The Centre for Genetics Education, Health Education and Training Institute (HETI), in collaboration with the Strategic Reform and Planning Branch, NSW Ministry of Health (MOH), is pleased to offer NSW health professionals with an interest in genomics an opportunity to apply for sponsorship to a short course in Medical Genomics.

The *Practical Medical Genomics* short course will be delivered online by the University of New South Wales between 8 April and 3 June 2024. The scholarship will cover the full course fees. This course is designed for health professionals such as paediatricians, medical specialists, doctors-in-training, allied health professionals, nurses and midwives.

If you are a clinical health professional looking to improve your practical genomics knowledge, please consider applying for this scholarship.

##### Overview

The *Practical Medical Genomics* short course will introduce foundational and practical aspects of genetic and genomic healthcare delivery. It will also cover the many technologies involved and the challenges around successful integration of genomics into clinical practice. Previous course attendees found this course helpful for increasing their foundational knowledge and practical skills in genomics.

There will be opportunity to reflect on future trends in this rapidly- changing field of research driven clinical practice. On completion of the course, it is expected that participants will be equipped with the tools, knowledge and insights required to integrate genomics into practice and understand how genomic medicine fits into healthcare in Australia.

##### Core Topics

The following topics are offered in the course for developing and increasing knowledge, understanding and skills in practical medical genomics:

* Delivering person-centred care in genomics
* Eliciting and interpreting family health history
* Communicating genomic concepts
* Facilitating shared decision-making in genomic medicine
* When to consider ordering and using genomic tests
* Interpreting genomic test results
* Communicating results
* Seeking information and coordinating care
* Linking to holistic family-centred supports
* Medicolegal, ethical and cultural considerations in genomics

Expression of interest

Practical Medical Genomics Short Course Scholarship

##### Learning Approach and Methods

This is a virtual (online) short course involving 40 hours of learning and assessment. The credentialed short course includes pre-reading, live case-based discussions and group activities. The course will be delivered between 8 April and 3 June with live sessions scheduled for Saturday 4 May (all day) and Saturday 18 May (morning). Attendance at the live online sessions is a **mandatory** course requirement.

Further information about the course can be found at [https://shortcourses.health.unsw.edu.au/courses/practical-medical-genomics-april-2024](https://shortcourses.health.unsw.edu.au/courses/practical-medical-genomics-april-2023).

##### Scholarship EOI

Successful applicants will be supported to participate in the online training through a scholarship that covers full course fees ($2,000).

##### Selection Criteria

The scholarship places will be open to clinical health professionals currently employed in NSW Health across local health districts or specialty health networks. Successful applicants will demonstrate a high level of interest in the *Practical Medical Genomics* course within their application and be able to clearly explain how they will be able to use the knowledge gained from the course within their practice now or in the future.

Scholarships are awarded at the absolute discretion of HETI. The decision is final and there will be no appeal mechanism. Interested staff specialists should consider their eligibility to access Training, Education and Study Leave (TESL) prior to applying.

##### You will need to:

* Review UNSW’s Practical Medical Genomics short course outline
* Complete the attached EOI Application Form
* Gain approval from your manager to participate in the training and organise release from your work if applicable
* Complete a HETI online evaluation survey after training if accepted.

##### Who should I speak to if I have questions?

Vicki Reid, Centre for Genetics Education, HETI on (M) 0459 930 589 or Vicki.Reid@health.nsw.gov.au

For further information about the Practical Medical Genomics course, please email UNSW Short Courses Team at shortcourses.health@unsw.edu.au

When do I need to register by?

EOIs must be sent to HETI by **COB Friday 15 March 2024.** Late applications will not be accepted.

## EOI APPLICATION FORM

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| **Applicant’s Name** |  |
| **Personal Address** |  |
| **Work Address** |  |
| **Position** |  |
| **NSW Health organisation** |  |
| **Work contact details** | **Phone** |  |
| **Mobile** |  |
| **Email** |  |
| **Managers details** | **Name** |  |
| **Mobile** |  |
| **Email** |  |

**Do you have access to TESL? Yes / No**

**Please explain your rationale and interest in attending this course**

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**Describe how your participation in this course will be applied and of benefit in your work practice currently and/or in the future**

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**Outline how you will share your learnings with others in your workplace and please add any other relevant information to support your application**

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##### **Applicant Agreement**

I understand that in submitting my EOI for sponsorship to attend *Practical Medical Genomics (UNSW)*

* I will complete all 40 hours of learning and assessment (including pre-reading, assessment, and the mandatory live sessions).
* I will notify HETI immediately if I am unable to commence or complete the training.

I agree to undertake the following if selected:

* Following completion of this training I will share my knowledge and skills with my colleagues and complete a HETI evaluation of the training event.

Signed:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

##### **Manager Agreement**

I have read the potential candidate’s application and understand that in supporting this application:

* I have read or had discussions with the applicant and agree that their attendance will benefit them and our department or LHD/SHN.
* I understand the applicant will be attending the nominated online training as part of their learning and development and I undertake to support them to participate.

Signed:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Before you submit your EOI please check you have:**

☐ Included ALL of your contact details in your application

☐ Addressed all questions on the Application

☐ Completed the Applicant Agreement

☐ Discussed the training with your manager and obtained their signature of endorsement on this EOI.

**Please submit your application to** **vicki.reid@health.nsw.gov.au** **by COB Friday 15 March 2024.**