



ORIGINS PhD Student Awards

Information for Applicants

Overview

Do you want to help our future generations grow up healthy and happy? The ORIGINS Project is the largest cohort study of its kind in Australia, following 10,000 families over the next decade to improve child and adult health. The ultimate goal of **The ORIGINS Project** is to reduce the rising epidemic of non-communicable disease through a 'healthy start to life'.

The ORIGINS Project incorporates a strong emphasis on longevity and the project is building a large repository of biological and lifestyle data not otherwise available to researchers in Australia. Students will make use of the extensive biobank or databank as a data source for their PhD. Costs apply for the access and use of the data. Please see further details via the ORIGINS website

<https://originsproject.telethonkids.org.au>

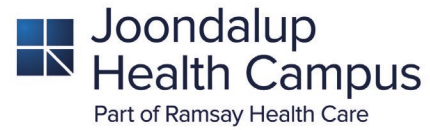
The ORIGINS Biobank: ORIGINS is aiming to collect biological samples from 10,000 participant children and their families at 10 timepoints between the time of pregnancy and the child turning five years of age. Currently the Biobank has more than 300,000 samples.

The ORIGINS Databank: ORIGINS is collecting physiological, biological and clinical data from the mother, partner/father and child at numerous points to track development and change. Currently the Databank has more than 13 million data points.

PhD Student Awards

The ORIGINS Project has established inaugural PhD awards, to provide additional support to exceptional PhD students undertaking research within The ORIGINS Project. We will be offering **several \$15,000** student awards for students exploring any aspect of the databank or biobank. Students could explore the following domains, including but not limited to:

- Allergy, Inflammation & Immunity
- Brain & Behaviour
- Environment & Lifestyle
- Growth & Development
- Nutrition & Metabolism
- Oral Health
- Microbiome
- Mental Health & Wellbeing
- Parenting



The successful applicant/s will receive:

- A once-off **\$15,000** award
- A work space at **Telethon Kids Institute**, conveniently based in the new **Perth Children's Hospital** in Nedlands
- Access to a **Biostatistician**
- Modern offices and end of trip facilities, including sit to stand desks.
- Access to Telethon Kids institute **Student Support Program, scholarships and awards***, and **health and wellbeing program**.
- **\$2,000*** provided by **Telethon Kids Institute** to students who spend 50% of their time at the Institute
- Promotion of your research through the **ORIGINS networks**

Eligibility criteria

- Be a current or future PhD candidate
- Must not be a current ORIGINS sub-project PhD Student
- If a current student, must be in their first year of study.
- Be enrolled as a part time or full-time student
- Enrolled in an Australian University
- Proposed research question in line with ORIGINS goal and domains
- Your eligibility to receive this award will also be dependent on any applicable university scholarship guidelines

Obligations of the recipient

- To be nested as a PhD student with an existing sub-project, or develop a new sub-project.
- To complete all research within the proposed period of the PhD program
- To notify the TKI supervisor of any changes to the PhD objectives that align with the ORIGINS goal
- Provide a concise report within 6 months of completion of the PhD
- Present at an ORIGINS seminar and journal club
- Acknowledge the financial support of ORIGINS in any dissemination of research findings (publications, presentations, conference posters).



Is this award tax-free?

If you are receiving any other scholarships, you will only be able to accept a scholarship from ORIGINS to the extent that you have not exceeded your annual tax-free scholarship cap, as set by your university. Please refer to your university scholarships office for advice on what your tax-free scholarship cap is.

*Ability to apply/receive for a TKI Award student must be: a TKI student (working on a Telethon Kids Institute project with at least one Telethon Kids Institute employee as a supervisor), primary supervision from an Telethon Kids Institute researcher, and be in receipt of a Research Training Program or equivalent main scholarship.

Timeline

Stage	Date
Applications open	15 July 2024
Applications close	23 August 2024
Online interview with shortlisted applications	September 2024
Successful applicants are notified	September 2024