



InGeNA proudly supports the Summer Internship for Indigenous Genomics (SING) [SING Australia - SING - Summer Internship for Indigenous Peoples in Genomics](#)

We received this email following our support of the 2023 event:

Thank you very much for your support. The InGeNA sponsorship was vital in the success of SING Boorloo and we are deeply appreciative.

Christie Manckletow is a regional PhD research student. She says of the InGeNA sponsorship: *"I am sincerely grateful for having had the opportunity to attend the SING Genomics workshop in Boorloo Perth, made possible through sponsorship. This experience not only enhanced my knowledge of genomics but also served as a gateway to promising career avenues in this space. The networking opportunities provided were truly invaluable, fostering lasting connections within the genomics community."*

Dani Ghezzi is a health professional who is beginning her genetic counselling studies this year: *"SING2023 gave me an opportunity to be reintroduced back into the world of Genetics/Genomics. I have spent some time away from the genetics world as I have been more in the healthcare sector as an allied health professional; however, I am about to embark on a new journey as I have recently accepted a place at UTS's Master of Genetic Counselling. This internship opened a new avenue of interest; the impact that genetic testing can (and will) have on data sovereignty and governance of First Nations people, not just for our people here in 'Australia' but how this impact has on other First Nations. Therefore, the importance of having First Nation Genetic Counsellors will be vital in ensuring safety for our people. This internship was honestly incredible; the opportunities to meet and increase my network along with the reassurance that, as a professional Aboriginal woman, I am heading in the right direction for my own professional and personal satisfaction. I am passionate about looking after our mum's and bub's; not only in a clinical setting as we know one of the vital importance of self determinants of health and best practice is for First Nations people looking after First Nations people. For me it starts in the womb and pre conception; we carry our peoples DNA and the songlines of our ancestors. To me, my ancestors want me in this space and I will give voice to them to ensure our future generations are kept safe, healthy, strong, proud and Blak!"*