



30 October 2023

Dear the Melbourne Poche Indigenous Leaders Program Selection Committee,

I am writing in support of Dr Amy Searle's application for the 2024 Leadership Fellows Program.

Dr Searle has been an integral leader within the Melbourne Medical School since commencing her medical degree in 2020. She was part of a small group of First Nations students who advocated for a First Nations leadership position within the University of Melbourne Medical Student Society (UMMSS). Amy became the inaugural UMMSS First Nations Officer (FNO) in 2021 and worked tirelessly throughout her two years as UMMSS FNO to create a meaningful and sustainable position on the UMMSS executive committee. At the same time, Amy also represented the First Nations medical student cohort on the Indigenous Graduate Student Association executive committee and was the inaugural First Nations Liaison Officer for the Melbourne Medical School Doctor of Medicine Student Conference. Prior to commencing her medical degree, Amy completed her PhD at the Baker Institute where she was the Student President and co-chair of the Baker Reconciliation Action Plan Committee.

The Poche Indigenous Leadership Program would provide Dr Searle with the opportunity to learn from Community members and Elders and provide her with a foundation to accelerate her leadership potential from the student space to the workplace, as she is on track to graduate with her Doctor of Medicine in 2024. Continuing her leadership capacity and advocacy for Community within the healthcare and, in particular, the hospital system, has great potential to benefit First Nations patients and Communities.

As Associate Dean (Indigenous) for the University of Melbourne Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences, I endorse Dr Amy Searle's application and support her attendance for all three modules.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

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