



## SNAP-PY Aboriginal university student scholarship opportunity 2025

Are you an Aboriginal person looking for an Honours, Master's or PhD opportunity from 2025?

Telethon Kids Institute is excited to partner with medical research institutes, universities and many hospitals across Australia and the world to embark on the biggest research project attempted in the *Staphylococcus Aureus* domain, fighting this bacteria by discovering the best ways to treat infections.

The *Staphylococcus aureus* Network Adaptive Platform (SNAP) is the most ambitious clinical trial for bloodstream infection globally to date, involving 9 countries, >100 sites and a projected 7000 patients. Research is underway in Australia, New Zealand, Israel, South Africa, Netherlands, Canada, Singapore, USA and the United Kingdom.

SNAP aims to identify which antibiotic treatment options result in the least patients dying and improved outcomes. In contrast to a traditional clinical trial, the SNAP trial will examine multiple different antibiotic treatment options at the same time. By using an innovative, adaptive platform trial design, we hope to find treatments that save lives, reduce morbidity, are cost-effective and for the first time include newborns to the elderly in the same study.

By including children, *Staphylococcus aureus* Network Adaptive Platform, Paediatrics and Youth (SNAP-PY) will inform best practice treatment of bloodstream infections across the life-course.

In Australia, Aboriginal children have double the rate of *Staphylococcus aureus* compared to non-Aboriginal children due to high rates of skin infections and social determinants of health. The results from the trial are expected to see Aboriginal children from regional WA be able to spend less time away from Country and have better long-term outcomes.

With Professor Asha Bowen, the Head of Department of Infectious Disease at the Perth Children's Hospital and the lead for the paediatric component of this trial, you will be well supported and at the heart of the paediatric aspects of the trial.

SNAP-PY has a range of projects for an Aboriginal student to undertake within the team. Scholarships to support an Aboriginal student are available as well as there being an opportunity for employment one day a week at Telethon Kids Institute if this is of interest.

The preferred location is Perth as it is the lead paediatric site for SNAP-PY, however we are open to discussions given this is a national project with many sites across Australia.

For more information or a yarn about this opportunity, please contact Gillian Woods, Community Project Coordinator, at [gillian.woods@telethonkids.org.au](mailto:gillian.woods@telethonkids.org.au).