicants are required to attend their interview. Interviews are generally held in person and applicants invited to interview are required to travel to the interview venue (i.e. Bedford Park, SA or Darwin, NT) as specified. Financial assistance is available to attend the interview. **The interview format and timeline may change for the 2021 admissions cycle in response to COVID-19. Any updated information will be provided to applicants as it is confirmed.**

The interview, conducted in both South Australia and the Northern Territory is semi-structured and uses a common set of scenarios and questions for all applicants, to assess qualities considered important both for success in the medical program and in subsequent medical practice.

The qualities assessed include:

- Quality of motivation
- Learning style and team skills
- Communication skills
- Pro-social attitude
- Personal management and self-evaluation skills
- Approach to decision-making

Interviews will be conducted by a small panel. Interviewers are not provided with any information about applicants, other than applicant names. Interviews normally last approximately 45-50 minutes.

Interviews are regarded as being conducted under examination conditions. Failure to comply with these examination conditions may result in failing the interview.

GRADE POINT AVERAGE

There is no minimum GPA requirement for entry to the MD through the IES, however strong academic performance in the Bachelor degree is an important indicator of the intellectual abilities necessary for success in the MD, and a GPA of 5.5 is considered a competitive minimum.

CALCULATION OF WEIGHTED GRADE POINT AVERAGE (wGPA)

The wGPA is based on the last three full-time equivalent years of study in the most recently completed Bachelor degree or equivalent. Bachelor degrees will be calculated on the basis of 50% or more of final year results.

Applicants who hold a completed Bachelor degree, including Bachelor degrees that include an Honours component, and who are enrolled in an additional Bachelor qualification that is due to be completed by 31 December 2021 will have their wGPA calculated using the results available from the degree they are currently enrolled in. Applicants enrolled in an ongoing Bachelor degree are required to ensure that the transcript submitted includes results for Semester 2 2020.

Specified credit is included in the wGPA calculation. Applicants whose Bachelor degree contains specified credit are required to provide copies of the relevant official academic transcripts showing grades achieved in this study by 12 February 2021.

Unspecified credit is not included in the wGPA calculation.

Credit granted on the basis of VET qualification such as a Diploma or Advanced Diploma will not be used in the wGPA calculation.

Exchange study results that contribute to an applicant's Bachelor degree are included in the wGPA calculation. Applicants whose Bachelor degree contains such results are required to provide copies of all relevant official academic transcripts by 12 February 2021.

The last three years of a **combined** or **double degree** will be used to calculate the wGPA. Applicants who are completing a double degree with a postgraduate course such as the Bachelor of Health Sciences/Master of Occupational Therapy, will not have the results from the postgraduate component of the double degree used in the wGPA calculation.

One year Bachelor degrees are considered for entry, however the qualification **must be completed** at the time of application.

Part-time and overloaded study will be allocated to each calendar year of the degree by working backwards from the final year of study in the Bachelor degree using the full time equivalent load value.

Non-Flinders GPA's are calculated to a Flinders equivalent GPA. Flinders GPA is calculated on a value from 0-7, all fail grades from any institution are assigned a value of 0.0 in the calculation.

The Flinders University GPA is calculated using the following formula:

$$\text{GPA} = \frac{\text{sum of (value for each grade x topic unit value)}}{\text{total number of units}}$$

- Value for each grade:
High Distinction = 7 (85% to 100%);
Distinction = 6 (75% to 84%);
Credit = 5 (65% to 74%);
Pass = 4 (50% to 64%);
Fail = 0 (0% to 49%); Withdraw Fail = 0

The following grades are not counted in the calculation:
Non Graded Pass; Withdraw Not Fail.

Topic Unit Value is as detailed on the Academic Transcript.

The wGPA is calculated using the following formula:

$$\text{wGPA} = \frac{((\text{GPA of Year 4} \times 3) + (\text{GPA of Year 3} \times 2) + (\text{GPA of Year 2}))}{6}$$

- For example the wGPA for a four year Bachelor of Laws and Legal Practice degree will be calculated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Year 1} &- 6.1 \text{ (Not included in the wGPA calculation)} \\ \text{Year 2} &- 5.8 \\ \text{Year 3} &- 6.5 \\ \text{Year 4} &- 6.2 \\ &= \frac{((6.2 \times 3) + (6.5 \times 2) + (5.8))}{6} \\ &= \text{wGPA } 6.23 \end{aligned}$$

For applicants who are undertaking a two year bachelor degree the wGPA will be calculated using the following formula:

$$\text{wGPA} = \frac{((\text{GPA of Year 1} \times 1) + (\text{GPA of Final Year} \times 5))}{6}$$

- Year 1 – 6.5
Year 2 – 6.2

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{((6.5 \times 1) + (6.2 \times 5))}{6} \\ &= \text{wGPA } 6.25 \end{aligned}$$

SUCCESSFUL IES CANDIDATES

Applicants who are offered a place as an IES candidate will prepare for the Doctor of Medicine by studying science and relevant skills through the

- Preparation for Medicine Program, and
- Flinders University Extended Learning in Science.

Preparation of Medicine Program (28th June to 9th July 2021)

This two-week intensive program is designed to:

- teach you the foundation skills and skills you will need to study medicine.
- prepare you for tertiary study
- build a supportive cohort

Flinders University Extended Learning in Science (12th April to 3rd September 2021)

Applicants will undertake a 10-hour per week online course that covers chemistry, physics, biology and numeracy. This starts before the Preparation of Medicine Program and continues after it finishes.

MD OFFERS

Applicants who successfully complete the IES program and fulfil any other associated conditions are then made an offer to the MD 2022 degree.

You can find further information on the MD degree at <https://www.flinders.edu.au/study/courses/postgraduate-doctor-medicine/md-apply>

CONDITIONAL OFFERS to MD

There are only two instances in which an applicant may receive a conditional offer:

- The applicant is due to complete a Flinders University qualification by 31 December 2021. OR
- The applicant is due to complete their non-Flinders Bachelor degree by 31 December in 2021.

In both cases applicants are required to provide evidence that the relevant qualification has been successfully completed;

Applicants who receive a conditional offer will not be able to enrol in the MD until the condition has been met.

Applicants who receive an offer with an enrolment deadline, will be required to secure their place by enrolling in topics of the MD by the deadline stated in their offer letter. If they do not enrol via the Flinders University Student System by the specified date, their offer of a place in the MD will be forfeited and their place may be offered to another applicant.



INDIGENOUS ENTRY STREAM PROCESS

Applications Submitted for entry to the Indigenous Entry Stream (IES)

Interviews held

Successful Applicants offered an IES place

IES students undertake:

- Preparation for Medicine Program
- Flinders university Extended Learning in Science

Preparation for Medicine Program (PMP):

- 2 week intensive program held in the NT
- PMP is designed to:
 - Teach foundation skills and knowledge required to study medicine
 - Prepare students for tertiary study
 - Build a supportive cohort

Flinders University Extended Learning in Science (FUELS):

- 10 hour per week online course
- Course commences prior to PMP and continues after PMP is completed
- FUELS covers:
 - Chemistry
 - Physics
 - Biology
 - Numeracy

Successful Completion of PMP & FUELS

Offer for a place in the MD degree for 2022 entry

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION CHECKLIST

Please ensure that you have the below mentioned documents (as applicable to you) ready to attach to your online application.

- Original Academic Transcripts(s). *Photocopies of unofficial computer printouts will not be accepted*
- Statutory Declaration of NT Residency (only required if you meet NT residency requirements)
- Statutory Declaration of Rural Residency (only required if you meet Rural residency requirements)
- Two Referee Reports (Academic or Employment)
- Confirmation of Aboriginality, Torres Strait Islander or both, 'signed under seal' by Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander community organisation as per required criteria.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

GROUNDINGS FOR AN OFFER OF PLACE TO BE WITHDRAWN

A place offer may be withdrawn by Flinders University if an applicant has provided inaccurate or incomplete information in their application. In accordance with the Flinders University Admissions Policy, Student Admission Procedure, Section 7 <https://www.flinders.edu.au/policies#academic>

Prior to withdrawing an offer and cancelling any sequential enrolment, the University must:

- give the applicant an opportunity to explain the inaccuracies or omissions in the information provided, and
- take into account the degree to which the applicant has contributed to the inaccuracies and omissions and the stage through the course at which the errors are detected.

CLINICAL PLACEMENTS

Students enrolled in the MD will be required to complete clinical placements as part of the program of study. All medical students must meet a number of requirements to undertake clinical placements including immunisation, criminal history screening and student registration.

IMMUNISATION

Students who refuse to abide by the immunisation requirements cannot complete the placement requirements for the MD and will not be permitted to progress in the course.

REGISTRATION WITH AUSTRALIAN HEALTH PRACTITIONER REGULATION AGENCY (AHPRA)

Under the terms of the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Act 2010, medical students are required to be registered with the Medical Board of Australia for the duration of their medical studies. Whilst this is a separate process to student selection, all applicants are advised that if successful in their application for entry into the course, as part of the AHPRA registration process, they will be required to make declarations about their medical fitness, criminal convictions and any previous registration history which may impact their eligibility for AHPRA registration. It is the applicant's responsibility to contact AHPRA directly should they have any concerns about these requirements prior to submitting their application.

Students do not need to register themselves with AHPRA as Flinders University will provide AHPRA with the details of all students enrolled in the MD once the course has commenced.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

All applicants offered a place in the MD are required to comply with a number of recommendations and procedures to enable them to proceed through the course with a low level of risk.

Students who refuse recommended screening/vaccinations will not be offered placement in any SA Health service. Students will be asked to comply with the College of Medicine and Public Health immunisation and blood-borne viruses' policy.

Further information is available in the Health Advisory Booklet for Health Professional Students available from: <https://students.flinders.edu.au/my-course/placements/compliance/medicine>

CRIMINAL AND RELEVANT HISTORY SCREENING

All students will be required to undertake a national police check and a criminal history screening which includes child related employment screening, vulnerable person-related employment screening, aged care sector employment screening and a disability services sector screening. This will be initiated by Flinders University on enrolment.

More information can be found at <https://students.flinders.edu.au/my-course/placements/compliance/medicine>

FAQs

ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY

I am currently enrolled in a double degree, am I eligible to apply?	If you are about to complete a Bachelor component of a double degree by 31 December 2021, provided you meet the other eligibility requirements, you are eligible to apply.
Does an accelerated Bachelor's degree (2 years) need to be completed at the time of application to be eligible to apply?	Accelerated Bachelor degrees or Graduate Entry degrees (2 years of full-time equivalent study) or equivalent qualification are acceptable for entry if it is due to be completed by 31 December 2021.
Is there a minimum GPA to apply for the IES at Flinders University?	Flinders does not specify a minimum GPA to be eligible to apply, however, a wGPA of 5.5 is considered competitive.
I have been excluded/precluded from a medical program offered at another institution, am I eligible to apply?	If you are currently excluded/precluded from studying a medical program at another institution, you are not eligible to apply until the exclusion/preclusion has been lifted by the institution. If the exclusion/preclusion has already been lifted, you will be required to provide details of this in your application.
I do not have a valid GAMSAT score. Can I still apply?	Applicants who do not have a valid GAMSAT score but meet the other requirements are eligible to apply through the Indigenous Entry Stream.

APPLICATION

I am having issues with the student account activation process, who do I contact to get technical assistance?	If you are experiencing difficulties with the account activation process you can contact our helpdesk on 08 8201 2345 (option 4).
I have logged on to the Flinders Student Information System and my application is showing as 'unassessed', what does this mean?	The application portal will only show the final outcome of the application and until this is known it will continue to show as 'unassessed'.
I wasn't successful in my application, am I able to get more information on the outcome?	Flinders University is not able to provide individuals with detailed information or feedback about their application due to the large number of applications received. This includes interview performance or interview score.
How will I be contacted about my application?	Correspondence is via email, it is the applicant's responsibility to ensure they regularly check their inbox (including the junk and clutter folders) and respond to any emails they receive.

APPLICATION PROCESSING FEES

Do I need to pay an application fee for the IES Application?	No, there is no fee to submit an IES application.
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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Am I required to submit transcripts for post-graduate study?	Applicants are not required to submit transcripts of postgraduate study.
I meet both the Rural and the Northern Territory residency requirements, do I need to submit a statutory declaration for each of them?	Yes, you are required to submit a statutory declaration for each of them.
Is supporting documentation audited?	Flinders may audit supporting documentation or request further information regarding any aspect of your application.
Can I submit my official academic transcript via My eEquals?	Yes, you will need to provide your URL link on the online application. If you have set a PIN you will also need to supply this, ensuring that the expiry date is after February 2022. Further information can be found at www.myequals.edu.au/fag/

INTERVIEWS

Am I able to know who will be on my interview panel?	Flinders University does not provide applicants with details of the interviewers allocated to their panel.
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wGPA

I have studied an Honours degree separate to my Bachelor qualification. Will this be included in my wGPA?	Applicants who have completed an Honours degree, whether it be in conjunction with or separate to their Bachelor degree, and who receive an offer of interview, will have the results from their Honours program included in the wGPA calculation as the final year degree value, if 50% or more of results are available by 12 February 2021.
How does credit from previous study count towards my WGPA?	If you have been granted specified credit for previous study and the previous study was at an AQF level 7 or above, the grades from that previous study will be used when calculating the wGPA, provided these are available in the documentation uploaded in your application.
Will my grades from my incomplete Honours degree, not due to be completed by 31 Dec 2021, be included in my wGPA?	No, topics undertaken in an incomplete degree (unless the degree will be completed by 31 December in the year of application) or in Postgraduate study are not included in the wGPA calculation.

OFFER

Can I defer my IES place to the next year?	Deferral of a place is unlikely. In the case of genuinely unforeseen and usually compassionate circumstances, however, a request may be considered.
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COURSE DETAILS

Can I study the MD program externally?	The MD program is delivered internally and it is therefore not possible to undertake the degree on an external basis.
What are the contact hours for the MD program?	Contact hours are approximately 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday with significant at home study also required. The Doctor of Medicine (MD) runs over four years. For Years 1 and 2, you will be based at a Flinders University campus in either Adelaide or Darwin. Clinical rotations of years 3 and 4 may be undertaken at various locations primarily in South Australia or the Northern Territory.

STATUTORY DECLARATIONS

Commonwealth of Australia STATUTORY DECLARATION Statutory Declarations Act 1959

**Flinders University
Indigenous Entry Stream (IES) 2021 for the Doctor of Medicine (2022)
RURAL RESIDENCY STATUS
STATUTORY DECLARATION**

Full Name: _____

Student ID Number: _____

<p>1. Insert the name, address and occupation of person making the declaration</p>	<p>1, - make the following declaration under the Statutory Declarations Act 1959.</p>
<p>2. Set out matter declared to in numbers paragraphs</p>	<p>2 I confirm that I have resided/or will have resided by the commencement of the course:</p> <p>1) in an Australian Statistical Geography Standard- Remoteness Area 2 to 5 (ASGS-RA) for at least 10 years cumulatively; OR</p> <p>2) in an Australian Statistical Geography Standard- Remoteness Area 2 to 5 (ASGS-RA) for 5 years consecutively.</p> <p>I confirm my ASGC-RA classification is/was RA _____</p> <p>The majority of my rural residency was at the postcode of _____</p> <p><i>I understand that if I am invited to interview as part of the selection process for the course, I will need to provide further supporting documentation to confirm I meet the eligibility criteria to be considered as a rural applicant and I will provide this by my interview date.</i></p> <p><i>I understand that Flinders University will rely on this declaration and supporting documentation when assessing applicants for entry and agree that any false or misleading statement by me would be grounds for the University to withdraw any offer of admission and to cancel any enrolment.</i></p> <p><i>I understand that a person who intentionally makes a false statement in a statutory declaration is guilty of an offence under Section 11 of the Statutory Declarations Act 1959, and I believe that the statements in this declaration are true in every particular.</i></p>
	<p><i>I understand that it is a condition of application to the PRCC Sub-quota that I hold a current driver's license and that I have access to a roadworthy vehicle.</i></p>
<p>3. Signature of person making the declaration</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4. Place 5. Day 6. Month and Year</p>	<p>Declared at ⁴ on ⁵ of ⁶</p>
<p>7. Signature of person before whom the declaration is made</p>	<p>Before me, ⁷</p>
<p>8. Full name, qualification and address of person before whom the declaration is made (in printed letters)</p>	<p>8</p>
	<p><i>Note 1 A person who intentionally makes a false statement in a statutory declaration is guilty of an offence, the punishment for which is imprisonment for a term of 4 years – see Section 11 of the Statutory Declarations Act 1959.</i></p> <p><i>Note 2 Chapter 2 of the Criminal Code applies to all offences against the Statutory Declarations Act 1959 – see Section 5A of the Statutory Declarations Act 1959.</i></p>

Commonwealth of Australia STATUTORY DECLARATION Statutory Declarations Act 1959

Flinders University
Indigenous Entry Stream (IES) 2021 for the Doctor of Medicine 2022
NORTHERN TERRITORY RESIDENCY STATUTORY DECLARATION

Full Name: _____

Student ID Number: _____

<p>1. Insert the name, address and occupation of person making the declaration</p>	<p>1, make the following declaration under the Statutory Declarations Act 1959.</p>
<p>2. Set out matter declared to in numbers paragraphs</p>	<p>²I confirm that I have/or will have resided by the commencement of the course:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. resided with a permanent address in the Northern Territory for a total of at least two years (full-time equivalent) out of the last six years; OR 2. resided with a permanent address in the Northern Territory for a total of at least five years (full-time equivalent) since commencing primary school. <p>My address was/is: _____ _____ _____</p> <p><i>I understand that if I am invited to interview as part of the selection process for the course, I will be required to provide documentary evidence that confirms I meet the Northern Territory residency requirements and I will provide this by my interview date.</i></p> <p><i>I understand that Flinders University will rely on this declaration and supporting documentation when assessing applicants for entry and agree that any false or misleading statement by me would be grounds for the University to withdraw any offer of admission and to cancel any enrolment.</i></p> <p><i>I understand that a person who intentionally makes a false statement in a statutory declaration is guilty of an offence under Section 11 of the Statutory Declarations Act 1959, and I believe that the statements in this declaration are true in every particular.</i></p>
<p>3. Signature of person making the declaration</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4. Place 5. Day 6. Month and Year</p>	<p>Declared at ⁴ _____ on ⁵ _____ of ⁶ _____</p>
<p>7. Signature of person before whom the declaration is made</p>	<p>Before me⁷,</p>
<p>8. Full name, qualification and address of person before whom the declaration is made (in printed letters)</p>	<p>8</p>
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A statutory declaration under the *Statutory Declarations Act 1959* may be made before –

A person who is currently licensed or registered under a law to practise in one of the following occupations:

Architect	Chiropractor	Dentist
Financial adviser	Financial Planner	Legal practitioner
Medical practitioner	Midwife	Migration agent registered under Division 3 of Part 3 of the Migration Act 1958
Nurse	Occupational therapist	Optometrist
Patent attorney	Pharmacist	Physiotherapist
Psychologist	Trade marks attorney	Veterinary surgeon

A person who is enrolled on the roll of the Supreme Court of a State or Territory, or the High Court of Australia, as a legal practitioner (however described); or

A person who is in the following list:

Accountant who is:

- a) a fellow of the National Tax Accountants' Association; or
- b) a member of any of the following:
 - i. Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand;
 - ii. the Association of Taxation and Management Accountants;
 - iii. CPA Australia;
 - iv. the Institute of Public Accountants

Agent of the Australian Postal Corporation who is in charge of an office supplying postal services to the public

APS employee engaged on an ongoing basis with 5 or more years of continuous service who is not specified in another item in this list

Australian Consular Officer or Australian Diplomatic Officer (within the meaning of the *Consular Fees Act 1955*)

Bailiff

Bank officer with 5 or more continuous years of service

Building society officer with 5 or more years of continuous service

Chief executive officer of a Commonwealth court

Clerk of a court

Commissioner for Affidavits

Commissioner for Declarations

Credit union officer with 5 or more years of continuous service

Employee of a Commonwealth authority engaged on a permanent basis with 5 or more years of continuous service who is not specified in another item in this list

Employee of the Australian Trade Commission who is:

- in a country or place outside Australia; and
- authorised under paragraph 3 (d) of the *Consular Fees Act 1955*;
- and exercising his or her function in that place

Employee of the Commonwealth who is:

- in a country or place outside Australia; and
- authorised under paragraph 3 (c) of the *Consular Fees Act 1955*; and
- exercising his or her function in that place

Engineer who is:

- a member of Engineers Australia, other than at the grade of student; or
- a Registered Professional Engineer of Professionals Australia; or
- registered as an engineer under a law of the Commonwealth, a State or Territory; or
- registered on the National Engineering Register by Engineers Australia

Finance company officer with 5 or more years of continuous service

Holder of a statutory office not specified in another item in this list Judge

Justice of the Peace

Magistrate

Marriage celebrant registered under Subdivision C of Division 1 of Part IV of the *Marriage Act 1961*

Master of a court

Member of the Australian Defence Force who is:

- an officer; or
- non-commissioned officer within the meaning of the Defence Force Discipline Act 1982 with 5 or more years of continuous service; or
- a warrant officer within the meaning of that Act

Member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy

Member of the Governance Institute of Australia Ltd

Member of:

- the Parliament of the Commonwealth; or
- the Parliament of a State; or
- a Territory legislature; or
- a local government authority

Minister of religion registered under Subdivision A of Division 1 of Part IV of the *Marriage Act 1961*

Notary public including a notary public (however described) exercising functions at a place outside

- the Commonwealth
- the external Territories of the Commonwealth

Permanent employee of the Australian Postal Corporation with 5 or more years of continuous service who is employed in an office supplying postal services to the public.

Permanent employee of:

- a State or Territory or a State or Territory authority
 - a local government authority
- with 5 or more years of continuous service other than such an employee who is specified in another item of this list

Person before whom a statutory declaration may be made under the law of the State or Territory in which the declaration is made

- Police officer
- Registrar, or Deputy Registrar, of a court
- Senior Executive Service employee of a Commonwealth authority
- Senior executive employee of a State or Territory

CONTACTS

Please email all enquires including eligibility criteria and the application process questions to askflinders@flinders.edu.au.

GLOSSARY

Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA)

www.ahpra.gov.au/Registration/Student-Registrations.aspx Under the National Law, all students enrolled in a medical course and who are undertaking clinical training, must be registered as a student with the Medical Board of Australia via AHPRA. Flinders University will, on behalf of the student, provide AHPRA with the relevant details for their registration.

Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF)

www.aqf.edu.au
The AQF is the national policy for regulated qualifications in Australian education and training. It incorporates the qualifications from each education and training sector into a single comprehensive national qualifications framework.

Australian Statistical Geography Standard – Remoteness Area (ASGS - RA)

ASGC-RA is a geographic classification system which allows quantitative comparisons between 'city' and 'country' Australia. Applicants can use the Remoteness Area Locator to look up the name of their town and find out its classification.
www.doctorconnect.gov.au/internet/otd/publicising.nsf/Content/locator.

Bachelor Degree

A Bachelor degree (AQF level 7) or equivalent, forms the first part of the basis for admission into the MD at Flinders University. An applicant's Grade Point Average is calculated using the results from their most recently completed Bachelor degree.

Graduate Medical Schools Admissions Test (GAMSAT)

www.gamsat.acer.edu.au
GAMSAT was developed to assist in the selection of students to participate in the graduate-entry programs.

Non-Flinders University Graduates

Applicants who do not hold a Flinders University qualification of AQF Level 7 or above in the year of application.

Qualifying Degree

The Bachelor degree used as the basis of admission and from which the wGPA is calculated.

Specified credit

Credit granted in a topic for work completed which is of similar content and standard as required for a passing grade in that topic.

Unspecified credit

Credit granted to the value of a specified number of units for study or work experience which satisfies some general course requirement.



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