

# Australia's Field Epidemiology Training Program



**Australian National University**

**National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health**  
ANU College of Law, Governance and Policy



**DO YOU want to be on the frontline of public health challenges, putting your epidemiology knowledge into practice? Then the Master of Philosophy in Applied Epidemiology (MAE) is the right program for you.**

The Master of Philosophy in Applied Epidemiology (MAE) Program is Australia's only Field Epidemiology Training Program (FETP), joining a global community of 22,000 graduates from over 90 programs.

The program is TEPHINET-accredited, (the international network of field epidemiology programs globally) and part of a global network of FETPs strengthening public health systems.

The MAE partners with and complements health department initiatives to enhance workforce skills, health system performance and evidence-based policies, programs and practice.

The program was established in 1991, modelled on the Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) at the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Successfully producing graduates who have made significant contributions to public health, communicable disease control and health leadership both in Australia and overseas. Over time the program evolved and became a unique FETP to support Australia's and the region's public health. In 2024 the program was reaccredited by TEPHINET with distinction and merit, which showed the high quality of the MAE program.

We are proud that fifteen percent of the MAE graduates identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. We celebrate and encourage diversity among scholars as we believe a diverse workforce can improve public health.

The MAE is a 22-month research degree that emphasises work-integrated learning –

learning at work, from work, and for work. For the duration of the program, MAE scholars undertake a field placement such as in a health department, public health unit, research institute, reference laboratory, Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations, or other suitable organisation.

The curriculum consists of five coursework subjects delivered as 2 two-week intensives, followed by 2 one-week intensives of on-campus teaching throughout the 22-month program, along with self-directed learning and applied field projects. To demonstrate understanding and application of teaching, field projects are completed.

These projects are developed in consultation with field supervisors to meet learning competencies based on their potential contribution to public health actions, programs, policies and practice.

Typical field placements are within a government health department or a research institute. While in their placements, scholars complete useful and important research projects based on the priority of the field placements and under the supervision of field and academic

supervisors to meet the following competencies:

- Investigate an acute public health problem or threat (typically a disease outbreak);
- Analyse public health datasets (such as surveillance data);
- Establish or evaluate a public health surveillance or other health information system; and
- Design and conduct an epidemiological study.

Experienced ANU staff and field supervisors oversee the work of MAE scholars while they are in the field placement.

The MAE program has a commitment to contributing to the improvement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander scholars have completed the program and are strongly encouraged to apply.

**Applications for the 2027-28 cohort open on June 1. Visit *Master of Philosophy in Applied Epidemiology (MAE) | ANU National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health* for more details.**



Dr Mark Jones, a Karajarri and Yawuru man and Associate Dean (Indigenous).

## Indigenous Business Leadership



THE Dilin Duwa Centre for Indigenous Business Leadership represents a transformative shift in Australian business education, born from over a decade of

conversations and a shared vision for economic self-determination. Its name, meaning "everlasting flow" in the Woi Wurrung language of the Wurundjeri people, signifies the convergence of its three core activity streams into a centre of impact: **Programs, Research, and Community.**

Launched in 2021 as a partnership between the University of Melbourne's Faculty of Business and Economics and Melbourne Business School, the Centre builds on the success of the MURRA Masterclass. It serves as a dedicated, Indigenous-led space where culture and commerce intersect to empower First Nations entrepreneurs.

Dr Mark Jones, a Karajarri and Yawuru man and Associate Dean (Indigenous),

highlights the deep impact of these educational pathways:

"The Graduate Certificate in Indigenous Business Leadership is unique in Australian university business program offerings in that its student cohort, academics, course delivery and content exemplify being for, with and by Mob," he said.

Through programs like the **Graduate Certificate in Indigenous Business Leadership** and the more recent vital offer of **Master of Indigenous Business Leadership**, Dilin Duwa continues to foster a new generation of leaders who advocate for their communities' economic independence.

Scholarships are available for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians for both the GCIBL and the MCIBL.

"This scholarship demonstrates the University's commitment to supporting First Peoples' leadership and creating pathways for Indigenous students to thrive in enterprise disciplines."

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CENTRE FOR INDIGENOUS BUSINESS LEADERSHIP

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*Our voice must inform the future of Australian business. This program ensures that Indigenous values are heard and creates the confidence to lead.*”

**Nicole Copley**

Larrakia and Torres Strait Islander,  
MC-IBL 2026 class



## Enrol in the Master of Indigenous Business Leadership today.

**A first-of-its-kind educational program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander managers and business owners:**

- Developed by the Dilin Duwa Centre, this program is all-Indigenous led
- Decolonised curriculum with subjects that ensure you have the skills to lead and be the voice for your community
- Global Indigenous faculty
- Fully online allows you to study on Country
- **FEE-FREE** for all successful applicants

We invest in you so you can invest in our collective future.

Yarn with Program Manager Chris Riley (Noongar) to find out more: [dilin-duwa@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:dilin-duwa@unimelb.edu.au)

