The Bachelor of Science (Extended) was developed specifically for Indigenous Australians. It is a four-year degree with integrated support and academic skills development to ensure your success in our science program.

**What is the Bachelor of Science (Extended)**
The Bachelor of Science (Extended) provides opportunities for Indigenous Australians who may have missed the chance to do key science or mathematics subjects right through to Year 12, or who may not have obtained the results required for direct entry into the Bachelor of Science (BSc).

As a student of this program you will have access to the full range of opportunities available in the BSc.

**What are the eligibility requirements?**
To be eligible, you must:
- Be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent.
- Have completed VCE with an ATAR of 50 or above and a study score in English of 25 or above, or equivalent.
- Have satisfactorily completed biology, chemistry, physics or mathematics to at least Year 11 level.
- Demonstrate potential to succeed in tertiary science study.

Non-school leavers, mature-age students and alternative pathway applications will also be considered.

All eligible applicants will be required to attend an interview.

**Course structure**
The aim of the first two years of study is to build a strong foundation for success in science study; you will focus on practical workshops and tailored academic support through a number of science, mathematics and communication subjects that are only available in this program. You’ll also take one science, mathematics or technology subject each semester from the BSc curriculum. Once you have established a foundation in science, you embark on further subjects available in the BSc.

During your first year of the program you’ll live on campus in one of the University’s residential colleges, and benefit from targeted support and mentoring.

"The Bachelor of Science (Extended) is great for students who may be nervous about going to university and don’t know many people, because you will make great friends in these classes. It is also wonderful for getting that prerequisite you didn’t do in high school, and that you need to pursue a major at university. I would highly recommend it."

Nelson is a BSc (Extended) student.
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#### Fees and financing
If you are eligible for Abstudy, your college fees may be fully paid through the residential cost option. Some fully funded College scholarships may be available to students who are not eligible for Abstudy.

Your college will provide all meals, as well as extensive academic, pastoral and social support.

Indigenous students are also eligible to apply for other undergraduate scholarships through Murrup Barak.

#### Employment opportunities
You can choose from 41 majors that range from earth sciences to engineering systems, life sciences to information technology. For example, if you’re an animal lover you can move towards veterinary science, or if you’re interested in health sciences you might move into areas such as medicine, physiotherapy or biotechnology. As a graduate, you will be able to enter your chosen career after completing a BSc, or study further in a graduate professional or research program.

Details on the wide range of study areas available can be found online at: [bsc.unimelb.edu.au](http://bsc.unimelb.edu.au)

#### How do I apply?
Apply through VTAC (Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre). Ensure you complete the Special Entry Access Scheme application when applying; select Category 1 ‘Recognition as an Indigenous Australian’ as part of this application.

More information and application dates are available at [vtac.edu.au](http://vtac.edu.au)

Applications are assessed individually. Applicants will be contacted for an interview if eligible.

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**Murrup Barak**

Murrup Barak, the Melbourne Institute for Indigenous Development, assists Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders to succeed in study. The Indigenous staff at Murrup Barak will provide you with advice and support on a range of areas from tutoring to finances, as well as opportunities to connect with the wider Murrup Barak student community.

**More information**

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**Get a taste for science or technology at university**

The following programs are great ways to develop your interest in science and find out more:

- Science Experience: scienceexperience.com.au
- Murrup Barak Experience Camp
- Victorian Indigenous Engineering Winter School

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