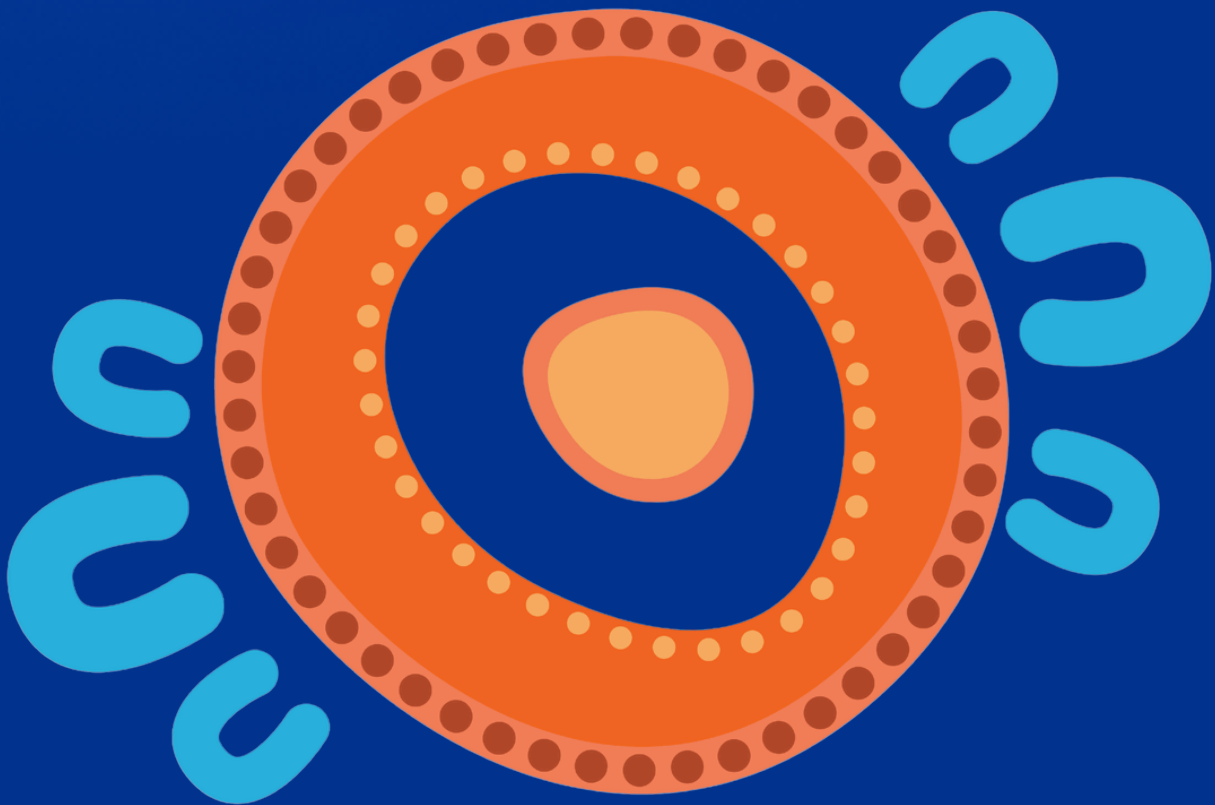




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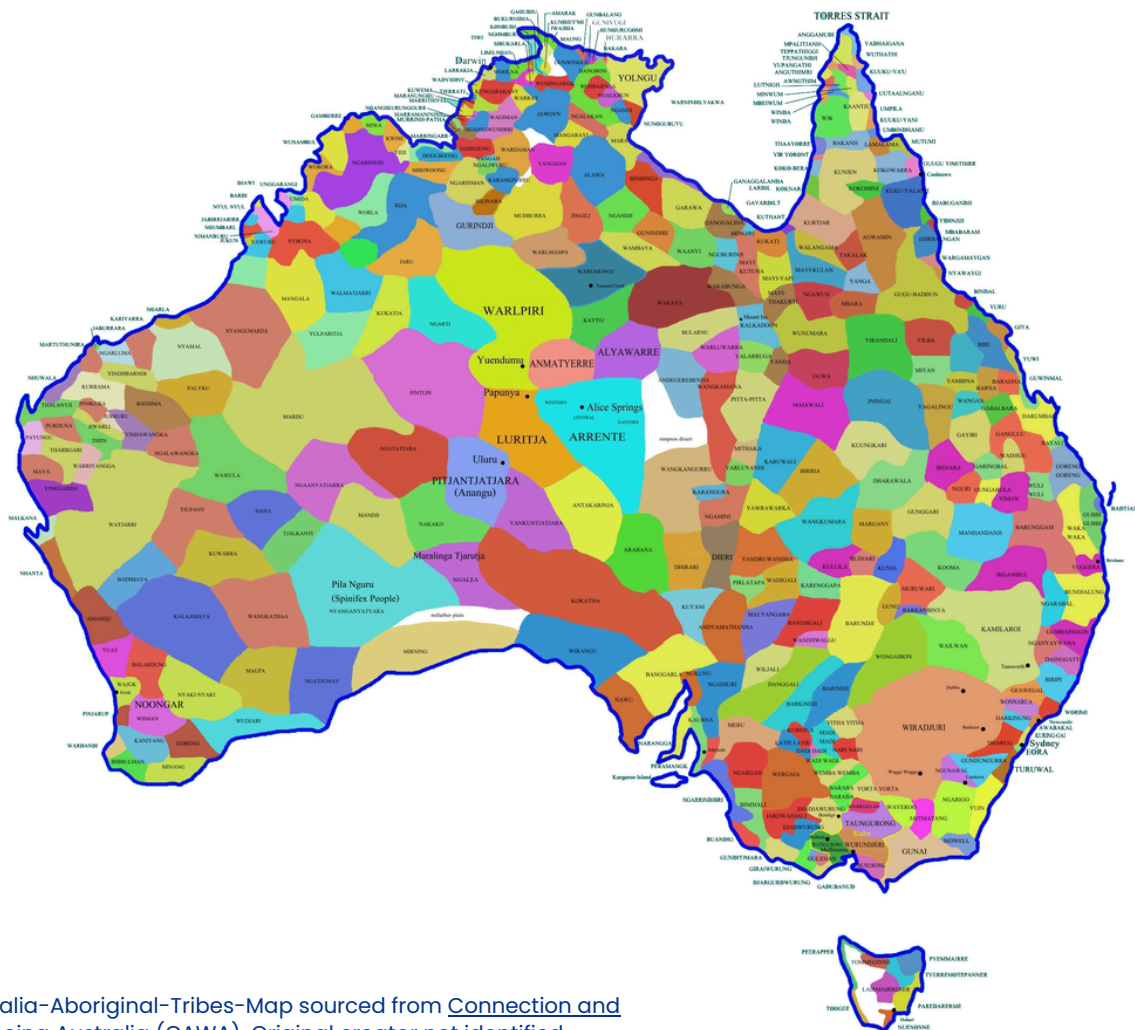


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About This Guide

The First Nations Peoples of Australia hold the oldest continuous culture on our planet, with a strength and resilience that has endured despite the impacts of colonisation. Separation from country, culture, and kin has caused ongoing harm, including intergenerational trauma that continues to shape health, education, and employment outcomes. Governments, educators, and employers work together under the National Agreement on Closing the Gap to remove barriers and build pathways forward. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander school students are encouraged to take up these opportunities to continue shaping a future that benefits their own wellbeing and the country as a whole.

Career Tools acknowledge the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the land on which we live, learn and work, and we pay our deepest respects to Elders past, present and emerging. We recognise the diverse skills and talents of First Nations peoples and aspire to create an inclusive career development platform that celebrates cultural wisdom, nurtures aspirations, and supports the journey towards fulfilling careers.



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High School Outreach Programs

Karnkanthi Indigenous Education Program: Get the tools, inspiration and early support to succeed in your future study, career and life aspirations. You'll have access to private tutoring for school studies, build leadership skills, sharpen your academic knowledge and participate in cultural and career development opportunities.

- Location: On campus
- Duration: 10 activities over 1 year for full program
- Year level: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in Year 10, 11 and 12/13
- Cost: Free/fully funded

Marni Wingku Immersive Day: Discover different Adelaide University disciplines – from science to arts, through innovative, inquiry-based workshops and activities. You'll build confidence, explore your career aspirations and come away feeling inspired to pursue university education.

- Location: On campus
- Duration: 1 day
- Year level: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in Year 9, 10, 11 and 12/13
- Cost: Free/fully funded

Year 12 Applicant First Nations Admission Access

Offers an alternative way to demonstrate readiness for university study if traditional admissions measures overlook important parts of your life, work and cultural background. We encourage you to reach out if you think you may not meet the standard entry requirements through SATAC or don't have an ATAR.

Adelaide University Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Scholarship

The Adelaide University Aboriginal Student Scholarship supports Aboriginal students who have demonstrated financial barriers to accessing post-secondary study. Recipients will receive an annual stipend of up to \$6,000 per annum for up to 4 years of full time study or part-time equivalent.

Student Support Services First Nations Student Support Services

First Nations Student Support assists Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students through tailored programs and services that complement the broader support offered across Adelaide University. Culturally safe and dedicated support services are available, as well as scholarships, study help, peer mentoring and more.

Year 12 Applicants

If you identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander through the online [Tertiary Admissions Centre](#) (TAC) application process, you won't need separate applications. You will be invited to attend an interview with relevant faculty and Indigenous Higher Education Unit staff.

Year 12 Applicants Away from Base Courses

National AFB courses are an excellent option if you want to study while still living at home or in your community. You will study online and attend intensive residential blocks twice a semester on campus. Accommodation and travel is included, with costs being paid by Australian Government funding. Available courses:

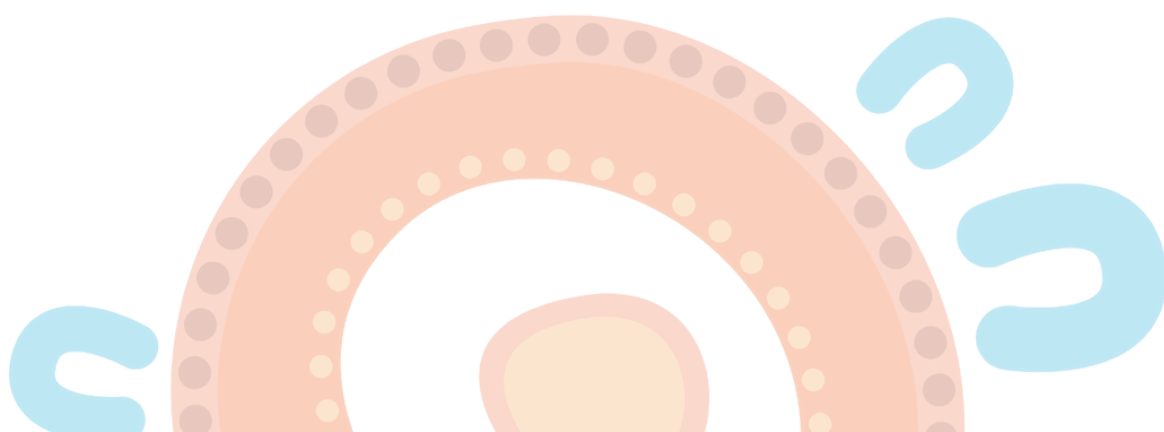
- Strathfield (near Sydney): [Diploma in Educational Studies \(Tertiary Preparation\)](#). (Early Childhood & Primary Units only in this mode)
- Strathfield: [Bachelor of Education \(Primary\)](#).
- Brisbane: [Bachelor of Midwifery \(Indigenous\)](#).

Year 12 Applicant Scholarships

ACU offers a range of undergraduate scholarships as well as those offered by external providers. Many scholarships are open to Indigenous applicants only, and you could be eligible for more than you think.

Student Support Services Indigenous Higher Education Units

Each campus has a hub for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, known as Indigenous Higher Education Units (IHEU). The staff are ready to offer you academic, personal and cultural support and to provide tutorial assistance, cultural activities, scholarships and networking and professional development opportunities.



National High School Outreach Program National Indigenous Summer School

The Tjabal Indigenous Higher Education Centre hosts a week-long Summer School for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students currently in Years 10 and 11 (Year 12 students will also be considered), running 6–12 December 2026. Participants take part in hands-on learning across science, health and humanities subjects, guided by academic staff, Indigenous university students and Tjabal staff, with all accommodation, transport, catering and workshop materials covered. Applications close Friday 28 August 2026, with successful applicants notified by 9 October 2026.

Year 12 Applicant [Access for Indigenous Students](#)

As an Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander student, you are eligible for priority admission. This means that if you meet the admission requirements for your ANU program of choice and declare your Indigenous heritage, you will be given preference. You may also be eligible for [adjustment factors which increase your ANU selection rank](#).

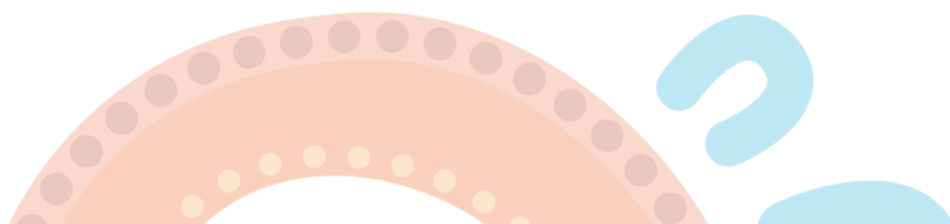
Year 12 Applicant [Kambri Indigenous Undergraduate Scholarship](#)

The scholarship assists students in completing an undergraduate degree (in any discipline) for up to five years. The application involves writing a statement outlining your involvement and leadership activities within your school and/or community and a statement describing what it would mean for you to be awarded this scholarship. Your school principal must also provide a letter of recommendation. Shortlisted candidates will be invited to an interview with the Kambri Scholarship Committee. Selection will be primarily based on academic merit and the candidate's application, both written and at interview.

Student Support Services [Tjabal Indigenous Higher Education Centre](#)

The Tjabal Indigenous Higher Education Centre provides academic support and advice:

- Pastoral care and personal support.
- Access to quality tuition.
- Advice on internships and scholarships.
- Links to ANU services, such as the health centre, careers and academic skills.
- Outreach programs to prospective ANU students.
- Study spaces.



Year 12 Applicant Adjustment Factors

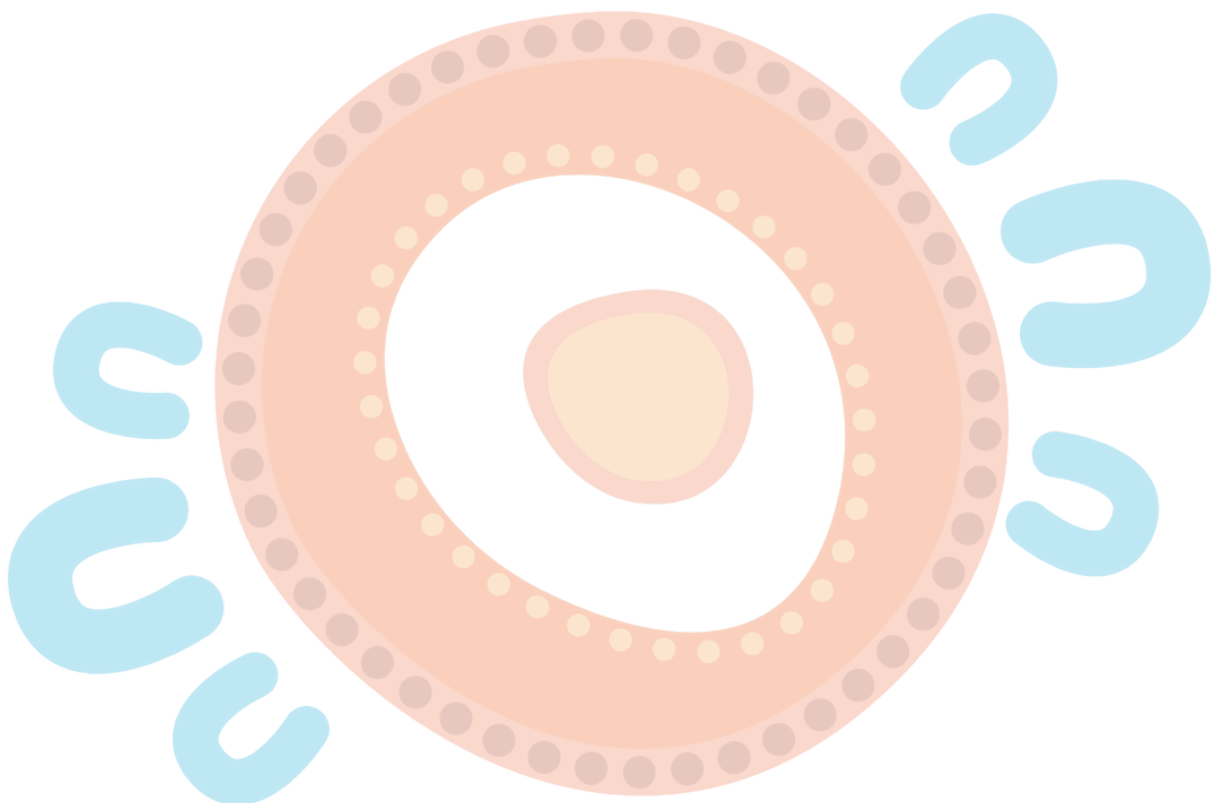
Adjustment factors are additional points added to your ATAR to help determine your selection rank for entry into your chosen course. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants will receive five adjustment points if you prove that you are Aboriginal or from the Torres Strait Islands.

Year 12 Applicant Avondale Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Scholarship

Up to \$1,500 per year for eligible students for each year of study in an Outdoor Leadership VET course and up to four years in an undergraduate degree course.

Student Support Services Indigenous Student Support

Indigenous support staff are based at the Lake Macquarie and Sydney campuses and are available to provide advice and guidance with any questions, concerns or problems you may have throughout your studies.



Batchelor Institute Both-Ways Learning

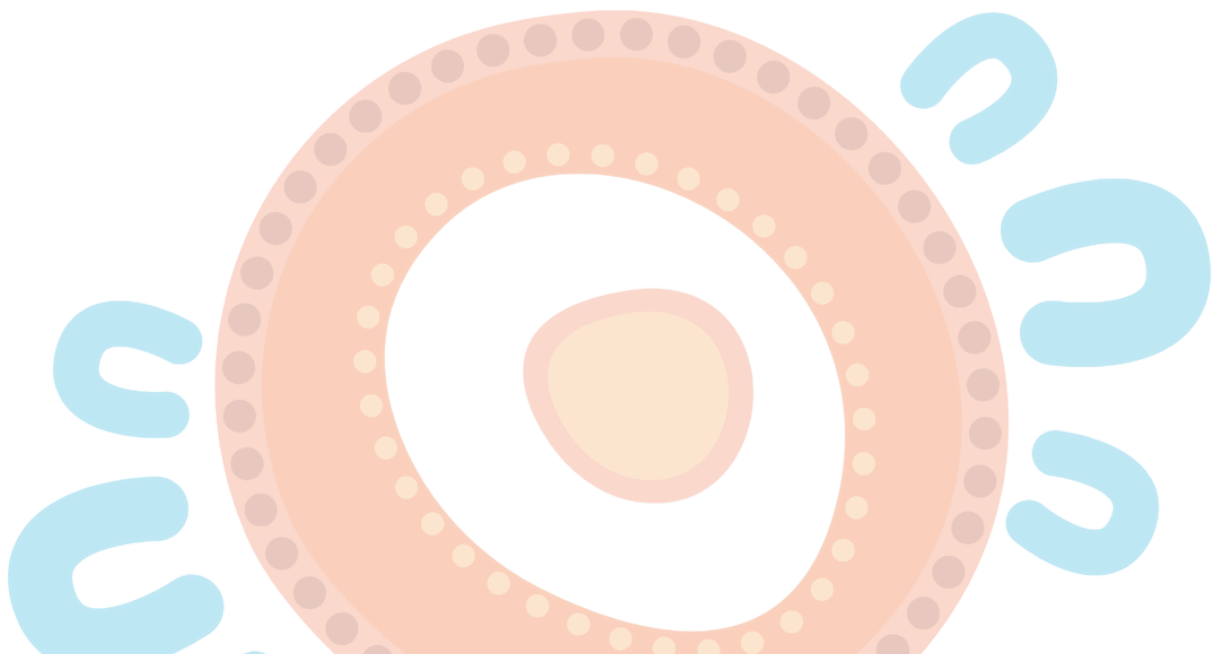
Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education (BIITE) is Australia's only Indigenous-controlled dual-sector tertiary provider, delivering vocational and higher education across campuses at Batchelor and Alice Springs, plus remote learning centres throughout the Northern Territory. Its Both Ways philosophy places Indigenous knowledges, cultures and voices at the centre of every course, in a culturally safe environment that strengthens connection to Country and family. Year 12 students can enrol directly in VET courses, which don't require an ATAR, and most courses combine short on-campus workshops with study from home or community.

How to Enrol

Explore courses and enrolment options at batchelor.edu.au, including the downloadable VET Student Guide. For questions about study pathways or campus and remote learning options, contact Batchelor Institute directly.

Student Services

Student Services is the go-to place for all student related issues, including accommodation, wellbeing and support and tutorial Assistance. Our friendly Student Services teams are committed to making you feel welcome at Batchelor. Student Services staff are who you can approach about any matter, there is one common goal – to help you feel at home in your time at Batchelor.



Year 12 Applicant Bond University Indigenous Scholarship

The Bond University Indigenous Scholarship offers an impactful opportunity, covering 50% of tuition fees for successful applicants applying for diploma programs and undergraduate degrees (excluding the Medical Programs). For those who relocate to the Gold Coast and live in on-campus accommodation, the scholarship goes even further—providing a one-semester living bursary that includes a meal plan.

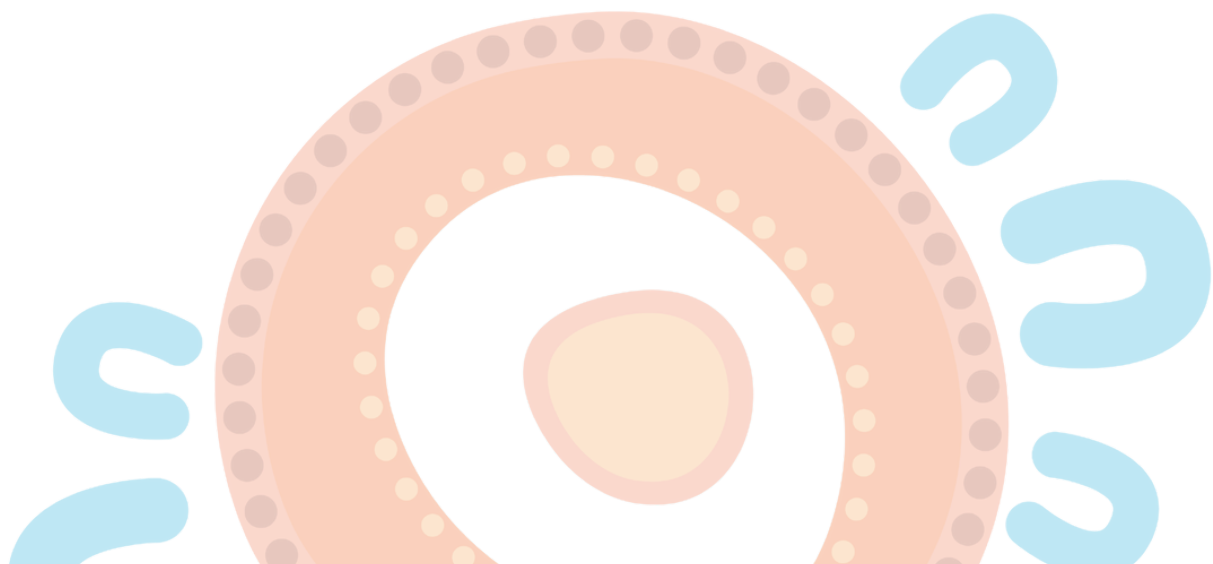
Year 12 Applicant First Nations Medical Scholarship Program

Bond University is proud to provide a First Nations pathway into its Medical Program. In 2027, 2028 and 2029, there will be two First Nations Medical Partial Scholarships:

- First Nations Australian currently applying for admission into the Bond University Medical Program
- A \$5,500 living allowance provided for the first semester if the student is living away from home
- Applications open via QTAC on Tuesday, 5 January 2027
- Applications close on Tuesday, 19 January 2027

Student Support Services Nyombil Indigenous Support Centre

The Nyombil Centre will help you transition into university life and into the workforce. The team deliver inclusive and culturally safe support programs and practices with a focus on empowering students to reach their full potential. By building resilience, nurturing creativity, and instilling a culture of lifelong learning, the team seeks to inspire students to successfully navigate their studies and achieve their aspirations.



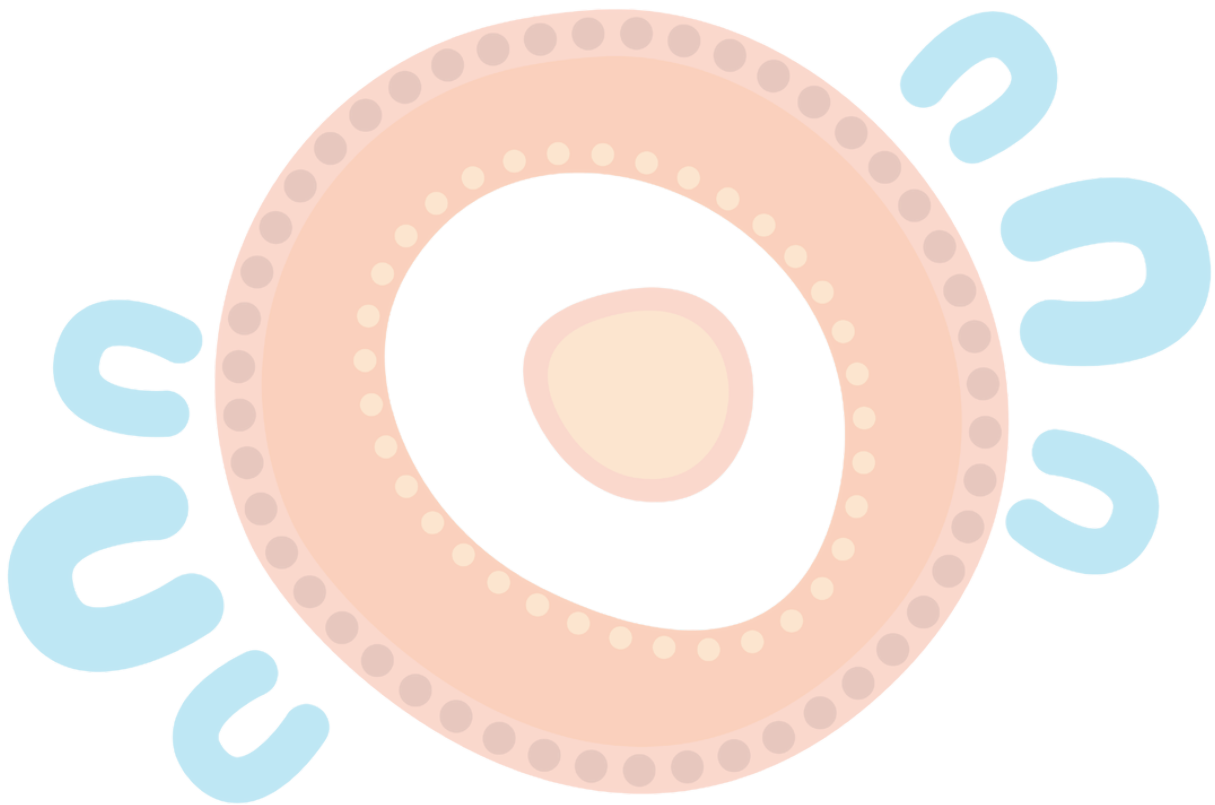
Indigenous Scholarship Program

The Indigenous Scholarship Program is ideal for anyone 16 years of age and up from the traditional owner groups listed on the website and currently either studying anything Certificate 3 and above or interested in trade qualification, apprenticeship, or traineeship in resources.

Student Support Services Indigenous Student Advising Specialists

The Indigenous Student Advising Specialists provide advice about a number of services available to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students including:

- Free tutoring support
- Financial guidance
- Cultural advocacy
- Safe learning support
- Basic course information, and more.



High School Outreach Program [Bidjipidji School Program](#)

These camps aim to assist senior First Nations students in building confidence, support their ongoing aspirational growth, and establish a culturally safe environment for living and studying on the university campus.

Year 12 Pathway Program [First Nations Pathways to University Programs](#)

CDU's pathway programs help First Nations students get ready for university. You'll have First Nations mentors, tutors, and support services to help you succeed. Once you complete your program, you can get into a range of CDU courses with exit qualifications at Certificate, Diploma, or Degree level. These courses are available cross different campuses:

- [Health Pathway Program](#)
- [Introduction to University Program](#)
- [Pre-Law Program](#)
- [Tertiary Enabling Program](#)
- [UniBoost](#)
- [UniBoost \(Extended\)](#)

[Away from Base \(AFB\) Program](#)

An AFB program assists and supports First Nations students with the reasonable costs of meals, travel, and accommodation while attending compulsory course requirements such as placements, practicums, clinical training blocks, and field trips.

[Scholarships](#)

CDU offers a wide range of scholarships for First Nations students which you can explore [here](#).

Student Support Services [First Nations Student Support](#)

The First Nations Student Support Team is dedicated to helping First Nations students feel connected, supported, and confident in achieving their educational goals, offering advice and assistance, including:

- Course information
- Applications to study
- Pathways into university
- Study plans and unit selection
- Scholarships
- Referrals to specialised services i.e.: Counselling and Access and Inclusion
- Academic Language Learning support
- Advocacy
- Link students with a tutor
- One-on-one Teams consultation via appointment

Year 12 Applicant Connections First Nations Direct Entry Program

Connections is a five-day entry program that helps you prepare for study with Charles Sturt University. Successful completion will provide you with guaranteed entry into a broad range of bachelor's degrees. Travel, accommodation and food costs are covered.

CSU also has dedicated First Nations pathways in:

- [Community services](#)
- [Education](#)
- [Nursing](#)
- [Agriculture and environmental science](#)

Away From Base Grant (AFB)

Provides financial assistance for meals, travel and accommodation while attending compulsory intensive schools and/or professional placements, for a select range of CSU courses.

Year 12 Applicant Scholarships for First Nations students

CSU currently lists 34 scholarships and grants specifically for Indigenous students, such as the:

- [First Nations Education Costs Scholarship](#) (up to \$10,000)
- [First Nations Continuing Student Accommodation Scholarship](#) (up to \$8,000)
- [CSU Foundation Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Achievement Scholarship](#) (up to \$5,000)
- [Lila Kirilik Human Services/Social Work Scholarship](#) (up to \$2,000)
- [Centacare Southwest NSW Scholarship](#) (up to \$5,000)

Try the comprehensive [Scholarships Search](#) to find others you may be eligible for.

Student Support Services First Nations Student Centres

There are seven First Nations Student Centres at Charles Sturt University located at campuses in Albury-Wodonga, Bathurst, Dubbo, Goulburn, Orange, Port Macquarie and Wagga Wagga. You'll be invited to participate in the tutoring program, giving you an initial allocation of ten hours of content-specific tutoring for each subject, each session. You'll be eligible for one-on-one tutoring to help you understand your course content. First Nations Student Advisors are also available to assist with general study skills that will be useful in all your subjects, like time management, breaking down assessment tasks and structuring your assignments.

High School Outreach Program Years 9–12 [The Indigenous Australian Engineering School \(IAES\)](#)

A week-long residential engineering experience for First Nations students, established and funded by Engineering Aid Australia. Explore engineering pathways through hands-on activities, industry connections and cultural engagement while staying at Curtin University in Perth. All travel, meals, and accommodation costs are covered.

Year 12 Applicant [Indigenous enabling courses](#)

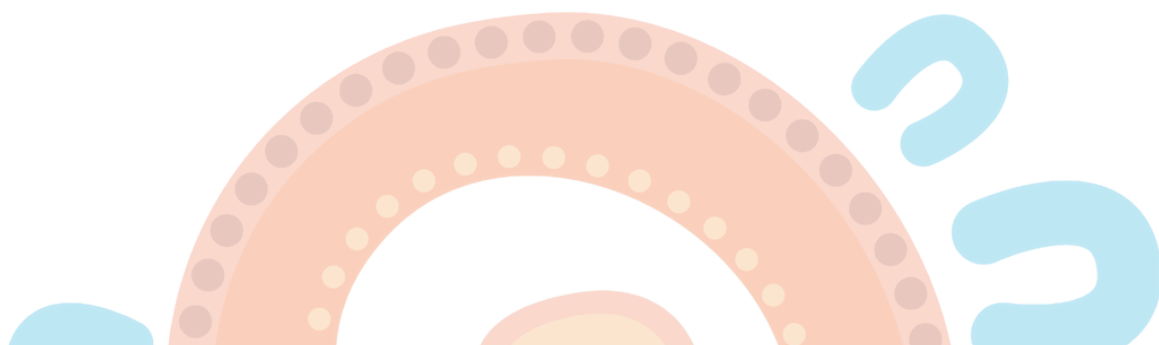
Curtin's six- and 12-month Indigenous enabling courses offer a supportive, culturally informed pathway to university study. If you're an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander student aged 17 or over and you don't have an ATAR or didn't finish Year 12, these courses are designed to build your confidence, develop your skills and take the next step towards uni. By successfully completing an enabling program, you'll meet the minimum admission requirements for a wide range of Curtin undergraduate degrees in business, health, science and engineering. To apply, submit the Expression of Interest form and attach your résumé.

Year 12 Applicant [Scholarships](#)

There's a range of scholarships available for Indigenous students applying to study at Curtin. You can [search all scholarships](#), or learn about [Commonwealth scholarships available to Indigenous students](#). To chat about your scholarship options, [contact the Curtin Scholarships Office](#).

Student Support Services [Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student support](#)

If you're an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander student, Curtin has dedicated academic, wellbeing, and mentoring support to help you succeed. The [Centre for Aboriginal Studies \(CAS\)](#) is a base on campus for all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. You can drop by CAS to get support, socialise, attend events, and use the computer lab and common room.



Year 12 Applicant VTAC SEAS category: Personal information and location

15 ATAR adjustment points are given for applicants who are of Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent, or identify as a person of Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander heritage and are accepted as such by an Indigenous community. Apply through VTAC.

Year 12 Applicant Indigenous Student Pathways

The **Indigenous Entry Stream** is a specialised pathway to become a healthcare practitioner, improving cultural safety and health equity in your community. Places are allocated exclusively for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in select optometry, medical imaging, medicine and psychological science courses.

NIKERI (National Indigenous Knowledges Education Research Innovation Institute)

The NIKERI Institute offers alternative entry into a range of Deakin degrees, delivered through week-long on-campus intensives at Geelong Waurin Ponds combined with online study from home. No ATAR or high school certificate is required. Entry is via application, an assessment task and an interview. Costs of accommodation, meals and transport are covered at Kitjarra Residences. Courses include Bachelor of Arts, Psychology, Early Childhood Education, Education (Primary), Laws, Nursing, and Social Work.

Year 12 Applicant Scholarships

Deakin offers many scholarships for First Nations students, including:

- **Indigenous Student Success Program** (must be enrolled at Deakin prior to applying)
- **Dr (Aunty) Mary Atkinson Scholarships** (NIKERI Institute Nursing or Education degree applicants are automatically considered)
- **Mary MacKillop Today First Nations Tertiary Scholarship** (rural or regional home location)

Student Support Services Indigenous Student Support

Deakin offers culturally appropriate support for First Nations students, including the Indigenous Tutorial Network (assignment writing, presentation skills, time management), a Social and Emotional Wellbeing counsellor, and Study Support advisers.

High School Outreach Program The Bilang Bilang Program

Bilang Bilang is Kurungkurl Katitjin's residential program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander high school students, giving participants a hands-on taste of university life through workshops with academics and cultural activities.

Year 12 Applicant Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Entry Pathways

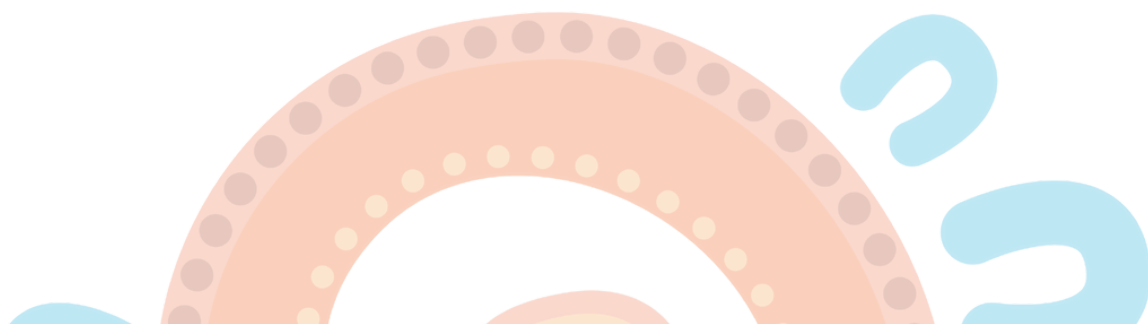
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants have several pathway options into ECU. The University Preparation (UniPrep) course is free, requires no ATAR, and runs over the summer break (November–January) so you're ready for Semester 1. Experience Based Entry lets you apply using a portfolio of evidence instead of an ATAR. The VET Pathway allows entry with a completed Certificate IV or higher. Some applicants may also be eligible for an ATAR adjustment depending on your school.

ECU Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Scholarship

The ECU Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Scholarships are intended to assist you with the costs associated with University study. Applications are sought from Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students from low socio-economic backgrounds who may also be dealing with difficulties such as a disability or ongoing illness, significant caring responsibilities, or relocation from rural or regional areas. Scholarships are valued at \$3000 per year for each full-time year (or pro rata) of a student's undergraduate course at ECU.

Student Support Services Kurungkurl Katitjin

Kurungkurl Katitjin, ECU's Centre for Indigenous Australian Education and Research, offers a Student Success team to support your study progress and wellbeing, an Elder-in-Residence for cultural guidance, and the Aboriginal Tutorial and Mentoring Program (ATMP) for one-on-one academic support. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students also receive a \$100 study voucher and \$40 printing credit each semester, plus access to the Nala Karla student rooms which are dedicated study and relaxation spaces.



High School Outreach Program Koling wada-ngal karrung school camp

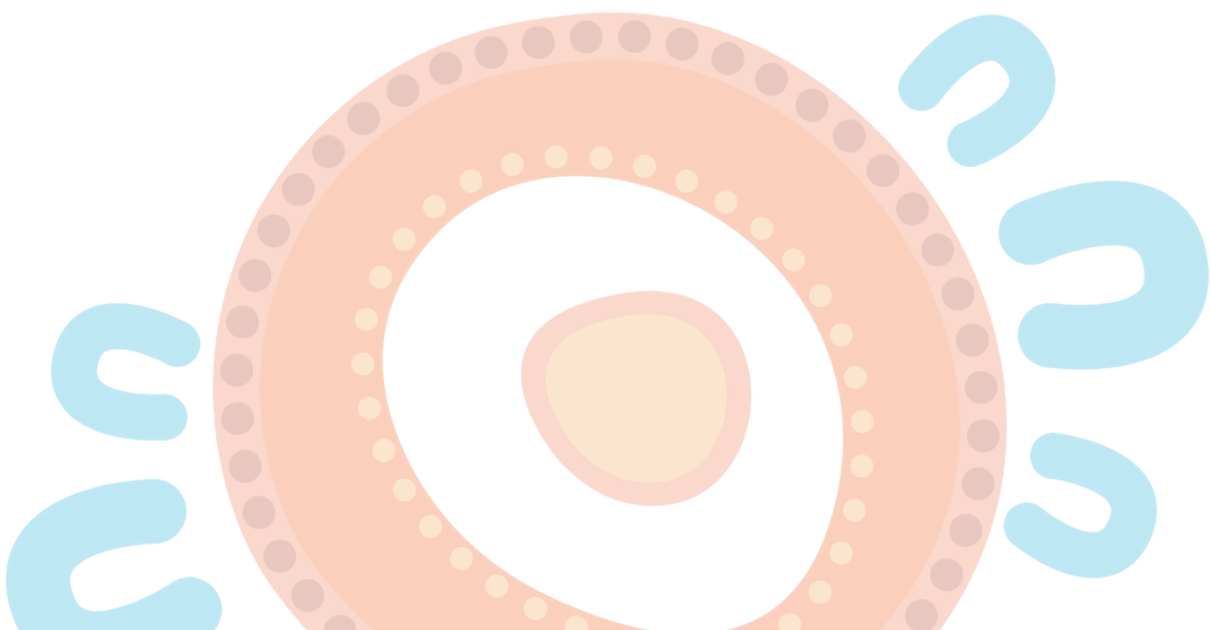
Koling wada-ngal karrung (let us walk together) is a free week-long camp for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in Years 9–11, held at Federation's Mt Helen Campus in Ballarat during the September term break (27 September – 2 October 2026). Students stay on campus and explore study options through hands-on activities like STEM workshops and sports science sessions, alongside cultural experiences including Elder storytelling and visits to local cultural sites. Accommodation, transport and meals are covered. Supported by the Aboriginal Education Centre.

Year 12 Applicant Deadly Scholarships

Federation offers Deadly Scholarships for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, including the Deadly Education Costs Scholarship (ICECS) and the Deadly Relocation/Accommodation Costs Scholarship (ICACS), which supports students who need to relocate from regional or remote areas to study.

Student Support Services Aboriginal Education Centre

Federation's Aboriginal Education Centre (AEC) provides one-on-one learning support, tutorial referrals, an Aboriginal Wellbeing Coordinator and Indigenous Counsellor, free printing and stationery, dedicated study spaces, and graduation support including help with regalia and ceremony costs. Present on five campuses: Mt Helen, SMB, Wimmera, Berwick and Churchill.



High School Outreach Programs for Indigenous Students

Life in the Uni Lane: On-campus day program at Bedford Park Campus giving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in Years 9–12 a feel for university life and the study options at Flinders, through hands-on workshops. Free.

Footprints to the Future Evening: Evening workshop at Bedford Park and Flinders City Campus for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander future students and their families. Meet the Yungkurrinthe team, hear from current students about pathways and support, and see what life at Flinders is really like. Dinner provided, free to attend.

Indigenous Australian Engineering School (IAES): Free, hands-on multi-day program at Tonsley Campus exploring engineering and technology, for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in Years 9–12.

Year 12 Applicant Indigenous Admission Scheme

The Indigenous Admission Scheme (IAS) is an alternative entry pathway into Flinders University for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants. It works alongside your SATAC application and includes an interview with Yungkurrinthe staff and a representative from your area of study.

Foundation Studies (Indigenous) program runs for 14 weeks to help you develop your skills and then start uni. Available for over 50 programs.

Year 12 Applicant Scholarships

Flinders offers a range of scholarships for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, including undergraduate entry scholarships, health sciences and nursing scholarships, and scholarships for students from regional, rural or remote areas.

Student Support Services Yungkurrinthe Student Engagement

Yungkurrinthe is Flinders' Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student network, connecting you with over 400 current students and alumni. The team supports you through orientation, enrolment and settling in, plus:

- Academic skills support through the Deadly Study Program
- One-on-one tutoring through the Yungkurrinthe Tutorial Program
- Financial support advice
- Yungkurrinthe Student Spaces in Adelaide and Darwin
- In2Uni Drop-In Days to help you transition into university study

High School Outreach Program First Peoples School to Uni Program

GUMURRII's School to Uni Program gives Year 11 and 12 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students a clear pathway to university, with the skills to succeed once you're there. The program includes one-on-one mentoring, on-campus experiences and bootcamps, social and wellbeing events, parent and guardian information sessions, QTAC application and fee assistance, and university transition preparation.

Year 12 Applicant First Peoples Admission Pathway

Self-identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander when applying via QTAC or UAC to be considered for dedicated pathway options if the standard admission criteria isn't met. GUMURRII will contact eligible applicants and may request a personal resume, certified confirmation of Aboriginality and/or Torres Strait Islander status, and a personal statement on why you want to study. An interview may also be requested.

Year 12 Applicant First Peoples Health Pathway

If you identified as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander on your QTAC application, you may be eligible for the First Peoples Health Pathway into a competitive health program. You'll need to meet subject prerequisites and a minimum ATAR or equivalent study under the First Peoples Pathways Schedule. Eligible applicants are invited to a culturally sensitive interview in November.

Year 12 Applicant Scholarships

Griffith offers a range of scholarships for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, including support for students facing financial hardship or educational disadvantage, and scholarships for specific fields such as nursing, midwifery, business and health.

Student Support Services GUMURRI Student Success Unit

GUMURRII is Griffith's dedicated support unit for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff support you from recruitment through to graduation, including tutorial assistance. GUMURRII operates on each Griffith campus, with officers also available to online students, offering a safe and culturally appropriate environment throughout your studies.

High School Outreach Program Year 10 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander in Marine Science (ATSIMS)

Hands-on excursions in marine science, marine management, citizen science and Sea Country stewardship for First Nations Year 10 students in North Queensland. Includes campus orientation at JCU Townsville, a field trip to Orpheus Island Research Station, a Ranger Day, a visit to AIMS, and a graduation session at the IERC.

High School Outreach Program Years 10–12 Winter School

Five-day, on-campus program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to experience university life. Held during the winter holidays at Bebegu Yumba, with lectures, team-building and sessions across allied health, law, medicine, nursing, marine science and social work, plus dance, sport and cultural activities. Travel, accommodation and catering covered.

Year 12 Applicant School Leaver Summer School

Five-day, on-campus preparatory program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Year 12 students starting at JCU the following year. Run by the IERC, building skills in maths, English, chemistry and tertiary study, with support from Indigenous Student Ambassadors. Held during the summer holidays at Bebegu Yumba, with travel, accommodation and catering covered.

Year 12 Applicant Indigenous Selection Pathway (Medicine)

JCU's Indigenous Selection Pathway supports Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander applicants into the Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery. Apply through QTAC (identifying as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander), apply directly to JCU, and provide a Confirmation of Indigenous Status letter. All steps are required for an offer.

Year 12 Applicant Scholarships

JCU offers scholarships for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students by study area and through Commonwealth scholarships, supported by the Indigenous Student Success Program. JCU also partners with Mary MacKillop Today to offer the First Nations Tertiary Scholarship (Cairns and Townsville campuses only), worth \$5,000 per year towards living expenses for the duration of your course.

Student Support Services Indigenous Education and Research Centre (IERC)

The IERC supports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students on-campus and off-campus. Free IPAL tutoring offers weekly one-on-one sessions with an experienced student tutor. Student Support Advisors help with accommodation, finances and wellbeing; Academic Support Advisors help with study planning and coaching.

High School Outreach Program Years 9–11 Getting Down to Business

Orientation program run by La Trobe Business School introducing Year 9–11 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to the world of business.

High School Outreach Program Years 9–12 RISE with La Trobe

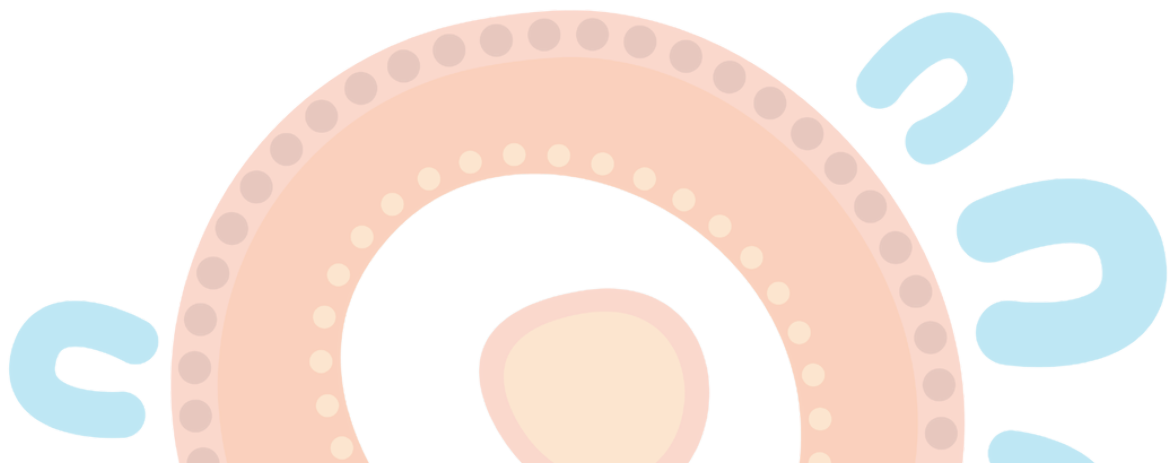
Free program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in Years 9–12, with online and in-person activities including academic learning, cultural activities, mentoring, and introductions to university life. Participants can gain a conditional offer into a La Trobe diploma or undergraduate degree by completing the Achieve, Tertiary Preparation Program or Prepare pathway units. Graduates receive a \$5,000 commencement scholarship, a dedicated Academic Adviser and Student Engagement Senior Officer, weekly tuition through the Indigenous Academic Enrichment Program, and access to culturally safe study spaces.

Year 12 Applicant Scholarships

La Trobe offers Indigenous-specific scholarships including the La Trobe University Indigenous Students Scholarship (up to \$5,000, open to future undergraduates) and the Indigenous Accommodation Scholarship, which guarantees a place in on-campus accommodation and reduces the cost of living on campus by \$180 per week.

Student Support Services Indigenous Student Services

Indigenous Student Services units are based at every Victorian campus, offering academic advice and advocacy, tuition support, financial support, computer lab access, referrals to other services, and cultural programs and events.



High School Outreach Program Year 10 Rising Start Camp

All-inclusive three-day residential camp at Macquarie University for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in Year 10 who live in NSW. Facilitated by Walanga Muru, the camp helps students consider career options, develop leadership skills, grow cultural knowledge and experience university life. Held every July.

High School Outreach Program Years 11–12 Aspire Camp

All-inclusive three-day residential camp at Macquarie University for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander senior students (Years 11–12) who live in NSW. Facilitated by Walanga Muru, the camp lets students explore tertiary study options, experience their area of interest, take part in cultural activities and meet industry representatives at an exclusive expo. Held every January.

Year 11 Early Entry Pathway Critical Thinking Unit

Facilitated by Walanga Muru, this pathway lets talented Year 11 students start a Macquarie degree while still at high school. The unit PHIL1037 covers the fundamentals of critical thinking and reasoning, runs online and is completed alongside the HSC. A credit result or above earns an early offer into a selection of Macquarie degrees once you finish Year 12. Walanga Muru provides free tutoring, mentoring and individualised support throughout.

Year 12 Applicant Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Entry Pathway (ATSIEP)

ATSIEP is a priority entry pathway into any Macquarie undergraduate degree for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants, including those without an ATAR or with a lower ATAR than required. The selection process has two stages: a written application (evidence of Aboriginality, educational history, work experience and a personal statement) and a face-to-face interview, usually held on Wallumattagal campus. Travel is covered for applicants more than 3 hours from campus.

Year 12 Applicant Scholarships

Macquarie offers a range of scholarships for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, including financial support scholarships, accommodation scholarships, and scholarships for students in science, business, education and other fields of study.

Student Support Services Walanga Muru

Walanga Muru supports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students throughout their studies with course guidance, enrolment support, tailored inductions, tutoring, scholarship support and dedicated student spaces. It also runs a [cadetship program](#) offering paid work placements with organisations such as ANZ, Redfern Legal Centre and Johnson and Johnson Medical.

High School Outreach Program William Cooper Institute Schools Outreach Program

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students can join the William Cooper Institute's Schools Outreach Program, which provides one-on-one information sessions, admissions and pathways advice, updates on opportunities, events and scholarships, and the chance to meet current Monash students.

High School Outreach Program Years 10–12 Spring into Monash Indigenous Camp

Spring into Monash camp is for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in Year 10 –12 based in Victoria & Tasmania, giving an in-depth look at university life. Includes stories and mentoring from current students, cultural activities, speeches from community leaders, careers and course advice, student support advice, hands-on activities and a Q&A panel with staff and students.

Year 12 Applicant Monash Indigenous Entry Scheme

Through VTAC, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants can gain direct admission to a range of Monash undergraduate degrees with an ATAR of 50 or above (higher for some degrees, such as Engineering and Education). There are no extra requirements or added time to your course, and you're supported throughout by the University and the William Cooper Institute.

Year 12 Applicant Indigenous Pathway Programs (MIAP/INAP)

If you haven't completed Year 12, graduated on a non-ATAR pathway, or received an ATAR under 50, the Monash Indigenous Access Program (MIAP) is a full-time, ABSTUDY-approved bridging program that prepares you for entry into a Monash undergraduate degree. On completion, you're directly admitted into the first year of your chosen degree.

Year 12 Applicant Scholarships

All Indigenous undergraduate students at Monash are guaranteed a scholarship, including the Achieving Potential Indigenous Support Scholarship worth \$6,500 per year of your degree. A range of further scholarships are available, applied for alongside your VTAC application.

Student Support Services William Cooper Institute

All Indigenous undergraduate students at Monash are eligible for a support package worth up to \$36,000 over a three-year degree, including one-on-one and group tutoring, prescribed textbooks, mentoring, paid internship opportunities, and a free Monash Sport gym membership.

High School Outreach Programs Kulbardi Engagement and Outreach

Kulbardi runs free programs to help Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander high school students explore university and other post-school pathways.

Deadly Dreaming: Annual whole-day event for Years 7–12, with workshops exploring university life. Meet current students, staff, and community organisations offering traineeships and scholarships.

Djilba (Years 11–12): New event in development, kicking off with Deadly Dreaming, bringing together Aboriginal students from different schools for a day of connection and information.

Kulbardi also offers in-school incursion workshops for Years 7–12 on critical thinking, wellbeing, leadership and pathway planning — schools can arrange these directly with Kulbardi's school relationships officer.

Year 12 Applicant K-Track Enabling Program

K-Track is a free, award-winning enabling course for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, with no prerequisites, leading to entry into an undergraduate degree at Murdoch. A peer mentor program provides academic and emotional support throughout. After K-Track, tailored transition support continues through Ngoolark (Arts, Education, Business, Nursing) and Waardong (veterinary and life sciences).

Year 12 Applicant Scholarships

Kulbardi offers scholarships for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, including the Kulbardi Aboriginal Centre Success Scholarships and Health Scholarships, covering education costs, childcare, accommodation and laptops.

Student Support Services Kulbardi Aboriginal Centre

Kulbardi Aboriginal Centre supports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students throughout their studies. A student support coordinator offers course advice, tutorials, career development and general support. On Perth campus, students can access Kulbardi's computer room and common room facilities.

High School Outreach Programs Years 7 – 9 First Nations STEM Workshops

In-school hands-on workshops for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in Years 7–9, run by the Oodgeroo Unit. Workshops build STEM enthusiasm and connect Indigenous Australians' knowledge with STEM careers, covering topics like drones, coding and robotics, traditional fire lighting technology, and physics through woomera-throwing. Schools can run one workshop a week for four weeks, one a term, or a full day.

High School Outreach Program Years 8 – 12 High School Engagement

QUT offers in-school and on-campus activities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in Years 8–12, designed to build aspirations for higher education.

Year 12 Applicant Centralised Assessment and Selection Program (CASP)

CASP is an admissions pathway helping Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander applicants get into most QUT undergraduate courses, even without completing Year 12 or meeting the ATAR/rank threshold. Apply to QTAC, then submit a CASP application including supporting documents, evidence of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent, a 500-word written piece on why you want to study your chosen degree, and an interview with Oodgeroo Unit and faculty staff. Successful applicants can find out before the main QTAC offer round.

Year 12 Applicant Scholarships

QUT offers a range of scholarships for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students at various stages of study, including the Indigenous Australian Accommodation Scholarship. This covers fully funded accommodation at Student One Elizabeth Street for eligible students relocating from regional, rural, remote or interstate areas to start their first year at QUT, with access to the Oodgeroo Unit's cultural and academic support.

Student Support Services Oodgeroo Unit

The Oodgeroo Unit provides support and spaces for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students throughout their studies at QUT. The Pre-Orientation Program (POP) helps commencing students transition into university life, introducing them to other students and staff before semester begins.

High School Outreach Programs Indigenous Community Outreach and Engagement

The Ngarara Willim Centre can visit your school or community, or host you on campus, to talk about tertiary study and RMIT's support programs for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. Deadly Days are field-specific event days (such as STEM, design or engineering) delivered with a specific school or college program. RMIT also partners with other universities to deliver external programs for Indigenous high school students, including the Victorian Indigenous Engineering Winter School (VIEWS) for Years 10–12, the National Indigenous Business Summer School (NIBSS) for Years 11–12, and Toorong Marnong.

Deadly Day of STEM & Deadly Day of Vocational Education: A day of STEM- or vocational education-themed workshops at RMIT campuses, open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander high school students in Victoria in Year 9 and above, exploring pathways into tertiary education.

Year 12 Applicant Indigenous Access Program

The Indigenous Access Program supports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants into RMIT vocational and bachelor's degree courses through a non-ATAR, non-competitive selection process. After applying, you'll attend an informal interview with a Ngarara Willim Support Officer and a Selection Officer, discussing your educational aspirations and relevant experience instead of being assessed against an ATAR. Bachelor degree applicants also receive a minimum English study score requirement 5 points lower than the published score. Applicants must attend the Gama-dji Orientation Program.

Year 12 Applicant Scholarships

RMIT offers a range of scholarships for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, including the H&H Group Indigenous Scholarship (business, marketing and communication, up to \$60,000 with a paid graduate position), the Liberty First Nations Scholarship (business, accounting or commerce, up to \$50,000), the Uncle Brian McKinnon (Dodd) Scholarship (visual/fine art, up to \$30,000), and the Indigenous Resource Grant for general study costs.

Student Support Services Ngarara Willim Centre

The Ngarara Willim Centre offers free spaces for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students at each RMIT campus, including private study and meeting spaces, computers, a kitchen, lounge and casual study areas, lockers, and a sensory space at City campus. Student advisors and support staff are on hand, along with social and cultural activities.

Year 12 Applicant Testing & Assessment

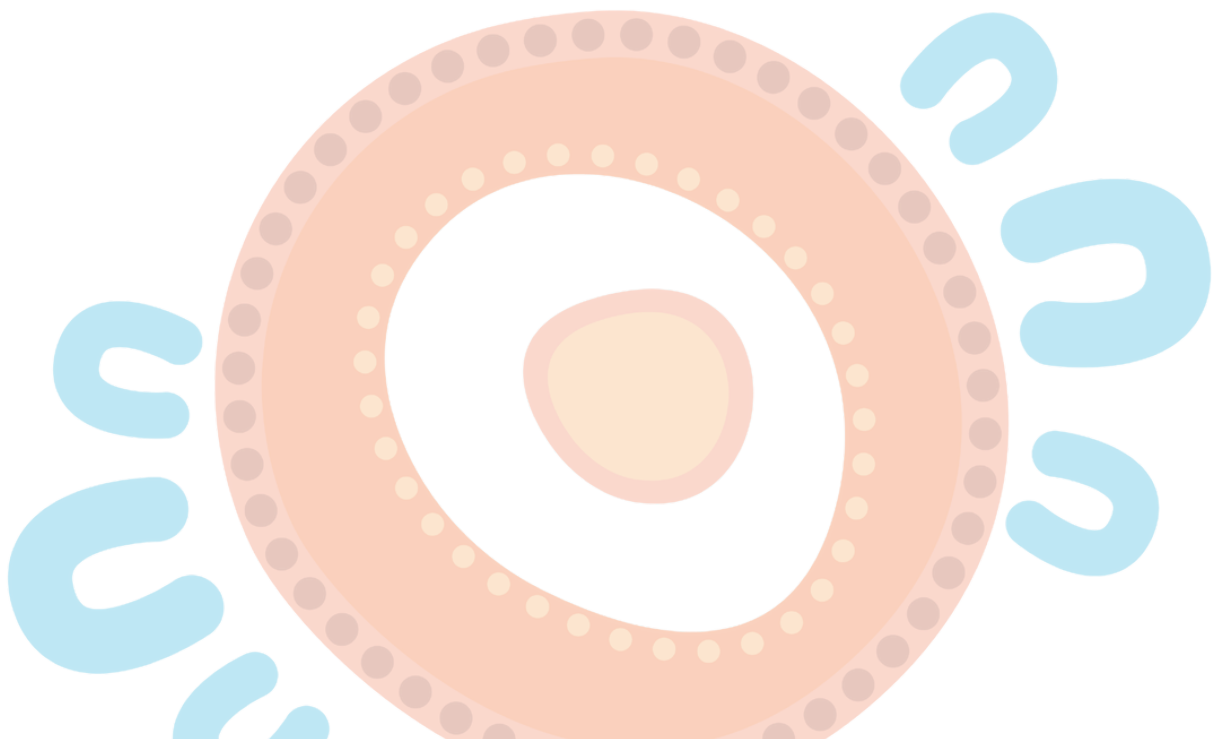
If you're an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander applicant who hasn't been made an offer based on your initial application, the Testing & Assessment pathway lets you sit an assessment task, reviewed by an academic who will discuss your options for admission. This may lead to an offer into your chosen course or an alternative pathway, such as the Preparing for Success Program.

Year 12 Applicant Scholarships

SCU offers a range of scholarships for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, including scholarships for academic achievement, relocation and accommodation, and study in specific fields such as engineering. Search the scholarships database [here](#).

Student Support Services Indigenous Australian Student Services (IASS)

IASS supports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students at SCU's Coffs Harbour, Gold Coast and Lismore campuses, as well as online students. Free tutoring is available through the Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme (ITAS), covering course content, research skills, assessments and time management. The team also provides academic, financial and social and emotional support, with regular events including information sessions and welcome lunches.



High School Outreach Program Moondani Toombadool Centre Engagement Programs

The Moondani Toombadool Centre runs programs throughout the year for future Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to get a taste of life at Swinburne.

Future Aspirations Camp: Free, week-long program at the Hawthorn campus, building self-confidence, teamwork and leadership through hands-on learning and cultural immersion.

Indigenous Student Taster Days: Explore academic programs, campus facilities and support services.

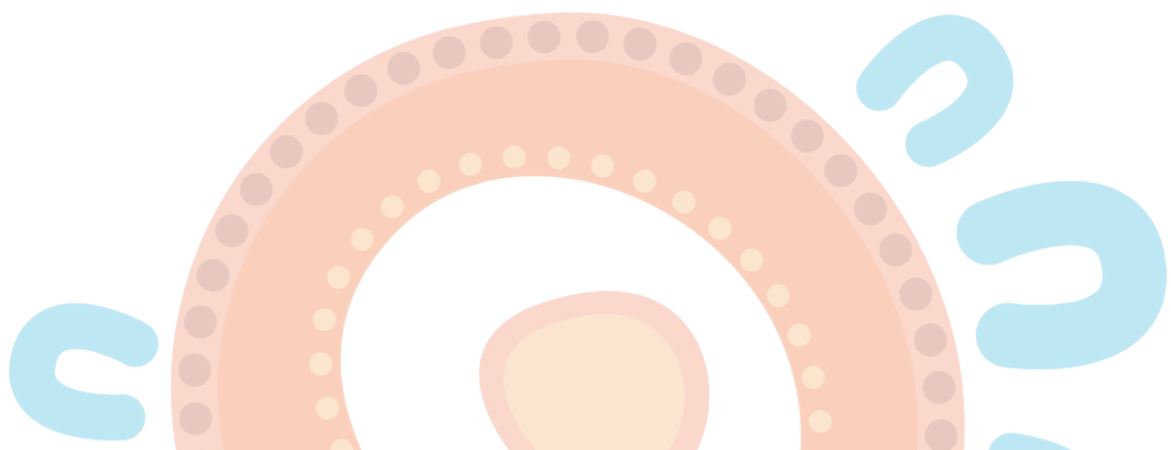
Holiday Programs: Practical experience in various study areas alongside cultural connection.

Year 12 Applicant Scholarships

Swinburne offers a range of scholarships for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, including the Indigenous Commonwealth Education Costs and Accommodation Scholarships, the Indigenous RISE Scholarship for initial study resources, the Indigenous Relocation Scholarship, and the Indigenous Accommodation Scholarship, which waives on-campus accommodation fees for eligible students.

Student Support Services Moondani Toombadool Centre

The Moondani Toombadool Centre supports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students on-campus and online, with academic support, cultural and engagement programs, career planning and scholarship support. The Indigenous Academic Success Program connects students with a free tutor for two hours per week per unit. An orientation program each semester helps new students connect with the team, meet other Indigenous students, and take part in cultural activities.



High School Outreach Program Years 9 & 10 Residential Indigenous STEM Experience (RISE)

Annual week-long, on-campus camp for First Nations students in Years 9 and 10, exploring STEM through hands-on workshops and connection with First Nations STEM role models. Free, with travel, accommodation and meals covered.

National High School Outreach Program Years 11 & 12 Yagilaith

On-campus experience for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Year 11 and 12 students, run during the Victorian winter holidays. Includes a day at Melbourne, workshops on goal setting, connection with current Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, and a stay at a Residential College. Open to students completing graded Year 12 (ATAR/IB), or those interested in Fine Arts or Music.

National High School Outreach Program Years 11 & 12 Victorian Indigenous Engineering Winter School (VIEWS)

Five-day program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in Years 11 and 12 studying maths or science, exploring engineering, IT and tech through workshops and a day at four Melbourne universities. Free, with flights, accommodation and food covered.

Year 12 Applicant Bachelor of Science (Extended)

Four-year science degree for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students without the results for direct entry into the standard Bachelor of Science, integrating science, maths and Indigenous studies with tailored support.

Year 12 Applicant Access Melbourne

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants may be eligible for guaranteed entry to select degrees through Access Melbourne, and are automatically considered for scholarships.

Year 12 Applicant Scholarships

The University of Melbourne offers a range of scholarships specifically for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, including the Melbourne Access Scholarship.

Student Support Services Murrup Barak

Supports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students across all Melbourne campuses. The Student Outreach Team helps with study options and applications; the Student Success Team supports enrolled students with events and activities.

Year 12 Applicant Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Admission Scheme

Alternative entry pathway assessing Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander applicants on school reports, TAFE transcripts, formal qualifications, life experience and transferable skills, rather than ATAR or HSC completion. Apply through UAC identifying as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander, establish your status with the university, then complete the Admission Scheme online form.

Year 12 Applicant Yapug Pathway Program

Free pathway program at the Newcastle Callaghan campus for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 17 and over. On successful completion, you're guaranteed entry into over 70 selected undergraduate degrees, and your grades give competitive entry into all other degrees, including Nursing, Medicine and Law. No course fees or HECS-HELP liability while enrolled in Yapug.

Year 12 Applicant Indigenous Law Early Entry Scheme

Early entry pathway into the five-year Bachelor of Laws (Honours) Combined for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. If you're completing Year 12, apply through UAC; shortlisted applicants are interviewed by a panel including an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander staff member.

Year 12 Applicant Miroma Bunbilla Program (Joint Medical Program)

Alternate entry pathway into the Joint Medical Program for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander applicants, with 17 places allocated each year. Apply through UAC, establish your Indigenous status with the university, and submit the Miroma Bunbilla application form. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants aren't required to sit the UCAT.

Year 12 Applicant Scholarships

Newcastle offers a range of identified scholarships for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, including the RBA First Nations Scholarship for Commerce, Business Analytics and Information Technology students, worth up to \$30,000.

Student Support Services The Wollotuka Institute

The Wollotuka Institute's Student Advancement Team supports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students with studies, health and wellbeing, and financial needs. Free subject-specific tutoring is available online or face to face, along with help arranging accommodation and a dedicated Wollotuka Counsellor for health and wellbeing support. Men's and Women's Groups offer culturally safe spaces to connect throughout the year.

High School Outreach Program Years 7–12 InspireU Program

InspireU brings Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander high school students to UQ for interactive, on-campus experiences led by academics and industry partners, from one-day excursions to week-long camps. InspireU Discover is for Years 7–9; InspireU Explore and InspireU Extend are for Years 10–12. All costs are covered, no financial cost to students.

High School Outreach Program Tertiary Experience Day

A full day at UQ's St Lucia campus for school groups (up to 50 students), hosted by the ATSI Unit's Outreach and Engagement team. Includes an "Amazing Race" campus tour, interactive faculty workshops, a Q&A information session, meeting current Indigenous students, and lunch with Indigenous academics and staff. Bookings made by school staff, with 4 weeks' notice required.

Year 12 Applicant Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Admission Scheme

Boosts your QTAC selection rank by 5 adjustments. Apply through QTAC as usual, identifying as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander, and the adjustments are applied automatically. Bachelor of Dental Science (Honours) applicants can apply through a dedicated admission pathway and are not required to sit the UCAT ANZ. Additional application support is also available for Doctor of Medicine applicants.

Year 12 Applicant Scholarships

UQ offers a range of scholarships for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students experiencing financial hardship, including Commonwealth Education Costs and Accommodation Scholarships. One form covers all scholarships under this scheme.

Student Support Services Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (ATSI) Unit

The ATSI Unit supports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students from pre-enrolment through to graduation, including admission advice, orientation, scholarship guidance, and learning support through workshops, tutorials and individual consultations. Located at St Lucia and Gatton campuses.

High School Outreach Programs

Years 10–12 Gadalong Program: Week-long residential program for students to explore university life, campus facilities and study skills for their final years of school. Free, with travel, meals and accommodation covered.

Year 12 Tahgara Program: Week-long residential program for students from across Australia, preparing them for final exams and higher education. Includes workshops with exam markers, tutors and academics, plus one-on-one subject-specific tutoring and guidance on scholarships and university pathways. Held in the second week of the July school holidays. Free, with travel, meals and accommodation covered.

Ngara (Listen, Hear, Think) Future Focus Program: On-campus program for students from NSW metropolitan schools, building confidence for the HSC through academic skills and personal capacity building workshops, alongside connection with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff and students. By invitation.

Year 12 Applicant Gadigal Entry Program

Alternative entry pathway for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants offering reduced ATAR requirements, the option of an early conditional offer before Year 12 exams, an academic skills program before starting, and ongoing academic and personal support throughout your degree. Includes the MyGadigal Scholarship, worth \$8,500 per year. Apply through UAC, self-identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, and select an eligible course as a preference.

Year 12 Applicant Extended Bachelor's Programs

Entry pathway for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students into extended degrees (Arts, Liberal Arts and Science, Science, and Science (Health)), including an additional foundation year covering literacy, mathematics and critical and analytical skills. Apply through UAC, then complete an additional assessment; eligible students are invited to an interview.

Year 12 Applicant Scholarships

Sydney offers a range of scholarships including the Gadigal Accommodation Scholarship, which reduces weekly rent to \$50 and guarantees a spot in student accommodation for recent school leavers starting full-time study.

Student Support Services Gadigal Centre

The Gadigal Centre provides pastoral, cultural and academic support including the Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme (ITAS) and the Mentoring Our Brothers and Sisters (MOBS) program. Culturally safe spaces are available, including the Wingara Mura Resource Centre, a library of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and affairs materials.

High School Outreach Program [UWA Outreach Programs](#)

- **Year 8 Discovery Days:** One-day program to explore campus and try hands-on activities mimicking university tasks, plus lunch and merch. Free, limited to 60 students per day.
- **Year 9 Djinanginy Day:** One-day program introducing uni through lecture-style and hands-on activities across a changing range of disciplines, plus lunch and merch.
- **Year 12 WACE Revision Seminar:** Week-long program for Year 12 ATAR-pathway students, with specialist subject tuition and exam preparation. Held during the July school holidays at UWA Crawley Campus, streamed online. Free for eligible students taking 4 or more ATAR subjects, with accommodation and travel covered for regional students.
- **School excursions to UWA:** Tours of Bilya Marlee and wider campus facilities, with the chance to meet current Indigenous students. Free.
- **Visits to metropolitan and regional schools:** Customisable in-school STEM and university entry pathway workshops delivered by SIS staff and current Indigenous students, including regular visits to the Peel, Pilbara, Mid West and Kimberley regions.

Year 12 Applicant [Indigenous Provisional Entry Scheme](#)

For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander WACE students expecting an ATAR lower than the standard course entry requirement. You'll need to have completed WACE, graduated within the past two years, achieved a reasonable ATAR (varies by course), and completed any course prerequisites. Successful students also receive extra support, including an Orientation Day, regular catch-ups with SIS's Senior Student Coordinator, and free tutoring through the Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme (ITAS).

Year 12 Applicant [Aboriginal Orientation Course](#)

Free 14-week course for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students who haven't completed Year 12, received the required ATAR, or have other diverse life and education experiences. Runs each semester and grants entry into most undergraduate courses, including Arts, Biomedical Science, Commerce, Nursing, Science, Social Work and Teaching. Students complete 2 core units and 2 electives, needing at least 50% in all units to progress into their chosen course.

Year 12 Applicant [Scholarships](#)

UWA offers a range of scholarships for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, including the UWA Connect Scholarship (automatic for all commencing Indigenous students, \$5,000 per year plus \$1,500 in the first year) and Commonwealth scholarships for education costs, accommodation and achievement.

Student Support Services [School of Indigenous Studies \(SIS\)](#)

The School of Indigenous Studies supports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students at Bilya Marlee on UWA's Crawley campus, with tutoring, career advice, wellbeing support, and study facilities including a computer lab and common room.

Year 12 Applicant University Entry Pathways

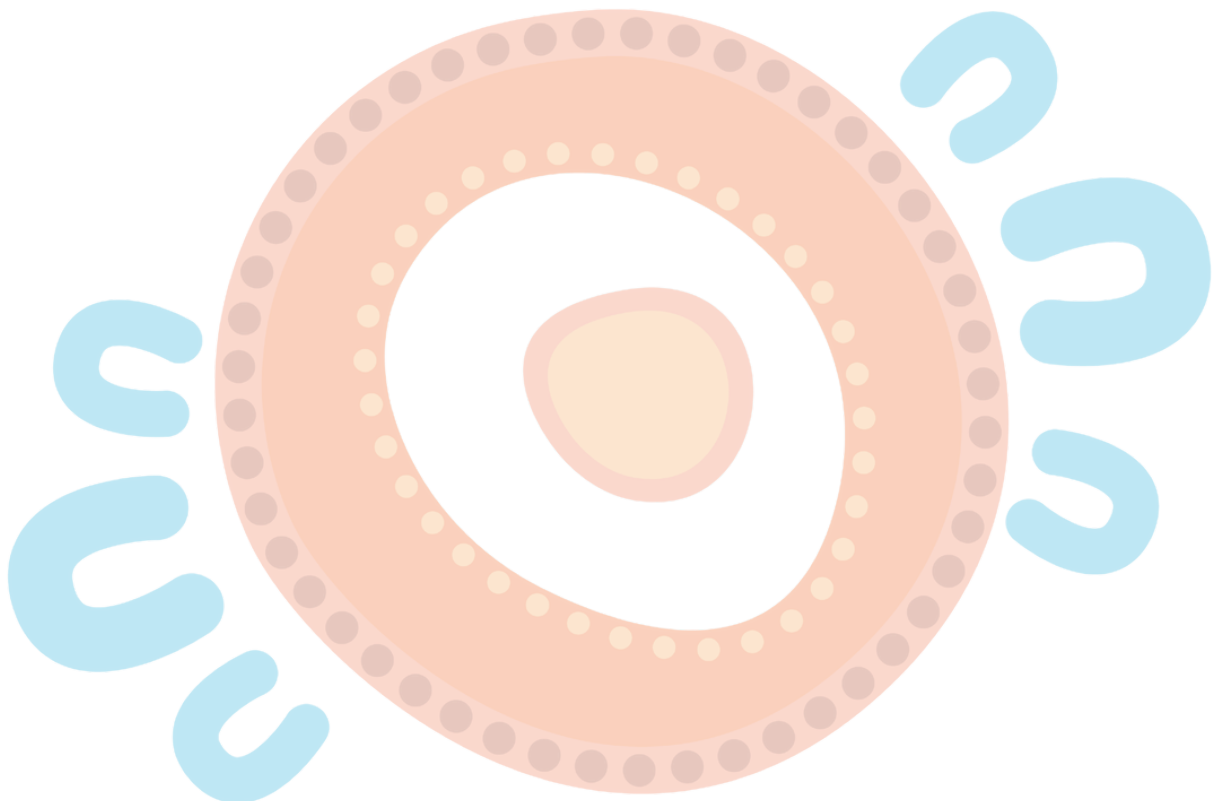
Torrens doesn't use ATAR as its primary entry requirement. If you have a recent Australian Year 12 certificate, you'll be considered for admission. Special consideration is also available if your study, work or life experience has been affected by circumstances including Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent.

Year 12 Applicant Scholarships

Torrens offers the First Nations Tuition Scholarship, giving eligible Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students 20% off tuition fees for the duration of an undergraduate or postgraduate course.

Student Support Services First Nations Success Coach

Torrens has a dedicated First Nations Success Coach supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students throughout their studies, including advice on courses, scholarships and general support.



Year 12 Applicant Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation Program

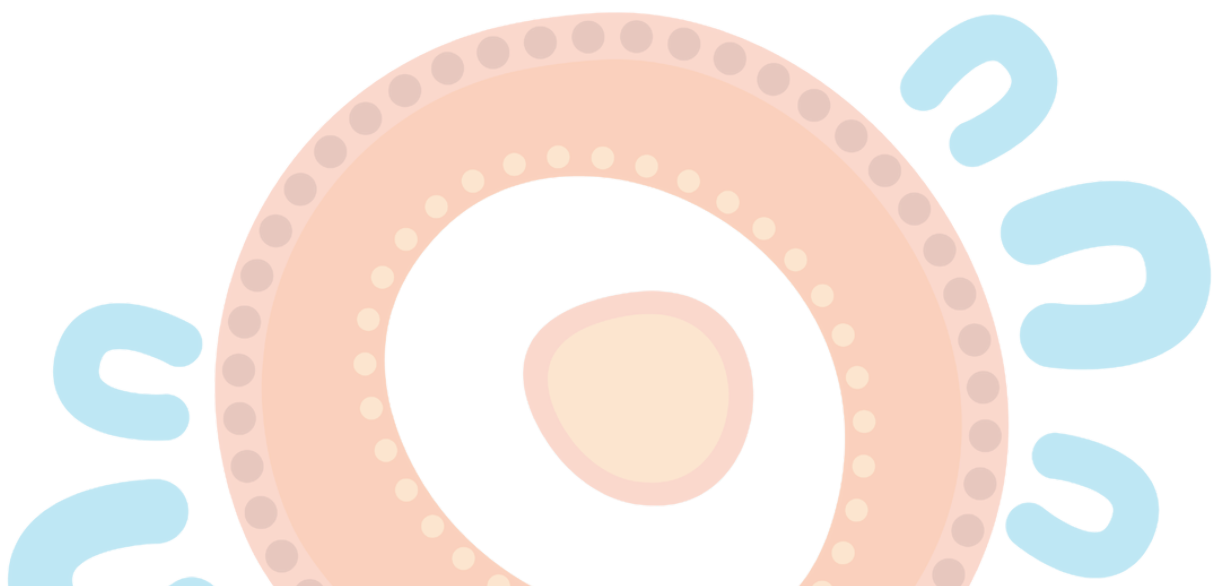
Pathway program building the study and communication skills needed for university, for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students who don't meet standard admission requirements or haven't studied for some years. Delivered through UC College with the Ngunnawal Centre. Students receive a conditional offer to their nominated degree and must achieve an equivalent ATAR to progress. No course fees (Commonwealth Supported), though a Student Services and Amenities Fee applies. Entry requires completion of Year 12 (or equivalent) and evidence of Aboriginality.

Year 12 Applicant Scholarships

UC offers a range of scholarships for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, including the UC Foundation Scholarship for Indigenous Students (\$5,000), Indigenous Commonwealth Education Costs and Accommodation Costs Scholarships (up to \$25,000 and \$10,000), and the Snow Scholarship, which gives priority to First Nations applicants and is worth up to \$30,000 per year.

Student Support Services Ngunnawal Centre

The Ngunnawal Centre supports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students with study skills workshops, one-on-one guidance, free tutoring, scholarship advice, and internship and careers referrals. Facilities include a culturally safe study space with computers, free printing and a kitchen. Students can also access the paid CareerTrackers Indigenous Internship Program, offering multi-year internships with leading employers alongside their studies.



High School Outreach Program Years 10–12 Oorala Experience Program

Five-day, on-campus program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in Years 10–12, held twice a year (June and October). Students engage with academics and course content, stay in a residential college, and connect with the Oorala team and peers from other schools. Schools can select which days to attend. Fully funded, with travel, accommodation and meals covered.

Year 12 Applicant TRACKS Indigenous Foundation Program

Free entry pathway for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to develop the study skills needed for undergraduate study and transition into a mainstream UNE course. Delivered by Oorala's Student Experience Team, either online or on the Armidale campus. Runs for 1 year full-time or up to 4 years part-time, with 6 units including up to 2 free undergraduate units. Requires attendance at an orientation program.

Year 12 Applicant Joint Medical Program (Miroma Bunbilla Pathway)

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants can apply to the Joint Medical Program through the Miroma Bunbilla pre-entry pathway. Academic eligibility is based on your Year 12 results, partial or completed university study, or completion of an approved Tertiary Enabling Program (Yapug at Newcastle or TRACKS at UNE). Applicants submit both a UAC application (nominating the Bachelor of Medical Science and Doctor of Medicine Joint Medical Program) and a Miroma Bunbilla Program application, which includes a five-day pre-entry program.

Year 12 Applicant Scholarships

UNE offers a range of scholarships for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, including the Oorala TRACKS Scholarship (\$5,400), the Oorala Kickstart Scholarship for recent school leavers (\$3,000), the Commonwealth Accommodation Scholarship (up to \$10,800 per year), and the Oorala Residential College Scholarship (\$8,500 per year).

Student Support Services Oorala Aboriginal Centre

Oorala Aboriginal Centre is a dedicated study space for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students on the UNE Armidale campus, with an online Indigenous Students Hub for on-campus and online students alike. Support includes course advice, pathway guidance, and the Targeted Tutorial Assistance Program, offering free individual or group tutoring for unit content, study plans, academic writing and exam preparation.

High School Outreach Program Years 10–12 Indigenous Australian Engineering School (IAES)

The Indigenous Australian Engineering School is a week long residential program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in Years 10 to 12, run in partnership with Engineering Aid Australia. You'll stay on campus, connect with peers, and take part in hands on activities exploring engineering as a study and career path.

Year 12 Applicant Indigenous Pre-Programs

Indigenous Pre-Programs is a three week residential program for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students, offering entry that isn't ATAR dependent. Your readiness is assessed through classes, assessments and exams with your chosen faculty during the program, which also introduces you to university life in a culturally inclusive environment. Held at UNSW's Kensington campus, the program is free, with Nura Gili and UNSW covering travel, accommodation and meals (a UAC processing fee applies to the initial application). Pre-Programs covers Education, Social Work, Law & Justice, Science & Engineering, Business, and Medicine & Health. Apply for your degree through UAC first, then complete the Pre-Programs application.

Year 12 Applicant Indigenous Admission Scheme (IAS)

The Indigenous Admission Scheme is an interview based entry pathway for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students. It isn't ATAR dependent. Instead, your life, work, educational and volunteer experience are considered. A semi-formal interview with Nura Gili and faculty staff assesses your readiness to study and gives you a chance to ask questions. IAS covers Arts, Design & Architecture, Criminology & Criminal Justice, and the Australian Defence Force Academy. Apply for your degree through UAC first, then complete the IAS application.

Year 12 Applicant Co-op Program Indigenous Pathway

The Co-op Program offers Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students an adjusted minimum ATAR of 90 for entry, with up to four Indigenous places available each year.

Year 12 Applicant Scholarships

UNSW offers a range of scholarships for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students across faculties including Business, Engineering, Medicine and Science, with values ranging from \$5,000 to \$25,000 per year for the duration of your program.

Student Support Services Nura Gili

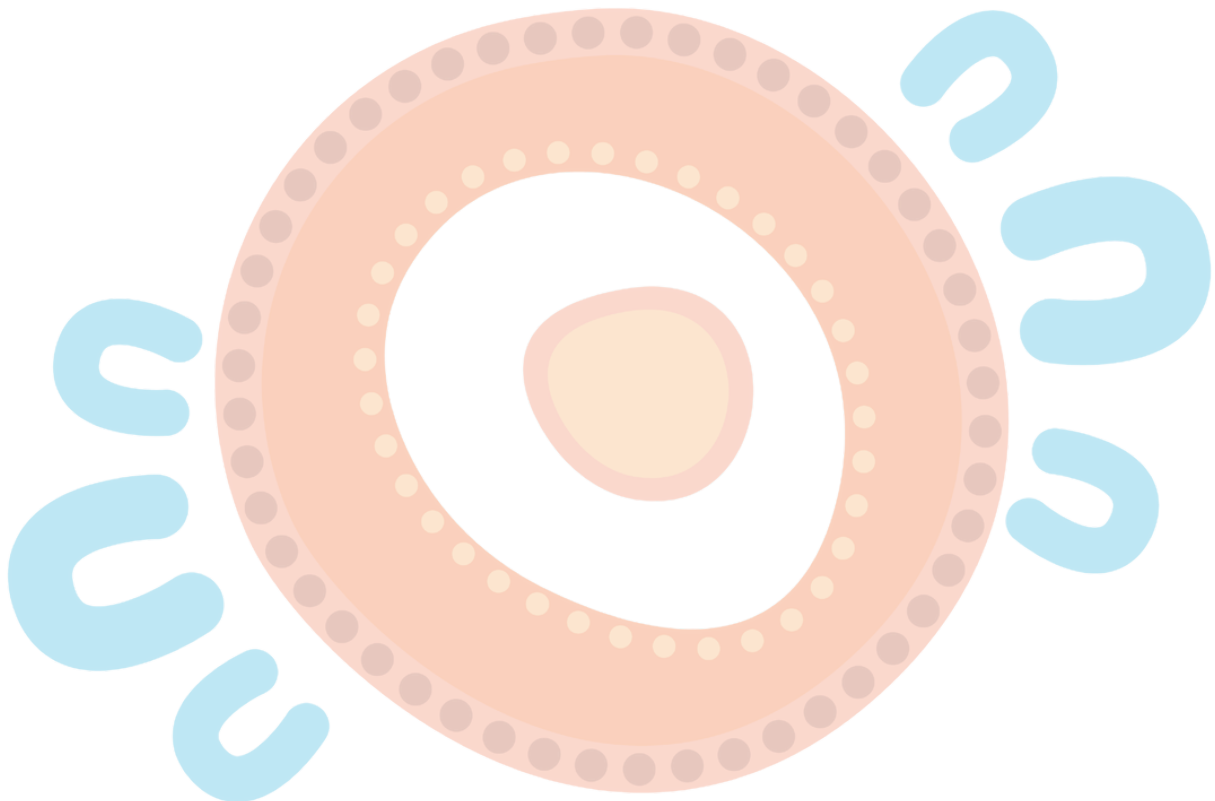
Nura Gili is UNSW's centre for Indigenous education, offering a culturally safe study space along with workshops, study skills development, and social, sporting and cultural activities. Support includes accommodation and financial advice, employment and career advancement opportunities, and the Ngurra orientation program.

Year 12 Applicant Scholarships

Notre Dame offers a range of scholarships for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, including the Cancer Council WA Scholarship for Aboriginal Students (up to \$60,000) and the Kadadjiny Indigenous Scholarship (\$3,500).

Student Support Services Indigenous Student Support Officers

Dedicated Indigenous Student Support Officers contact you before you start and support you throughout your degree, helping with enrolment, scholarships, accommodation, tutoring, mentoring, academic support and cultural support. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students can access free one-on-one or small group tutoring in any discipline through the Indigenous Student Success Program. The Notre Dame Indigenous Students Society (NDISS) is run by and for Indigenous students and holds regular events to connect with others on campus. Students can access CareerTrackers, which links Indigenous students with employers for paid, multi-year internships during uni breaks, and take part in the annual Indigenous National University Games, a national sporting competition open to all Indigenous students.



Year 12 Applicant Indigenous Higher Education Pathways Program (IHEPP)

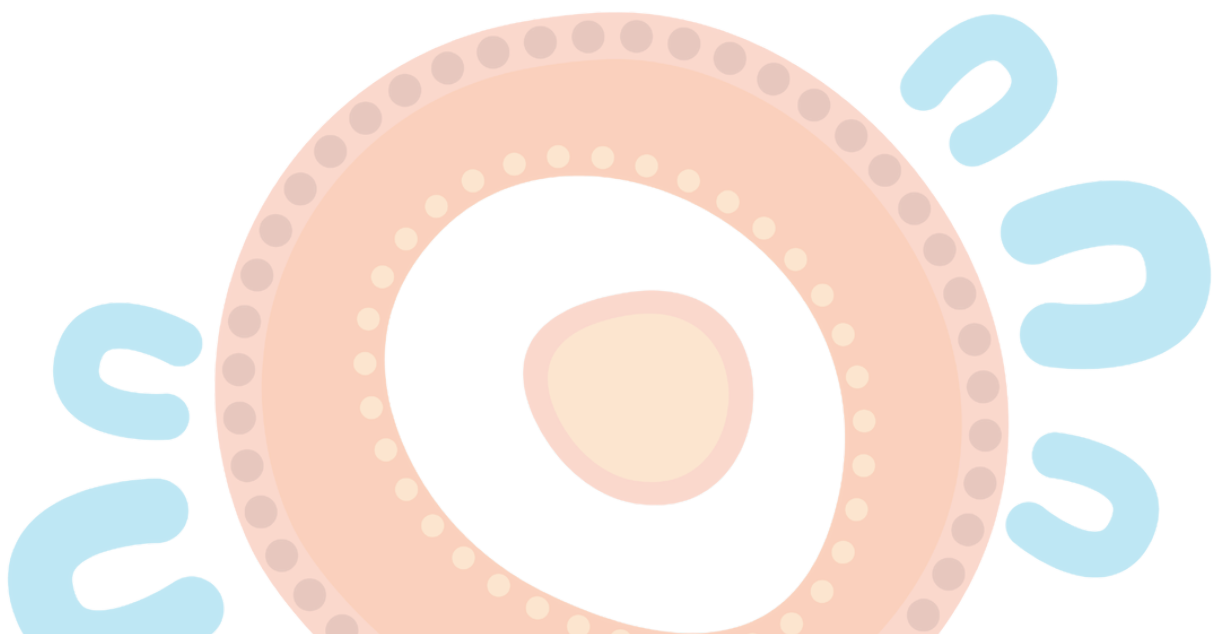
IHEPP helps Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students build the academic skills needed for university study. You'll complete two online courses to develop your writing, study and computing skills, supported by the First Nations Portfolio, including an optional one-day online workshop. On completion, you'll be ready to apply for a range of UniSQ undergraduate degrees. Applicants must be at least 18 in the year of enrolment and complete a placement questionnaire.

Year 12 Applicant Scholarships

UniSQ offers a range of scholarships for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, including the Indigenous Student Success Program Education and Accommodation Costs Scholarships (up to \$4,000 each, available to commencing students).

Student Support Services First Nations Students

A dedicated hub offering mentoring, guidance and culturally safe support throughout your studies. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students also have access to the Indigenous Student Success Program, which provides free tutoring for any degree or course, along with Ask Aunty, a study support hub, and Cultural Connections, a program for students to connect with each other and with UniSQ staff. First Nations Student Success Officers support students to reach their academic and career goals in a culturally safe environment.



High School Outreach Program Years 7–12 Homework Groups

Weekly after school homework groups for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in Years 7 to 12, run in partnership with Gympie State High School and Uniting Care Community Services in Fraser Coast.

High School Outreach Program Years 7–12 Boys to Men

A six week program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander high school male students in Years 7 to 12. It builds cultural identity and connection through weekly cultural activities with male mentors and leaders, covering topics like connection to culture, wellbeing, language and dance, bush tucker, and storytelling. Currently available in the Fraser Coast region only.

High School Outreach Program Years 9–12 Buranga Camps

Students build confidence and a stronger sense of self through activities exploring identity, relationships and decision making in a culturally safe environment. The Buranga Camp runs for Years 9 and 10, and the Buranga Senior Leadership Camp for Years 11 and 12.

High School Outreach Program Years 10–12 Murri Futures

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander professionals from employment, tertiary institutions and various workplaces share potential pathways, with topics like career pathways and self identity explored through group activities.

Year 12 Applicant Indigenous Health Admissions Pathway

UniSC prioritises places for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in select competitive health programs, including Medical Science, Midwifery and Physiotherapy Honours. If you identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander on your QTAC application, you may be considered for this pathway. Selection is based on academic performance and an interview.

Year 12 Applicant Scholarships

UniSC offers a range of scholarships and bursaries specifically for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

Student Support Services Buranga Centre

The Buranga Centre offers culturally safe spaces with kitchen facilities, study spaces, and Elders and staff available for a yarn. An orientation program runs each semester to help you settle into university life, and you can access cultural, academic and financial support, along with opportunities to become an Indigenous Student Ambassador.

Year 12 Applicant Murina (Aboriginal Enabling) Program

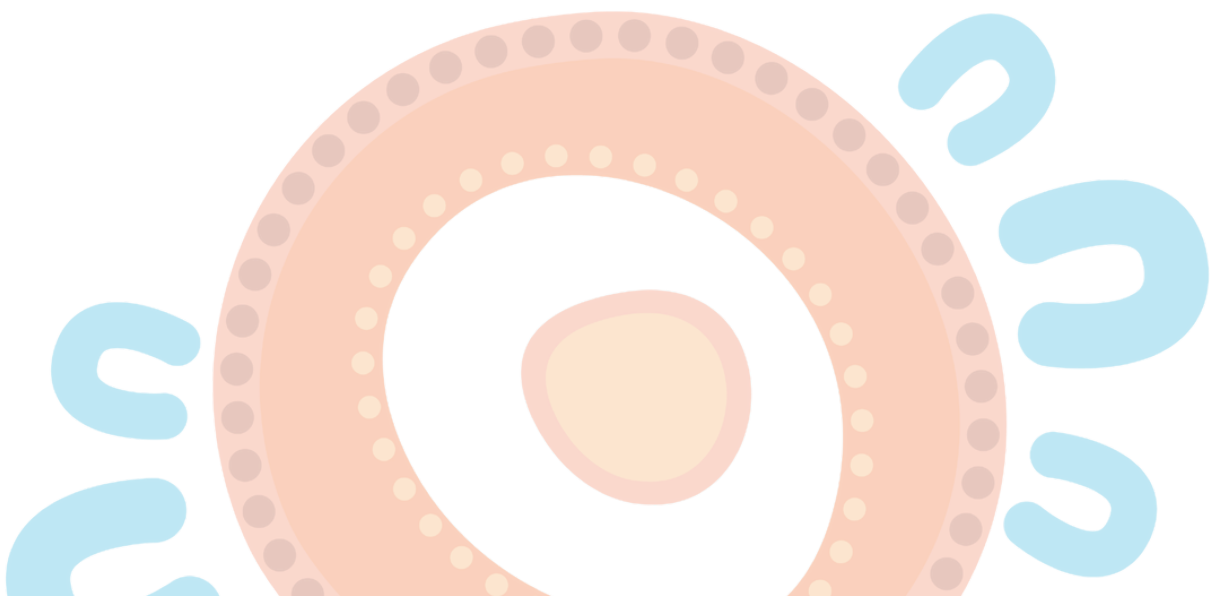
The Murina Program helps Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students build the skills and confidence to start undergraduate study and pursue other vocational goals. Delivered through a blended learning approach with 'On Country' experiences, it explores people, place and politics through storytelling from a Tasmanian Aboriginal lens. The program is offered at Hobart, Launceston and Cradle Coast campuses, runs for a minimum of one year, and has no tuition fees. Entry is based on eligibility and suitability discussed with the Murina Coordinator.

Year 12 Applicant Scholarships

The University of Tasmania offers a range of scholarships and bursaries for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, including the Riawunna Access Bursary and the takamuna Scholarship for Education Costs. Scholarships may be awarded based on academic merit and/or financial need.

Student Support Services Riawunna Centre for Aboriginal Education

The Riawunna Centre offers Aboriginal Student Advisers to support you at every stage of your university journey, along with an Orientation Program to welcome you to university life. The Academic Assistance Program provides one-to-one or group support, with each student entitled to two hours a week per subject. Riawunna also runs a Study Lab with specialist hardware and software, and a Community Room for students to connect through events like yarning circles, morning teas and film nights.



High School Outreach Program Nanga Mai

Nanga Mai gives Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander high school students from across NSW a taste of life at UTS. You'll attend workshops in your faculty of choice, meet current Indigenous students and hear about their experiences, and find out about getting into university.

High School Outreach Program Years 9-12 Galuwa Experience

The Galuwa Experience gives Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander high school students the chance to discover the opportunities a science degree at UTS can offer.

Year 12 Applicant Jumbunna Admission Program

The Jumbunna Admission Program is a free entry scheme for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students that looks beyond the ATAR, considering school performance, work history, personal strengths, civic engagement and community leadership. It's open to all UTS undergraduate degrees. As a current school leaver, you'll need recent school reports, a personal statement, a letter of recommendation, and confirmation of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent.

Year 12 Applicant Scholarships

UTS offers a range of scholarships for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, including the Jumbunna Commencement Scholarship (\$2,000) and the Indigenous Relocation and Accommodation Scholarship (\$4,000 to \$6,000). All students accepted through the Jumbunna Admission Program also receive a start-up grant, laptop provision and accommodation support based on need.

Student Support Services Jumbunna

Jumbunna offers Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students personalised academic support, help developing reading, writing and maths skills, and housing advice and support. Through the JTAS program you can access tutors, and Jumbunna staff can advocate and refer you to other UTS services. Jumbunna Student Spaces are accessible 24/7, and student housing is available through Yura Mudang.

High School Outreach Program Year 7-12 My Future Matters

Builds awareness and aspirations around higher education and post-school options. Woolyungah Student Ambassadors lead cultural activities, goal setting and career planning, alongside taster sessions run by UOW faculty. The program takes a three-tiered approach as students move through school, helping them discover pathways to UOW and build connections with community and peers.

High School Outreach Program Year 9-10 Indigenous Regional Summer Camp

This camp gives Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in Years 9 and 10 from regional NSW the chance to experience studying and living on campus at UOW. You'll be mentored by current Indigenous students, take part in taster sessions, engage in cultural workshops and visit local areas of cultural significance, while staying in supervised accommodation on campus.

Year 12 Applicant Indigenous Admissions Program (IAP)

IAP is an assessment based pathway into UOW undergraduate programs for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 17 and over, whether or not you're receiving an ATAR. The process includes a pre-screening interview, career consultation, online academic assessments, a faculty interview and a strengths and needs assessment. Successful completion can lead to direct entry into your chosen course, or a place in a UOW College pathway program with guaranteed entry to most UOW undergraduate degrees.

Year 12 Applicant Scholarships

UOW offers scholarships for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, including the Ray McGill Scholarship for Indigenous Students, which supports students commencing an undergraduate degree who demonstrate financial need or educational disadvantage.

Student Support Services Woolyungah Indigenous Centre

Woolyungah Indigenous Centre is UOW's hub for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student belonging and success, supporting you from your first steps into uni through to graduation and beyond. It's a safe space to connect with culture and community, offering tailored academic and wellbeing support, cultural activities and professional development. Through the Indigenous Tailored Academic Program, eligible students can access free face to face tutoring to support their studies.

Year 12 Applicant Equity Scheme and Special Consideration

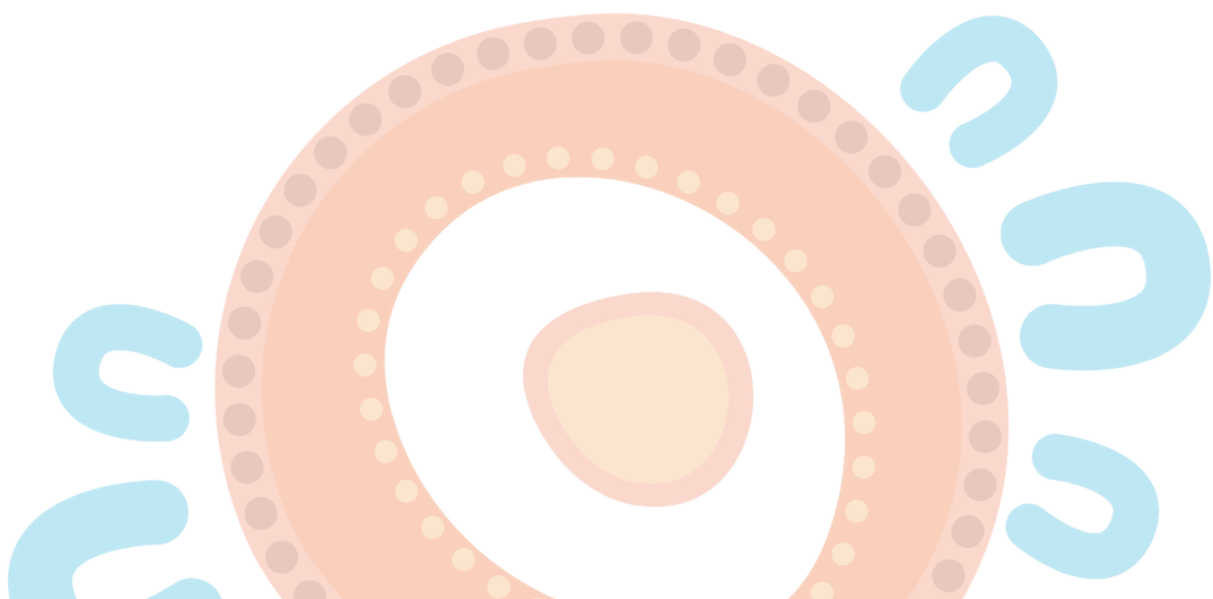
If you're applying to VU through VTAC, you can apply for the Equity Scheme. If you're applying directly to VU, you can apply for special consideration. Moondani Balluk can help with course options and support throughout your application. Year 12 students who accept a course offer at VU through VU Early Entry can also receive a \$500 grant through the Victoria University First Nations Fund.

Year 12 Applicant Scholarships

Darrabarruk Turt-Barram is a First Nations Fund grant for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander secondary school students. Students attending Victorian secondary schools can receive \$250 per year for school costs, with an additional \$500 available to Year 12 students who accept a VU Early Entry offer. Moondani Balluk can assist with your application.

Student Support Services Moondani Balluk

Moondani Balluk supports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students with course and enrolment advice, scholarships and grants, and referrals for housing, finance and counselling. You can access the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Resource Library, take part in cultural awareness activities and community events, and get career and employment advice through cadetships, work experience and job listings. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students studying TAFE courses at VU are also eligible for fee concessions.



High School Outreach Program Years 7–12 Pathways to Dreaming

Mentored by current Western Sydney University students and alumni, you'll take part in academic and cultural enrichment workshops on campus as well as in-school programs.

High School Outreach Program Years 9–12 Unlocking Careers Event Series

On campus events exploring study and career options across different fields. You'll take part in a Yarn-Up Q&A with Indigenous professionals and choose three practical workshops, covering areas like engineering, law, medical science, psychology and creative writing. Events run across the year in different subject areas, including Humanities, Sciences and Creativity, STEM, and Sport and Health, with free lunch provided.

Year 12 Applicant Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Entry Program

This alternative entry program is a pathway into any undergraduate degree at Western (except Doctor of Medicine, Applied Policing, and Performing Arts (Acting)), which have their own requirements). It suits current high school students looking for an early offer, a non-ATAR pathway, or unsure if their ATAR will be enough. Entry involves an essay, comprehension task, and a numeracy assessment for degrees that require it, with online resources and practice tests to help you prepare. Assessment days run throughout the year, on campus and online.

Year 12 Applicant Doctor of Medicine Pathway

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants to the Bachelor of Clinical Science (Medicine)/Doctor of Medicine follow a dedicated entry pathway. You'll need to have completed the NSW HSC or equivalent, apply through UAC, and provide confirmation of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander identity before attending an interview with the School of Medicine.

Year 12 Applicant Scholarships

Western offers a wide range of scholarships, including the DesignInc Architecture Scholarship (up to \$30,000 per year for up to five years). Support is also available through the Badanami Futures Fund for students experiencing financial hardship.

Student Support Services Badanami Centre

Badanami supports students at every campus, offering scholarship support, tutoring through Tutoring for Success, learning support, and student facilities. Students studying Engineering, Architecture, Industrial Design or Construction Management can also access the ASPIRE Program, a paid part-time internship with an industry partner for the duration of your degree.

Financial Assistance

ABSTUDY

ABSTUDY is a group of payments for Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander students. This information covers full time study, but ABSTUDY is also available for part time students.

- **ABSTUDY Living Allowance** is the main payment for full time higher education students, paid each fortnight to help with living costs. You can claim up to 13 weeks before the start of your course. If you claim Living Allowance, you don't need to claim Incidentals Allowance separately as it is paid automatically.
- **ABSTUDY Incidentals Allowance** is paid once a year at the start of a course/training year to help with the costs of starting or continuing study. The amount depends on your course length.
- **ABSTUDY Fares Allowance** helps with travel costs if you need to live away from home to study.
- **ABSTUDY Away from Base Assistance** helps with short trips to a study activity away from your home or campus.
- **Additional Assistance** is if you need additional help because you're in severe financial difficulties and at risk of dropping your studies.

The Indigenous Student Success Program (ISSP) Scholarships

The Indigenous Student Success Program (ISSP) is Commonwealth Government funding given to universities to help First Nations students succeed, including scholarships, tutoring, mentoring and cultural support. Students who are financially disadvantaged and/or from remote and regional areas are prioritised. Apply through the Scholarships Office or Indigenous Higher Education Unit at the university you want to study at:

- **Indigenous Commonwealth Education Costs Scholarships** which assist with education costs for students enrolled and studying in enabling, undergraduate, honours or post-graduate awards (for example, compulsory text books, study equipment or laptops).
- **Indigenous Commonwealth Accommodation Costs Scholarships** which assist with relocation and accommodation costs for students enrolled and studying in enabling, undergraduate, honours or post-graduate awards (for example removalists hire or bond payment, rent assistance).
- **Indigenous Commonwealth Reward Scholarships** are given to students who've achieved exceptionally high standards, as decided by the university.

Other Scholarship Opportunities

- **Aurora Education Foundation**: The Portal lists scholarship resources and opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.
- **Australian Indigenous Education Foundation**: AIEF provides scholarships that enable Indigenous students in financial need to attend leading Australian schools and universities.
- **Indigenous Allied Health Australia**: Lists a range of health-related scholarships.
- **Indigenous Education Scholarships**: Dr Lakshmi Sharma has collated a suite of opportunities.