



Applicant Guidelines

Application for Mayi Kuwayu Data Analysis

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Overview

The Applicant Guidelines for Mayi Kuwayu Data Analysis (this document) is founded on respect, recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander worldviews, community protocols and the right to self-determination of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

These guidelines were developed with the aim of supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's right to control and conserve their culture and heritage, thus provide fundamental information in support of an application for Mayi Kuwayu data analysis.



Maiam nayri Wingara Indigenous Data Sovereignty Principles

The Maiam nayri Wingara Indigenous Data Sovereignty (IDS) Principles are a fundamental part of the application and review process for Mayi Kuwayu . In the Application Form, applicants are asked to demonstrate how their proposed research aligns with the five (5) Principles by providing a definition and examples for each of the Principles, with reference to the table below.

Principle	Element	Definition	Guide to addressing principles for MK data applications
1. Aboriginal and Torres Strait control of the data ecosystem	1.1 Control	Mechanism instituted to regulate the activities or operation of a system.	Demonstrate how Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are involved in the creation, development, and control of the project.
	1.2 Data stewardship	The control, care and organisation of data.	Demonstrate how Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are involved in data stewardship (how the data will be coded, stored, governed, and cared for).
	1.3 Data analysis	Examining data in order to find something out, or to help with making decisions.	Demonstrate how Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are involved in the data analysis.
	1.4 Data dissemination	The spread of information and knowledge widely.	Demonstrate how Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people will receive the information from the project e.g., community reports, short reports, peer reviewed journals, conferences, policy briefs, seminars, social media posts etc.



2. Data that is contextual and disaggregated.	2.1 Contextual	The circumstances or facts that surround a particular piece of information.	What mechanisms are available for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to comment on the analysis and interpretation of the data to provide this contextual information?
	2.2 Disaggregated	Disaggregated data means numerical or non-numerical information that has been broken down into component parts or smaller units of data.	Demonstrate how you will break the data into smaller units where possible and appropriate e.g., presenting data by mob/tribal identity, by remoteness category, or by gender.
	2.3 Accessible and available	There are mechanisms for Indigenous people to access and use the data for their purposes	Demonstrate how the project outputs will be accessible and available to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people (if appropriate). Demonstrate how the data will be available and accessible at individual, community, and population levels.
3. Data that is relevant and empowers sustainable self-determination and effective self-governance.	3.1 Relevant	Data are closely connected and appropriate to what is important to the priorities of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.	Demonstrate how Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have determined the priority of the project. Demonstrate how the project aligns with the national, regional, local and/or individual Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander strategies and priorities.
	3.2 Strengths-based	Findings that promote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander empowerment, strength, resilience, protective factors and decolonisation.	Demonstrate how the analysis or project will produce strengths-based analysis which empowers, as opposed to deficits, which disempowers (while also acknowledging the reality of colonisation, intergenerational trauma).



	3.3 Sustainable self-determination	Process by which communities or groups are empowered to control decisions.	<p>What Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander structures are in place for the project? Are these budgeted for or resourced appropriately?</p> <p>What Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander accountability mechanism does the applicant have for the project?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None • Advisory groups or similar (limited) • Reference group (moderate) • Project Indigenous governance group (group determined project, is involved in all key decisions), (high).
	3.4 Sustainable self-governance	Community or person having control of their lives and/or decisions from within, rather than from an outside authority.	Demonstrate how the project will contribute to Indigenous self-determination and – governance during and beyond the life of the project. What is the project leaving behind?
4. Data structures that are accountable to Indigenous peoples	4.1 Data structures	The environment and ways in which data will be protected, stored, analysed and disseminated in a way that protects all Indigenous peoples.	Think about how the data for the project are protected, stored, analysed, and disseminated in ways that protect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander individuals, communities, and populations.
	4.2 Accountable	Data applicant to provide draft written reports before dissemination to the MKDGC.	Will the project provide draft project reports/outputs to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander stakeholders, including the MKDGC prior to finalisation and dissemination?



5. Data that are protective and respects Indigenous individual and collective interests.	5.1 Protective and strengths-based	Findings that promote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander empowerment, strength, resilience, protective factors, and decolonisation.	Demonstrate how the analysis or project will produce a strengths-based analysis that empowers, as opposed to deficits, which disempowers (while also acknowledging the reality of colonisation, intergenerational trauma).
	5.2 Individual and collective interests	Findings are relevant to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, their communities, and national interest.	Demonstrate how the project aligns with national, regional, local and/or individual Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander strategies and priorities.
	5.3 Protection after dissemination	Applicant to demonstrate how to combat misinterpretation, trolling and misinformation about findings from analysis.	How will applicants disseminate the analysis and what protections have been envisaged to protect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the dissemination process, specifically addressing: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Peer review publication• Reports• Social media• Public presentations.



Research Ethics and Protocols

All applicants must provide:

- Ethical approval from an approved ethics committee (NHMRC approved or AIATSIS for example);
- Community approval and evidence of genuine engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and must also conform to NHMRC and other relevant legal and research standards. The investigators will work with study partners to create a sustainable, high quality collaborative research resource.

For Indigenous organisations, under certain circumstances, you may not be required to have ethics approval. However, a letter of support from your organisation's Council or board is essential.

For non-Indigenous organisations, ethics approval of your project is a requirement in applying to the Mayi Kuwayu Data Governance Committee (MKDGC). All projects requesting Mayi Kuwayu data analysis must provide evidence of ethics approval from an accredited committee before any application is reviewed by the MKDGC. This application does not replace the requirement for Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) approval of your proposed project.

Project proposals that have existing ethics approval are not automatically approved for Mayi Kuwayu Study data analysis – the MKDGC may require further information from you, implement conditions or choose to decline an application.

The MKDGC will act within its scope to ensure integrity of the research, particularly as it pertains to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. The MKDGC may use similar protocols from comparable studies to help guide these processes. The main focus is on data from the Mayi Kuwayu research which will only be available for analysis once applications achieve their requirements through the rigorous reviewing process.

In keeping with the NHMRC standards for research conduct, requests will not be approved if applications are:

- Seeking data analysis without a research proposal and protocol that has not been approved by an ethics (HREC) committee or appropriate Council or board;
- Seeking data analysis without (i) data usage protocol and (ii) relevant Indigenous community and/or Indigenous board approval;
- Of insufficient quality;
- Seeking unit record identified data;
- Breaching national privacy principles and regulations.



The Mayi Kuwayu Data Governance Committee

The MKDGC is wholly an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Committee that review and evaluate applications that are seeking usage of the Mayi Kuwayu Study data. The MKDGC provide oversight, views, advice, and recommendations or conditions on applications put forward for Mayi Kuwayu data analysis while remaining accountable to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The application and the MKDGC review process is supported by the [Maiam nayri Wingara IDS Principles](#). The MKDGC use these guidelines in the review of Application Forms.

The MKDGC recognises that applicants could potentially represent; national, state/territory or local agencies, or community and local levels, and vary between; academic researchers, funders, government agencies, Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations, Torres Strait Islander Councils or Organisations, individuals and Aboriginal Communities.

The MKDGC affirms the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, in considering Application Forms. The MKDGC aims to ensure that any data use from the Mayi Kuwayu Study does not adversely affect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

“How people see the world is generally informed by their own experiences, values, norms, and learning. From the earliest periods of colonisations, ill-formed perceptions and assumptions about the values and ways of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and social organisations have emerged from the comparison of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander world to the spiritual, social, political and economic perspectives of European colonisers. Colonists judged the civility and worthiness of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and societies by the degree to which they perceived it conforming to European customs and norms. Not surprisingly the early observers knew nothing about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and cultures. The substantial errors of judgement that followed have had a significant impact on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples ever since” (Council, 2003).



Application Process

1. Consider important information prior to starting the Application Form

The applicant should consider what's listed below before starting the Application Form:

- Applicant Guidelines for Mayi Kuwayu Data Analysis ;
- [Maiam nayri Wingara Indigenous Data Sovereignty Principles \(see pages 4-7\)](#);
- Mayi Kuwayu Study Data Dictionary, Wave One (1) and Wave Two (2) ([click here to view documents](#));
- Research ethics and protocols (see page 8);
- Submission fee and quote for level of data analysis ([click here to view submission fee](#));
- Applicants with any questions are advised to speak with the Mayi Kuwayu Study team on 1800 531 600 or write to mkdgc@anu.edu.au before submitting an application.

2. Submit the Application Form to the MKDGC for review.

The applicant is to submit the completed Application Form to mkdgc@anu.edu.au.

Submission dates for Application Forms are subject to the MKDGC meeting schedule. Please visit the Mayi Kuwayu webpage for MKDGC meeting dates and corresponding submission dates.

3. Review for compliance and final quote for level of data analysis.

The MKDGC will review the Application Form for compliance and provide the applicant a final quote (if applicable) for the level of data analysis required/requested. The applicant has the option to accept or decline the quote.

Once the quote has been accepted, the Application Form will be reviewed by the MKDGC (in session or out of session) for approval or disapproval.

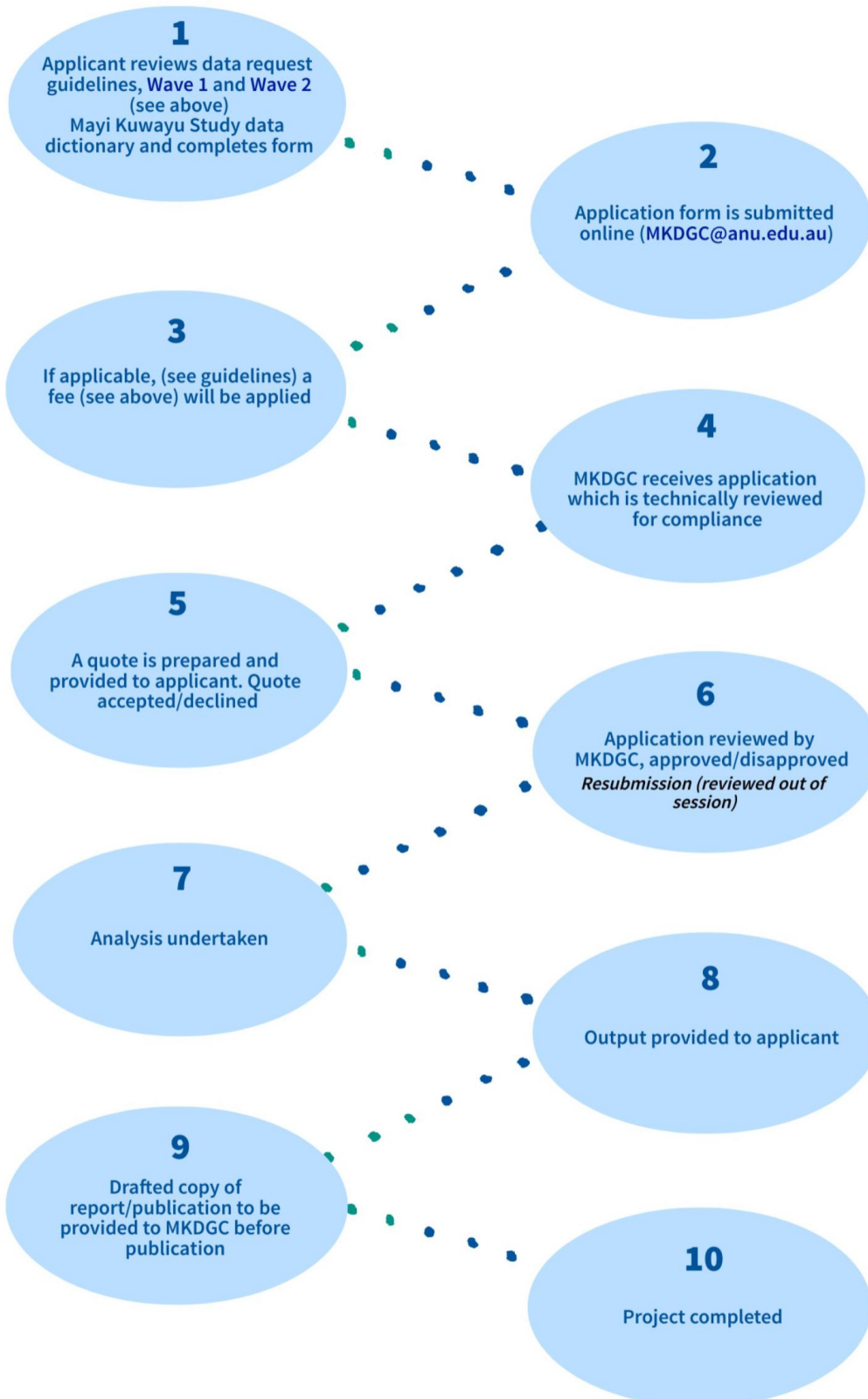
4. Analysis undertaken

After the MKDGC has approved the Application Form, the Mayi Kuwayu Study team will run analysis and provide the applicant with the results. Data from the Mayi Kuwayu Study will not be supplied directly to any applicants for analysis. This process ensures our data is safe, confidential, accessible, and that the participant's study is thereby protective of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander data



5. Drafted report to be provided to the MKDGC before publication

The applicant is required to provide the MKDGC a drafted report for review prior to publication. The data analysis project is considered completed after the MKDGC has reviewed and approved the drafted report for publication.





Contact Information

For enquiries regarding Mayi Kuwayu data analysis, please call on 1800 531 600 or write to mkdgc@anu.edu.au.

Important information for Indigenous organisations (and staff)

If you have any concerns, please contact the Mayi Kuwayu Study team in the first instance to discuss your project application on 1800 531 600. In addition to your application you also have the option of providing a video, of no longer than 10 minutes, that addresses the application form criteria.

Under certain circumstances you may not be required to have ethics approval, however a letter of support from your organisation's Council or board is essential.

Important information for non-Indigenous organisations (and staff)

If you have any concerns, please contact the Mayi Kuwayu Study team in the first instance to discuss your project application on 1800 531 600.

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Please contact the Mayi Kuwayu Study team on 1800 531 600 if you have any questions before starting your application. The Mayi Kuwayu Study team is available to assist with applications.