



The Bachelor of Biomedicine is designed for future doctors, health professionals and biomedical scientists who want to make a difference.

In 2015, **106** papers were published in top quartile journals. Now, there are more than **1350** peer-reviewed publications annually and **22.4%** are in the top **10%** of the world's most cited.



One of six Schools in the Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences (MDHS). The Faculty is ranked **1st** among Go8 for student satisfaction with teaching*.

* Source: qilt.edu.au



Located in the heart of the largest biomedical precinct in the southern hemisphere.

WELCOME TO THE SCHOOL OF BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES



Celebrating 5 Years of Excellence Since 2015

The University of Melbourne has been teaching and researching biomedical sciences for almost 160 years. And, today more than ever, the world needs biomedical scientists, medical researchers, doctors and health professionals – people who are exceptionally well prepared for the challenges of contemporary health delivery and research.

In 2015, our School was established in Parkville, right in the heart of the southern hemisphere's largest biomedical precinct.

With world-class facilities and extraordinary collaboration opportunities, students and researchers alike are working to improve the lives of people around the world.

Under the leadership of the inaugural Head of School, Professor Fabienne Mackay, we became one of the University's largest and fastest growing Schools with more than 500 staff and 2500 equivalent full-time student enrolments each year.

In March 2020, Professor Ian van Driel became Interim Head of School before Professor Jennifer Wilkinson-Berka was appointed in August. The vascular biologist is now paving the way for continued excellence as the COVID-19 pandemic unfolds - a time when understanding the human body has never been so important.

Thank you for being part of our School's history and for contributing to this critical field of advancing human health.

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A TIMELINE OF EXCELLENCE

2015

Professor Fabienne Mackay was appointed the inaugural Head of School.

The new School's official launch was in September hosted by then Provost Professor Margaret Sheil.



The School held its first Biomedical Sciences Day in collaboration with the Gene Technology Access Centre for high-school students from regional and disadvantaged areas.

The University was ranked #16 in the world for clinical, pre-clinical and health – compared to #9 in 2019*.



2016



Professor Shitij Kapur was appointed Dean, Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences and Assistant Vice-Chancellor (Health).

The School established the SBS Early and Mid-Career Salary Guarantee Award. A precursor to the Faculty Dame Kate Campbell Awards.

The School's Early-Mid Career Researchers Association (EMCRA) was formed to support level A and B postdoctoral researchers.



Professor Leann Tilley (Biochemistry and Molecular Biology) established the Georgina Sweet Awards for Women in Quantitative Biomedical Science as part of her Australian Research Council Laureate Fellowship.



The Centre for Stem Cell Systems opened supporting a deeper understanding of this emerging research field across the University.



The first School eNewsletter was sent in September. The School's Marketing Communications & Events team now distribute more than 30 email campaigns a year and published a record 140 web articles in 2019.



* Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2016/19.

2017

An Industry Board was established, and a Senior Academic Fellow Commercialisation appointed.

The Biomedicine Student Society raised \$25,000 at the Biomed Ball for Muscular Dystrophy Australia.



The Virtual Reality Heart Project secured MDHS Learning and Teaching Initiative Seed Funding. In 2018, 1200 first-year students used the program.

Associate Professor Jenny Hayes won the University Award for Excellence in Engagement: Public Value and the MDHS Award for Program Innovation for the development and impact of the Commemorative Thanksgiving Service. The service acknowledges the generosity of our donors as part of the largest Body Donor Program in Australia.

2018

The Bachelor of Biomedicine welcomed more than 700 commencing students – up from 480 in 2015.

The Master of Biomedical Sciences Enterprise Specialisation was launched by Lynn Langer-Johnson from collaborative partner institution Johns Hopkins University.



Dr Terry Mulhern (Biochemistry and Molecular Biology) received the University's David White Award for Teaching Excellence.

Professor Laura Mackay (Microbiology and Immunology) was appointed the first female president of the Federation of Immunological Societies of Asia-Oceania.



The Australian Venom Research Unit (Pharmacology and Therapeutics) was a proud launch partner of International Snakebite Awareness Day on 19 September.



2019

The MJ Gething Gender Equality Award was announced to help early career researchers continue career momentum while also having significant caring responsibilities.



The Savant Thakur Memorial Scholarship was established in honour of the late Department of Physiology PhD candidate.

Building 125 opened – Australia's most sophisticated life sciences teaching and learning facility, including custom designed biomedical science spaces.



More than 70 final year Biomedicine students met some of the School's most esteemed alumni at the inaugural Career Roundtable Breakfast in August. An opportunity for students to think about the diverse pathways a Bachelor of Biomedicine offers.



The School hosted the inaugural International Women's Day, My Brilliant Career event.

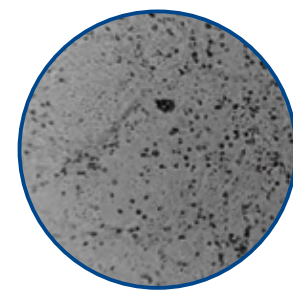
Under the leadership of Dr Charles Seigny, the School opened a Digital Learning Hub to help transform learning and teaching through the collaborative use of innovative technologies.



The School launched E-meet a Biomedical Scientist as part of National Science Week. The campaign connects budding students in years 9 - 12 with University experts – many who are global leaders in their research field.

2020

Professor Roy Robins-Browne received an Order of Australia for distinguished service to education and research in the field of microbiology and immunology.



School researchers at the Peter Doherty Institute for Infection and Immunity were among the first in the world to grow the coronavirus from a patient sample.

The Centre for Muscle Research was officially launched and Professor Gordon Lynch named the inaugural director. It will develop tests and therapies to counteract muscle wasting disorders.



Professor Mackay accepted the role of Director and CEO of QIMR Berghofer Medical Research Institute in Brisbane. The first female Director in its 75-year history.



Leading vascular biologist, Professor Jennifer Wilkinson-Berka started as the next Head of School on 3 August.



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* Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2016/19.

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