Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student Guide
2017 edition

Thinking path to make tomorrow

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We would like to acknowledge and pay respect to the traditional owners of the land on which we meet - the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation. It is upon their ancestral lands that the University of Sydney is built. As we share our own knowledge, teaching, learning, and research practices within this University may we also pay respect to the knowledge embedded forever within the Aboriginal Custodianship of Country.

Front cover (detail). See page 2 for more details: The Learners Circle, Lara Went, Yukul Art.
Discover
Your vision at Sydney

2016 marks 50 years since Charles Perkins became the first Aboriginal man to graduate from an Australian university – the University of Sydney.

To encourage your university journey, our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and staff have shared their thoughts, dreams and hopes for the role of higher education in Aboriginal communities.

Hear from a mother passionate about education for young Aboriginal people – and her son who followed in her footsteps to university. Be inspired by a lawyer who is using her skills to help change the rural community in which she grew up. Listen to the professional footballer who juggles training sessions with study and speaks about what it’s like to be an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander person today.

To hear these inspiring people share their stories and pathways to the University of Sydney, visit:
- sydney.edu.au/2016

Front cover story: The Learners Circle, Lara Went, Yukul Art.

Meaning: each colour of the circle of learning represents a specific learning trait; blue: trust, yellow: mind and intellect, purple: imagination, white: wholeness, red: ambition and determination.

The people around the circle are holding hands to symbolise harmony and support among each other.

For a learner to be successful in life, it is important that they believe in themselves and believe that they carry all of these traits with them. – Lara (Yukul Art) www.yukulart.com.
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Message from Professor Shane Houston

The University of Sydney’s campuses stand on the traditional country of several Aboriginal peoples – the Cadigal, Deerubbin, Tharawal, Ngunnawal, Wiradjuri, Gamilaroi, Bundjalung, Wiljali and Gureng Gureng peoples.

The University of Sydney is a diverse and proud community where you will experience a world-class education, be inspired by engaged learning and thinking, and build networks and friendships that will last a lifetime. Our staff and students understand the power of education to shape and transform lives.

We offer our students a wide range of services, from entry pathways and scholarships to accommodation options, social programs and other opportunities.

The University brings together people from all cultural and social backgrounds for what is regularly ranked as Australia’s best campus and student experience.

Our specialist staff are here to enhance your experience on campus and make the transition to university easier. We know that with your commitment and passion, along with the University’s 164 years of excellence in education, you will be equipped for success.

We have a dedicated cultural space for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students where you can access a range of facilities, meet with other students, study in the lounge or computer lab, or just have a laugh.

Your studies will take you on an adventure through which you can engage in truly inspiring activities, perhaps in projects that shape our nation, or as part of a global experience that helps make the world a better place.

I hope this guide enables you to make informed decisions about your study choices. I wish you all the best and look forward to seeing you on campus soon.

Professor Shane Houston
Gangulu
Deputy Vice-Chancellor
(Indigenous Strategy and Services)

A university for everyone

We have over 60,000 students from 145 countries around the world. Study at the University of Sydney will open up a world of opportunities.

You will be joining a friendly and inclusive community that values and encourages cultural diversity.

*QS World University Rankings 2015-16
Discover
Your history, your future

The University of Sydney was founded in 1850 on the land of the Cadigal people. Lake Northam was an important gathering place for the first people of the land and now forms the centrepiece of Victoria Park, just outside the University gates.

Our graduates have distinguished themselves in all sectors of Australian society and throughout the world, and include many prominent Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders and achievers.

University of Sydney alumnus Dr Charles Perkins showed that new partnerships and ideas could change the way people think and act. In the same way, our multidisciplinary Charles Perkins Centre is looking for solutions beyond traditional boundaries to offer hope for people with obesity, diabetes and cardiovascular disease.

The University has a strong connection to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples through:
- entry pathways to university
- scholarships and community engagement

We are a university where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and staff can enjoy their identity freely, safely, confidently and with pride – to engage, learn and grow.
"I’m really passionate about improving outcomes for Indigenous kids. My University of Sydney degree is the only quality education I’ve received."

Kim Whiteley
Bachelor of Education
Graduate Diploma in Indigenous Health Promotion
Discover
Experience Sydney

Each year, the University of Sydney welcomes Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, teachers and community to experience University life.

Students

Year 8 and 9 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students Experience Uni – 1 June 2016
Ever wondered what the University looks like or how it works? At this event, you can take part in hands-on tutorials and demonstrations, meet inspiring Aboriginal students and tour the campus.

For information contact:
02 8627 8515
wmbb.program@sydney.edu.au
– sydney.edu.au/compass

Wingara Mura – Bunga Barrabugu Summer Program 2017
The Summer Program gives you a chance to experience life as a university student. You can stay on campus in one of the University colleges, take part in lectures and tutorials and discover the different areas you could work in after completing a degree. You will also receive useful information on pathways to higher education and the financial and academic support available. Most importantly, you will meet current students and staff and find out what university life is all about.

The Summer Program offers two streams

Stream one: Year 11 or 12 program – 16 to 20 January
Bunga Barrabugu (to make tomorrow)
This is a five-day, faculty-specific program for students who will be in Year 11 or 12 in 2017. Students elect to spend five days on one of the following programs.

Experience life as a university student in an area of your choice:
– allied health (physiotherapy, speech pathology, occupational therapy, exercise science)
– architecture and design, arts and social sciences
– business
– education and social work
– law, philosophy, media and communications
– medicine, nursing, pharmacy and dentistry
– music
– natural sciences
– visual arts.
**How can I get involved?**
Talk to your school and family first. They can assist you with your application for the 2017 Summer Program, by providing a supporting statement and parental permission.

**What does it cost?**
The University will cover all the costs of your travel, meals, accommodation and other expenses associated with the Summer Program. There is no cost to you, your family or school.

**For more information contact:**
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**A•STAR**
Visit A•STAR.tv to hear from students about their experiences at our Wingara Mura – Bunga Barrabugu programs and discover what it’s really like to go to uni. Check out our videos and photos, and hear the latest music, arts, technology and sports news. You can also access free online tutoring and study resources to help you with your work – view the Compass Series and yourtutor pages for more information.
– astar.tv

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**Teachers and community**

**Professional Learning:**
**Making Tomorrow Forum – 26 July 2016**
This accredited forum considers how to build relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students based on high expectations and promotion of positive cultural identity and Indigenous leadership.

Attendees share their experiences, skills and knowledge, and learn from peers and experts in the field. During the day, we will provide you with up-to-date information about alternative pathways and support services available to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

**Who is it for?**
Aboriginal support staff, career advisers, secondary teachers, year advisers, senior executives, school counsellors and community organisations.

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**Stream two: Year 9 or 10 program – 16 to 19 January**

**Wingara Mura (thinking path)**
This program offers three days of hands-on activities followed by one day to attend a careers fair and graduation ceremony.

This is for students who will be in **Year 9 or 10** in 2017.

There are four options that focus on different subject areas, degrees and careers. To help make your selection, download the CareerFinder app by visiting: astar.tv/careerfinder

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Study
Agriculture, environment and veterinary sciences

These fields are critical to our future. By studying them, you will develop the skills and knowledge to tackle the most important issues our planet faces.

You can explore innovative approaches to major sustainability issues such as animal and ecosystem health, water availability and quality, conservation, and developing new and existing food sources.

We have recently brought our veterinary science, agriculture and environment, biology and molecular biology disciplines together, uniting scientists from across the life sciences to solve the world’s big challenges.

Get a quality education by joining Australia’s top university – ninth in the world for veterinary science* and 20th in the world for life sciences and medicine**.

We’re about people too – our exceptional staff and unique graduates help improve human health, food supply and communities. Our degrees open a path to the bigger picture on offer through agriculture, environment and veterinary sciences.

Career pathways:
- Agricultural strategist
- Animal health and welfare professional
- Biosecurity researcher
- Commodities trader
- Ecologist
- Environmental policymaker
- Food safety manager
- Plant geneticist
- Soil scientist
- Veterinarian.

Find out more at:
- sydney.edu.au/courses

*QS World University Rankings by Subject 2016
**QS World University Rankings by Faculty (2015-16)
Inside view

Simone Armstrong  
Bachelor of Veterinary Biology /  
Doctor of Veterinary Medicine  
Hometown: East Hills (in Sydney).  
She originated from the Bundjalung clan.

What do you love about living and studying in Sydney?
Everything. There’s great diversity within the city’s places and communities and I love the natural environment in Sydney too – rivers, waterfalls, bush, beaches and forests. It’s a very centering and calming place to be.

Tell us about your recent work experience in Aboriginal communities?
I travelled to Yuendumu, Yuelamu and Nyirripi (rural Northern Territory) with an organisation called Animal Management in Rural and Remote Indigenous Communities. Unlike previous animal management protocols, these programs respectfully treat animals. They build trust and strong connections, which is far more efficient in creating a healthier and happier environment for members of the community and the animals themselves. I was able to treat a large number of pets (and pests) whilst on my trip and make some meaningful relationships which changed my life. I was challenged and grew – I learned so much during this trip. Being accepted and invited into such a rich, cultural community is unexplainable and something I will deeply miss – until next time.

Any advice for other students thinking about coming to Sydney?
Go for it! There’s something here for everyone to love. And don’t think you’re doing it alone – there’s an incredible team of mentors here ready to support you 110 percent.
Study
Architecture, interaction design, music and visual arts

Pursue your passion in these areas by joining one of the world’s most respected communities of students, researchers and teachers.

Take part in innovative and creative educational programs that will help you flourish in a range of exciting careers from art curating to photography.

The Faculty of Architecture, Design and Planning offers the CIS Architecture Leadership Scholarship to students of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent. As an architect, you can play an active part in improving community wellbeing. For details visit:
- sydney.edu.au/architecture/scholarships

At Sydney College of the Arts we accept completion of the Eora TAFE Certificate IV in Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Cultural Arts as the basis for admission to the Bachelor of Visual Arts. You will need to follow the Bachelor of Visual Arts application process available at:
- sydney.edu.au/sca/future-students

The Sydney Conservatorium of Music offers financial assistance to students through the Margaret Helman Scholarship with preference given to Indigenous students. For details, visit:
- sydney.edu.au/music/equity-scholarships

Career pathways:
- Architect
- Artist
- Cinematographer
- Classroom music teacher
- Composer
- Curator
- Designer
- Multimedia producer
- Musician
- User experience designer.

Find out more at:
- sydney.edu.au/courses

Inside view
Clint Bracknell
Senior Lecturer, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Curriculum Development and Delivery, Sydney Conservatorium of Music

Clint Bracknell is a senior lecturer for the Division of Architecture and Creative Arts, based at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music and the Arts Music Unit at the University of Sydney. His research centres on Aboriginal Australian music and languages, exploring links between emerging technologies and Indigenous creativity. He is a keen exponent of the Noongar language and appreciates the guidance and mentorship of Elders and his Wirlomin Noongar family.
“Tread new fields. Break new ground. Make mistakes in achieving objectives. That’s what it’s all about.”

Charles Perkins (1936–2000)
Aboriginal activist, University of Sydney alumnus and the first Aboriginal man to graduate from an Australian university.
Study
Arts and social sciences

Influence society, change destinies and inspire others. Studying arts and social sciences will help you achieve these remarkable goals as you tackle the most pressing social, political and cultural challenges of our time.

We attract students from a diverse range of cultures and backgrounds who study in areas including history, film, languages, social work, performance studies, economics, politics, archaeology, teaching and media and communications.

You will also have the opportunity to combine your interests in the arts and social sciences with other programs at the University of Sydney including science, engineering, nursing, music, law or medicine.

A new approach to Indigenous Studies
This new major demonstrates the University’s commitment to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participation and cross-cultural dialogue. It marks a new era in Sydney’s enduring commitment to Indigenous education and the emergence of Indigenous Studies as an internationally recognised discipline.

You will learn about the diversity, strength and complexity of Indigenous societies, cultures, knowledges and histories. You will be taught by leading Indigenous and non-Indigenous academics as well as members of the community and enjoy opportunities to engage with contemporary Indigenous life in ways that are culturally informed and respectful.

Career pathways:
- Advertising
- Diplomacy
- Economics
- Foreign affairs
- Human rights
- International relations
- Journalism
- Media
- Public policy
- Public relations.

Find out more at:
- sydney.edu.au/courses

− sydney.edu.au/arts/ism
Study
Business

Your global business journey starts here. Study at the University of Sydney Business School is more dynamic and industry-engaged than ever before.

Our flexible courses focus on real-world issues, giving you the analytical, technical and practical skills to succeed in the global business world. The core units in the Bachelor of Commerce will provide you with grounding in areas such as accounting, economics and business statistics.

As an undergraduate or postgraduate student, our dedicated Learning Support Officer is available to assist you in your studies. Our students also have the opportunity to gain work experience locally, regionally or internationally through our Placement Programs.

- sydney.edu.au/business/wingara_mura
- sydney.edu.au/business/opportunities

Career pathways:
- Accountant
- Business systems analyst
- Entrepreneur
- Financial dealer and broker
- Human resources specialist
- Investment banker
- Management consultant
- Marketing executive
- Project manager
- Stock trader.

Find out more at:
- sydney.edu.au/courses
Study
Education and social work

Become a teacher or social worker and transform people’s lives. Learn from world-renowned educators who are committed to community development, meeting social-development needs and improving teaching and learning through innovation.

Our education program equips you with the skills and knowledge to help young minds develop, while our social work program enables you to improve the lives of disadvantaged people.

Indigenous studies
Interested in becoming an Aboriginal Studies teacher? You now have the opportunity to enrol in the new Indigenous studies major and the units of study offered within it by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

Demonstrating the University’s commitment to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participation and cross-cultural communication, the new Indigenous studies major marks a new era in our decades-long commitment to Indigenous education and the emergence of Indigenous studies as an internationally-recognised discipline.

− sydney.edu.au/arts/ism

Be inspired
Our teaching staff are also active researchers in their field who receive national and international praise for the quality of their teaching and contribution to the wider community.

Go global
Broaden your university experience by immersing yourself in the social and academic culture of another country. Go abroad through an exchange or short-term experience program.

We offer specific education and social work exchange schemes with the United Kingdom, New Zealand and Sweden. Other destinations are available through the University’s general exchange program.

Get prepared
Our education and social work degrees are internationally recognised and graduates are highly sought after, both in Australia and overseas.

We will prepare you for employment in a complex and changing environment.

Our education graduates receive accreditation from the NSW Institute of Teachers.

Our social work graduates are accredited by the Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW) and meet the Australian Social Work Education and Accreditation Standards (ASWEAS).

Career pathways:
− Advocacy
− Career adviser
− Counselling
− Development
− International aid
− Policy development
− Social justice
− Social policy
− Social work
− Teaching.

Find out more at:
− sydney.edu.au/courses
Study
Health and medicine

The future of healthcare is in your hands. Study our pioneering courses to become a doctor, physiotherapist, speech pathologist, registered nurse, oral health therapist, dentist, registered pharmacist and more.

Our courses offer hands-on experience through clinical placements in hospitals, health clinics, pharmacies or in the homes of those in need. Whether you choose to go on clinical placement to the city, regional or rural areas of Australia or even abroad, you will know you are making a difference while you learn.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health professionals play an important role in promoting health in their communities by understanding their patient’s specific healthcare needs. They work not only to heal injury and illness, but to prevent poor health in the community through education and research, and by promoting healthy lifestyles and early treatment.

Our world-leading centre for research into chronic disease is named after Dr Charles Perkins AO, one of our most respected alumni and a tireless campaigner for the rights of Aboriginal people.

Career pathways:
- Dentist or oral health therapist
- Diagnostic radiographer
- Doctor
- Exercise physiologist
- Nutritionist
- Pharmacist
- Physiotherapist
- Rehabilitation counsellor
- Registered nurse
- Speech pathologist.

Find out more at:
- sydney.edu.au/courses

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Inside view

Yarlu Thomas
Double Degree Medicine
Hometown: Warralong, Pilbara Desert, Western Australia

Why did you choose to study at the University of Sydney?
I chose to go to Sydney University because Sydney is an exciting place to live and is one of the best universities in Australia. The campus is an amazing environment to study.

What made you choose medicine?
The idea of studying medicine has been a goal of mine throughout high school. Helping my people and giving back to my community are the two main reasons why I want to become a doctor. I will be the first person in my community to attend university and I believe I can make a real difference in improving Indigenous health outcomes.

What are you most excited about and looking forward to at the University?
The idea of starting my degree and meeting new people are the two things that I am most excited about. As I am facing a seven-year degree at the minimum, getting through my first year and getting closer to the day of becoming a doctor is a very big motivational push for me.

Are you relocating to Sydney or on campus? If so, where are you going to live?
I am from WA originally and currently staying at Wesley College. It’s an amazing place to settle in as there are so many people to meet. There are also so many different support programs for academic work, sport, music and much more.
Study Law

Dedicate yourself towards a more just, productive and inclusive world, and take the next step in your journey.

The University of Sydney Law School is one of the world’s leading law schools, ranked 11th for the discipline of law."

Law opens up a new world of career opportunities not just in legal practice, but in social justice, human rights and advocacy.

At the University of Sydney Law School, we have a dedicated Associate Dean (Indigenous), as well as several other staff to support you and help you in your studies. We also offer a Wingara Mura Mentoring Program.

Career pathways:
- Barrister
- Diplomacy
- Foreign affairs
- Human rights
- International relations
- Investment banking
- Judge
- Magistrate
- Management consultancy
- Solicitor.

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*QS World University Rankings by Subject 2016*
Study Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics

Studying Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics (STEM) enables you to tackle the biggest issues the world faces.

A degree in these areas is highly sought after – 75 percent of the fastest-growing occupations require STEM skills and knowledge. You can study subjects as diverse as nanotechnology, molecular biology, robotics, biomedical engineering and computing, and be prepared for careers in global scientific, technological and engineering arenas.

Study engineering at one of the world’s top 30 universities**
Engineers play a vital role in the way we live. They provide creative and practical solutions that promote positive change and support communities around the world. Studying engineering helps you develop excellent problem-solving, design and research skills that will enable you to drive and lead innovation that will help shape our future.

Indigenous Australian Engineering Summer School
The Indigenous Australian Engineering Summer School is an annual event established by Engineering Aid Australia. It provides Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander high school students with the opportunity to experience engineering studies and careers. In January 2017, the University of Sydney will host this school. Open to students entering Years 11 and 12, the six-day, live-in Summer School offers a taste of engineering as a university course and career. Current university students will mentor you and you will engage in hands-on activities, participate in site visits to engineering companies and learn about careers in engineering.

To find out how to apply visit:
− sydney.edu.au/engineering/iaess

Join the next generation of scientific talent
Studying science is your first step towards a stimulating, fascinating and rewarding career. It can take you from microscopic to cosmic scales, from physical to biological processes, to preventing and curing diseases in humans and animals.

You could become a practising psychologist or nutritionist, or manage natural resources or conservation.

With major technological advances opening up many new areas, from nanotechnology to understanding ecosystems, there has never been a better time to study science.

Career pathways:
− Astronomer
− Consultant/analyst
− Engineer
− Entrepreneur
− Mathematician
− Nutritionist
− Plant geneticist
− Project manager
− Psychologist
− Software or technology specialist

Find out more at:
− sydney.edu.au/stem

*‘Lifting our Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) skills’, Australian Industry Group research report (2013)
**QS World University Rankings by Faculty (2015-16)
“I’ve never left the Cairns area before so this is a great experience for me. Having an opportunity to visit engineering labs and talk with engineers is fantastic.”

Zaphy Martin
Indigenous Australian Engineering Summer School participant
Study
Postgraduate block-mode courses

Feeling unsure about balancing study with your other commitments, such as work, community or family responsibilities? Block mode is the answer.

Courses delivered in block mode (also described as ‘away-from-base’) allow you to do most of your study independently at home. Six times during the year, you will travel to the University for a one-week block of intensive on-campus classes. During these sessions, you will work closely with your tutors and lecturers, meet your classmates and have access to academic resources.

If you are eligible to receive Abstudy and meet distance-from-home requirements, the federal government will cover the cost of your travel and accommodation. You will also receive a daily meal allowance.
“I was sitting in a job that wasn’t very fulfilling and I wanted more. I was looking for a way to better myself and my prospects. I knew that further education was the best way to do this. It turned out that the course was great! You pick up a lot of skills and knowledge that apply directly to situations you’ll face as a health worker in the community.”

**Jake Byrne**  
Graduate Diploma in Indigenous Health Promotion

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### Block-mode courses

We offer a one block-mode postgraduate course through the School of Public Health (part of the University of Sydney Medical School), and three through the Faculty of Education and Social Work. The intensive classes are held at the University’s main campus (Camperdown).

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| **Graduate Diploma in Indigenous Health Promotion**  
This course aims to provide Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health workers with the knowledge and skills necessary to work with their communities to prevent illness and injury, or minimise the harm associated with these conditions.  
You will learn how to define and understand what determines your community’s health, as well as its strengths and assets. You will be able to identify health issues and develop realistic, measurable and sustainable solutions.  
We emphasise collaborating with community members to build their capacity to address health issues, and working equitably to ensure that people who are most disadvantaged benefit from health promotion initiatives.  
The course was developed in consultation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health professionals and is based on national and international best practice in Indigenous health promotion.  
For more information on this course and how to apply, contact:  
Jonathan Birch  
02 9351 1973  
jonathan.birch@sydney.edu.au  
- sydney.edu.au/medicine/public-health | The following postgraduate coursework options provide professional development for teachers, and training for others to assist teachers, to work in community education for Indigenous Australian Languages.  
**Master of Indigenous Languages Education**  
This one-year degree is for teachers who want to develop their skills in Indigenous language teaching. The program consists of eight subjects in the areas of linguistics for Indigenous languages and teaching Indigenous languages.  
To enrol in the degree you need to have a recognised teaching qualification such as a four-year degree or a bachelor’s degree and a Diploma of Education. The master’s degree is not a teaching qualification by itself and you do not need to speak an Indigenous language to enter the course.  
The NSW Department of Education accepts this degree as providing appropriate training for qualified Aboriginal teachers seeking additional approval to teach an Aboriginal language.  
**Graduate Diploma and Graduate Certificate in Indigenous Languages Education**  
The graduate certificate is a one-semester program and the graduate diploma is available to students who have completed the certificate and would like to undertake two additional units to qualify for a graduate diploma.  
For more information on these courses and how to apply, contact:  
Sherrie Connors  
02 9351 7008  
sherrie.connors@sydney.edu.au |  

*Available to candidates with a Diploma in Education or similar.*
Support
Scholarships

As an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander student, you could be eligible for a variety of scholarships and bursaries. These are designed to provide financial support and help you to excel during your studies.

**Scholarships on offer**

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<td>University of Sydney International Exchange Scholarship for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people</td>
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University of Sydney Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Entry Scholarship
This scholarship is designed for Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander students who have obtained an ATAR of 85 or above in their HSC exams (or equivalent), and are about to start the first year of an undergraduate course at the University of Sydney.

The scholarship is worth $10,000 for one year only, and will be paid in instalments, by semester (subject to enrolment). You don’t need to apply as you will automatically be considered if your ATAR meets the cut-off.

University of Sydney Indigenous Progress Award
This is for Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander students who have received a strong credit average in the preceding years with a full-time study load and have confirmed enrolment at the census date in the year of award. It is a one-off payment of $2000 and you do not need to apply for it – you will automatically be considered.

University of Sydney International Exchange Scholarship for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students
This scholarship is awarded to students who have been accepted into the University’s International Exchange Program and will be taking a year of undergraduate or postgraduate studies overseas. The scholarship is a one-off payment of $5000. You do not need to apply.

Indigenous Commonwealth Scholarships
Commonwealth scholarships assist students from low socio-economic backgrounds to pay the costs associated with higher education.

There are three types:
- Indigenous Commonwealth Education Costs Scholarship: $2543 for up to four years
- Indigenous Commonwealth Accommodation Scholarship: $5087 for up to four years
- Indigenous Access Scholarship: $4823 one-off payment.

External scholarships
You may also be eligible for scholarships provided by external organisations, such as the Charlie Perkins Scholarships and Roberta Sykes Indigenous Education Foundations. For more information, visit:
- indigenousscholarships.com.au

The University of Sydney Scholarships Office
The Scholarships Office administers scholarships and prizes for coursework and research degrees. For advice on eligibility, the application process or information about our scholarships, please visit our website or contact us:
- sydney.edu.au/scholarships-indigenous

Faculty scholarships
Some faculties offer their own scholarships. For more information, visit:
- sydney.edu.au/faculty-scholarships

Call or email
02 8627 8112
scholarships.officer@sydney.edu.au

Visit or write to us
Level 3, Jane Foss Russell Building (G02)
160 City Road, The University of Sydney
Our office is open Monday to Friday from 8.30am to 4.30pm
We believe in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participation at every level of study, work and research at the University of Sydney.

Our programs enable aspiring students, professional staff and early-career academics to not only gain a world-class education, but real employment opportunities.

Breadwinners’ Programme
Established to support the breadwinner of a family while studying, the Breadwinners’ Programme offers financial assistance to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to gain their first undergraduate degree.

The program works by extending a three-year degree over four years, allowing you to study part time in the first two years while you work full time. In the final two years of your degree, the scholarship maintains your take home salary while you work part time, allowing you to study full time.

For more information and details about how to apply for Breadwinners, please visit:
- sydney.edu.au/scholarships/breadwinners

Wingara Mura Leadership Program
Launched in 2015, the program offers roles for aspiring professional staff and early-career academics at the University. It provides tailored opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to progress their career and postgraduate degree at the same time.

Staff in the Leadership Program will be assisted in developing an individualised career plan and have access to a workplace sponsor to support their career development.

For more information please visit:
- sydney.edu.au/recruitment/wingara-mura
The Cadigal Alternative Entry Program is an access and support program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. It assists with entry to university and provides academic and social support throughout your degree.

Eligibility
We welcome applications from two main groups:
- Year 12 applicants who have completed the NSW Higher School Certificate or equivalent and gained an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR).
- Mature-age applicants who are 21 years or older (at 1 March of the year you would commence your university studies).

Applicants are required to provide a Certificate of Aboriginality with their application or a statutory declaration – details that establish you are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

If you are admitted under the Cadigal Program, you will be offered enrolment with a full-time or reduced course load, supported by an academic skills program. Even with a reduced load, you may still be eligible for full-time Abstudy.

A benefit of entering through the Cadigal program is that you are automatically reserved a place in the Cadigal Orientation and Academic Skills workshop run by the Learning Centre and Student Support Services, or – for Health Sciences students – the Yooroang Garang Orientation Program.

Year 12 applicants
You will be considered for entry on the basis of your ATAR, as well as individual subject scores in your HSC or equivalent. Other factors can also be taken into account, such as school and community references, work experience and sporting achievements.

Mature-age applicants
After sitting an assessment, your application for entry will be based on the following criteria:
- your assessment result
- your educational background
- your work and life experiences
- evidence of your motivation and goals, and interest in the course(s) selected.

Even if you don’t meet the eligibility criteria, you may still be able to gain entry to the University through the Cadigal Program.

If you don’t have an ATAR, tertiary record or rank (usually one year/48 credit points of approved tertiary study), you can undertake an Academic Skills Assessment Test.

Transfer to a different degree
If you want to switch to another degree within the same or a different faculty, you can apply to transfer as soon as you have successfully completed 48 credit points in total towards your degree.

The option to transfer means you can begin your university studies with the intention to switch later on. This gives you access to a much broader range of courses. For example, you could switch from the:
- Bachelor of Arts to a degree in Education or combined Arts/Law
- Bachelor of Liberal Arts and Science to Engineering, Science or Veterinary Science
- Bachelor of Health Science to Nursing or Applied Science (Physiotherapy or Speech Pathology).
As an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student, there is an incredible network of people to support our studies and create a community of students who will prove to become lifelong friends. We have a lot to offer the broader University of Sydney community, through the promotion of our cultural knowledge and traditions and enhancing the cultural fabric of the University. By studying at Sydney you will be able to strengthen your identity and explore your passions.”

Michaela Finlay
Bachelor of Arts (majoring in Government and International Relations and Indigenous Studies)
Hometown: Adelaide, South Australia
Support Services for students

Cadigal Orientation Day
If you are offered a place at the University through the Cadigal Program, we will automatically reserve a place for you at the Cadigal Orientation Day, and in the two-week Academic Skills program.

The Cadigal Orientation Day is on 13 February 2017, and takes place at the Camperdown/Darlington Campus. If you are a Health Sciences student, you will attend the Yooroang Garang Orientation Program at the Cumberland Campus in Lidcombe, where the faculty is based.

Orientation Day gives you the opportunity to meet the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student support team, talk with current Cadigal students, learn about scholarships and facilities on campus, and gain important information about your courses.

Orientation is also your opportunity to register for services offered to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students by Student Support Services and other groups within the University, such as student organisations. A representative from Centrelink will be available to speak to students about Abstudy.

Cadigal academic skills workshop
Straight after Orientation is the Academic Skills series of workshops, which take place over two weeks from 14-24 February 2017.

These workshops are a valuable way to kick-start your university experience, as they’ll give you the necessary skills to succeed in your first year of study, such as academic writing, essay structure, critical thinking, oral presentation, research methods and time management.

You’ll also get a guided tour of the University, lunch at a residential college, opportunities to meet staff and students from your faculty, and time to get to know other students in the Cadigal program.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander undergraduate students commencing at the University through other entry paths are also invited and encouraged to attend.

The academic workshop is also open to non-Cadigal Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. You will need to reserve a place by contacting us on 02 8627 8619.

Mentor program
During the semester, you will be partnered with a mentor – a current student who will offer you support and guidance as you get started at university.

Tutoring
The Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme is a government initiative designed to help Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students achieve their full academic potential. The scheme supports suitably qualified tutors to provide you with two hours of individual tutoring per unit of study per week during semester. You can have one-on-one private tuition or group sessions.

02 8627 8650
itas.support@sydney.edu.au
− sydney.edu.au/itas

Academic support
Each faculty has a dedicated Academic Advisor for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. For academic assistance, contact the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student Support Team who will put you in contact with your advisor. For more information, contact:

02 8627 8619
support.cadigal@sydney.edu.au
− sydney.edu.au/indigenous-support

The University also offers development courses through the Learning Centre. For more information, visit:
− sydney.edu.au/learning-centre

Student Support Officers
The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student support team provides ongoing support throughout your studies at the University. Drop in to say hello, or give one of the officers a call to book an appointment.

Level 5, Jane Foss Russell Building
City Road, Darlington Campus
02 8627 8619
support.cadigal@sydney.edu.au
− sydney.edu.au/indigenous-support
We provide a culturally safe space for all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students on the Camperdown Campus. We have a fully equipped computer laboratory, photocopying facilities, research library, tutorial rooms and a student/staff common room with kitchen facilities.

− sydney.edu.au/indigenous-support

Yooroang Garang

Yooroang Garang is the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student support unit at the Faculty of Health Sciences. Located on the Cumberland Campus, it provides a variety of support programs and has a fully equipped computer lab, study resources, tutorial rooms and a common room with kitchen facilities.

Level 4, T Block, Cumberland Campus
East Street, Lidcombe
02 9351 9066
fhysinfo@usyd.edu.au
− sydney.edu.au/yooroang-garang

In addition to the support provided specifically to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, there are many other services you can access as an enrolled student at the University of Sydney.

Accommodation

Student Accommodation Services is the first point of contact for students looking for a place to live. Our website provides students with information on a range of accommodation options on and off campus.

02 9351 3322
accommodation.info@sydney.edu.au
− sydney.edu.au/accommodation

Careers Centre

Available to current students and recent graduates, the Careers Centre offers free advice and resources to help you find and plan your career, including an online Job Alert database, one-on-one careers counselling, workshops and careers fairs to link you with top employers while you study.

02 8627 8403
careers.information@sydney.edu.au
− sydney.edu.au/careers

Child Care Information Office

This service provides information about child care services on and around the University of Sydney campuses, and offers advice on application processes, types of child care available, and community services.

02 8627 1489
child.care@sydney.edu.au
− sydney.edu.au/childcare

Counselling and Psychological Services

This service helps you develop skills and mechanisms to achieve academic success, personal growth and social wellbeing. It provides a range of free online resources, e-books, skillshops and confidential counselling sessions.

02 8627 8437
caps.admin@sydney.edu.au
− sydney.edu.au/counselling

Disability Services

Whether you have a permanent or a temporary disability, Disability Services is your main point of contact for services and support to assist with your studies and life as a student. By registering with the service you will have access to assistive technology, lecture support, timetable and exam adjustment and a personal academic plan.

02 8627 8422
disability.services@sydney.edu.au
− sydney.edu.au/disability

Financial Assistance Service

The Financial Assistance Service offers bursaries and interest-free loans to assist students in financial need. These funds can be used to supplement other income and, in emergencies, to help pay for your living and study expenses such as rent, bond and textbooks.

02 8627 8112
student.financialsupport@sydney.edu.au
− sydney.edu.au/financial-assistance
Support
Living in Sydney

Sydney is an exciting and vibrant place to live. Choosing where to live may be one of the biggest decisions you’ll make when you move to Sydney. Our on-campus residences have many support programs to ensure your transition to university life is a smooth one.

Student Accommodation Services is the first point of contact for future and current students looking for a place to live.

This service also offers ‘New to Sydney’ housing information sessions during Orientation Week. These sessions tell you about on-campus and off-campus accommodation options and describe some of the financial assistance (such as scholarships) that you may be eligible for.

University-owned, self-catered accommodation includes a range of on-campus options.

The newly built studio apartments near the Abercrombie Precinct and the range of room styles in the Queen Mary Building offer modern bedrooms with large common living, learning and study spaces, communal kitchens, a theatre, gym, soundproofed music rooms, art studios, sky lounges and rooftop gardens.

In addition to exceptional facilities, the University residences host academic leadership and social programs through University priority programs and the substantially funded student grant program.

Student Accommodation Services and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander unit offer joint accommodation scholarships. You can apply for these scholarships through the Student Accommodation Services website: sydney.edu.au/accommodation

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There are eight residential colleges spread across campus that also offer accommodation scholarships to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. Some of these colleges include Wesley College, the Women’s College, St Paul’s and International House.

If you are eligible for full Abstudy payments, Centrelink may allow you to convert payments into a residential cost option, which covers all accommodation and meals, and provides a small fortnightly allowance while you are staying at the college. For more information, call your local Centrelink office, or Abstudy on 132 317.

To apply for a place in a residential college, please contact the colleges directly. You can find their details online at:

− sydney.edu.au/colleges

Student Accommodation Services
02 9351 3322
accommodation.info@sydney.edu.au
− sydney.edu.au/accommodation
What’s next?
How to apply

Whatever you want to study at the University of Sydney, our website is the best place to start.

Look up all the important details of your course, including assumed knowledge, course outline, entry requirements and fees at:
− sydney.edu.au/courses

Undergraduate
To apply for undergraduate courses, you need to submit an application to the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC).

On-time applications close at the end of September. You can lodge a late application until late January, but a progressive late fee will apply every month after on-time applications close.

The UAC guide and application material is distributed through newsagents in NSW and the ACT in August and September. You can also contact UAC to obtain it directly. Call 02 9752 0200 or visit:
− uac.edu.au

Providing confirmation of Aboriginality
For an entry pathway (such as the Cadigal Alternative Entry Program) or scholarship, we may need to confirm your status as an Aboriginal and or Torres Strait Islander person and will accept evidence in the following forms:
− a letter stamped with the common seal and signed by the chairperson of an Aboriginal and or Torres Strait Islander Land Council, in the area where you live or previously lived, or
− a letter stamped with the common seal and signed by a delegate of an incorporated Aboriginal and or Torres Strait Islander organisation, such as the Aboriginal Medical Service or an Aboriginal Legal Service.

Where records are not available, your identity may be confirmed by a statutory declaration declaring that you: (a) are of Aboriginal and or Torres Strait Islander descent, (b) identify as an Aboriginal and or Torres Strait Islander, and (c) are accepted as such by the community in which you live, or previously lived.
Join us for Open Day

Saturday 27 August 2016

sydney.edu.au/open-day

Important dates

**Semester 1, 2017**
- Info Day: 5 January
- Wingara Mura – Bunga Barrabugu Summer Program: 15–20 January
- Cadigal orientation: 13 February
- Cadigal academic skills workshop: 14–24 February

**Orientation Week**: 27 February – 3 March
- Lectures begin: 6 March
- Semester ends: 1 July

**Semester 2, 2017**
- Lectures begin: 31 July
- Open Day: 26 August
- Semester ends: 25 November