



THE UNIVERSITY OF
SYDNEY



Koori Centre

Applicant Information

CADIGAL ENTRY PROGRAM

Administration of the Cadigal Program

The University of Sydney has two Centres which support Indigenous Australian students enrolled within the University. The Koori Centre is located at the Camperdown campus and Yooroang Garang is located within the Faculty of Health Sciences at the Cumberland Campus. These two Centres are responsible for the administration of the Cadigal Special Entry Program and the contact details are as follows:

<p>Yooroang Garang Indigenous Student Support Unit Faculty of Health Sciences The University of Sydney PO Box 170 Lidcombe NSW 1825 Ph: (02) 93519066 Fax: (02) 93519400 Email: andrea.andreou@sydney.edu.au</p>	<p>Koori Centre Old Teachers College (A22) Manning Road University of Sydney NSW 2006 Ph: (02) 9036 6599 Fax: (02) 93516923 Email: tanya@koori.usyd.edu.au</p>
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- Students wishing to apply for courses at the Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Sydney should contact Yooroang Garang.
- Students wishing to study any other course offered by the University should contact the Koori Centre.

Eligibility

The Cadigal program is an access and support program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people** wishing to study undergraduate courses at the University of Sydney.

HSC Applicants

Those applicants who have completed the NSW HSC (or equivalent) and are under 21 years of age at the end of March of the following year, are eligible for admission on the basis of their UAI score, as well as individual subject scores in their HSC, school and community references, work experience, sporting achievements etc. HSC applicants are not currently required to attend an interview. **The minimum UAI scores required for entry into courses through the Cadigal program are lower than those required for mainstream entry.**

Mature Age Applicants (21 years and over)

Mature age applicants are considered on a number of selection criteria including:

- educational background
- life and/or employment experiences
- demonstrated motivation and interest for undertaking the course applied for.

Note: All mature age applicants must attend an interview as part of the selection process.

Method of Application

To make an application under the Cadigal Special Entry Program applicants must:

1. Complete a UAC application form according to the instructions in the current UAC Guide.

On this UAC form, students should:

- nominate as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent and
- request to be considered under Alternative Entry Scheme. (Table J - Code USCDL).

2. Lodge completed UAC application by the due date.

See the UAC book for submission dates and methods of submission.

3. Complete and return a Cadigal Program Application Form and supporting documents by the 30th November each year to either the Koori Centre or Yooroang Garang.

4. Include confirmation of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent.

If you have difficulty providing this documentation, please contact us, we may be able to assist you in your endeavours.

Selection Process

HSC Applicants

For HSC applicants, selection depends on your UAI score. The UAI score required for entry under the Cadigal Special Entry Program is negotiated with Faculties by Yooroang Garang and the Koori Centre. After the release of the HSC results, please contact us to discuss the likelihood of your selection under the this Program, based on your UAI. Also contact us if you change your preferences at any stage.

Mature Age Applicants

Mature Age applicants attend an interview with staff at each of the Centres, where they are invited to discuss their life experiences. Applicants also participate in an aptitude assessment to determine how the Centres can best meet your needs.

You are always very welcome to visit the Koori Centre or Yooroang Garang to discuss your application.

****The Koori Centre accepts one of the following forms of Proof of Aboriginality:**

1. Evidence of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent

Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander **descent** may be proved by:

- birth records or genealogies verified by a suitable authority as applicable to the individual, or
- a letter with "Common Seal" signed by the Chairperson of an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander incorporated organisation in which the applicant lives or has previously lived (where records are not available).

2. Evidence of self-identification as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander

To demonstrate **self-identification**, the individual should sign a statutory declaration that he/she is an Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

NOTE:

Proof of receipt of Abstudy will not be accepted as Proof of Aboriginality unless accompanied by 1. or 2. above.