

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander *Student Guide 2024*



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The University of Sydney was founded in 1850 on the land of the Gadigal people.

Today, our campuses and facilities stretch across the ancestral lands of many of Australia's First Peoples.

Our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff include senior leaders across the community who are helping to shape the University's future.

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.

Discover our range of programs dedicated to supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who dream of studying here, and start your journey to the University of Sydney.



"I want to make other regional, remote and Indigenous students aware that university is a possibility they can consider. There are pathways and support available."

Kawana Crowe

proud Wiradjuri woman
Bachelor of Science and Bachelor
of Advanced Studies (Advanced)

Cover image: Youth United Artists: Bronwen Smith & Gavin Chatfield (Yuin people from the south coast Batemans Bay) - together they go by 'Gwiyaala Aboriginal Art'.





Entry to *university*

When you're ready to apply for university, we look at more than your ATAR by focusing on your interests, motivation and goals.

Gadigal Entry Program

Through our Gadigal Entry Program admissions pathway, specifically designed for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, you will have:

- the opportunity to apply for a Gadigal early conditional offer
- lower minimum ATAR requirements
- participation in an intensive two-week Academic Skills Program
- ongoing academic and personal support throughout your degree.
- gadigal.sydney.edu.au

Our dedicated staff are available to assist you throughout the admission process:
indigenous.recruitment@sydney.edu.au

Extended Bachelors

The University has introduced 4 extended bachelor's degrees, which offer a dedicated pathway for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. These extended degrees include an additional foundation year, with culturally relevant literacy and mathematics studies. These studies will equip you with excellent communication, critical and analytical skills, that will prepare you for university studies and beyond. This pathway is open to eligible students who can demonstrate potential for tertiary study to a standard sufficient to undertake the course, as defined in the course admission criteria.

Explore our degrees

- Bachelor of Arts (Extended)
- Bachelor of Liberal Arts and Science (Extended)
- Bachelor of Science (Extended)
- Bachelor of Science (Extended) (Health)

Students successfully admitted into an extended bachelor degree also receive a scholarship package valued at \$20,000 per year.

Preparing for *university*

We offer a range of on-campus programs so you can experience university, meet current students, receive exam support and prepare for life after school.

Gadalung Summer Program (Years 11, 12)

Spend a week on campus to find out what university is really like. You will have the opportunity to explore courses and careers, make new friends, participate in a full program of academic and extracurricular events, and access world-class facilities.

Ngara Future Focus Program (Years 9, 10, 11, 12)

Through the Ngara (Listen, Hear, Think) Program, students from NSW metropolitan schools are invited to unique on-campus events throughout the year, including discipline-specific and personal development workshops. You will build your confidence, receive exam support and gain access to useful tools and resources for your studies and future plans.

Tahgara Winter Program (Year 12)

We know Year 12 can be a stressful time, so we offer tailored, individual support and academic preparation in the lead up to HSC exams. Delivered over a week-long intensive, you will have access to HSC exam preparation workshops, one-to-one tutoring, and faculty and support staff to assist you on your journey to university.

We'll also guide you through scholarship applications, university pathways and everything you need to know as you get ready to take your next steps.

There is no cost for participating. All program related expenses – including travel, meals and accommodation – are covered by the University of Sydney.



“The Gadigal Program offers amazing opportunities to First Nations students.

Especially when I was just starting at the University of Sydney, the support network I found at the Gadigal Centre was invaluable.”

Ethan Floyd

proud Wiradjuri Wailwan man
Bachelor of Arts (Indigenous Studies)
2022 Lee Ming Tee Indigenous Scholarship recipient

Support at *university*

You'll receive continuous support throughout your degree so you can achieve your potential and graduate job-ready.

The Gadigal Centre

Our dedicated student centre that supports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

We are deeply committed to supporting our students with their academic, cultural, economic, and social and emotional needs.

The Gadigal Centre aspires to provide a culturally safe space which embodies high professionalism, integrity and understanding and seeks to uphold these values in all aspects of service delivery.

We want to empower you throughout your studies and beyond. Think of us as your family at the University – we will work with you to make sure that your journey here is as fun and successful as possible.

Our aim is to help you achieve your full potential and graduate from the University, job-ready.

Through the Gadigal Centre you'll have access to:

- Mentoring Our Brothers and Sisters (MOBS) Program delivered by senior Indigenous students
- free tutoring and group sessions through our Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme
- culturally safe spaces for Indigenous students.

You'll also have access to the broader range of student support services such as careers support, disability services, financial support, academic support and enrichment programs.

- sydney.edu.au/gadigal-centre

Accommodation

Living on campus is a great way to meet people, build friendships and develop networks that will stay with you for life.

Accommodation options include:

- University-owned (independent living, self-catered)
- University colleges (fully inclusive of meals and programs)
- off-campus accommodation.

Scholarships

Extended Bachelor Program Scholarship

A scholarship and support package valued at up to \$20,000 per year, for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students commencing in the Extended Bachelor Program.

Gadigal Accommodation Scholarship

An accommodation subsidy for recent school leavers who are about to commence full time study at the University of Sydney.

The scholarship reduces your weekly rent to \$50 and will give you a guaranteed spot in one of our residential colleges or university owned accommodation. The number of scholarships available varies each year.

To be eligible you must be a:

- a school leaver
- over 18 years old
- sydney.edu.au/scholarships/e/gadigal-accommodation-scholarship

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Entry Scholarship

Valued at \$10,000, the scholarship supports Australian Indigenous students, who have obtained an ATAR (or equivalent) of 85.0 or above, to start their studies at the University of Sydney.

Search from hundreds of offerings for Indigenous students:

- sydney.edu.au/scholarships-search

For further support, the Australian Government provides an ABSTUDY Living Allowance. Find out more at:

- servicesaustralia.gov.au

University changes people – We provide a culturally supportive environment for you and your family as you transition into becoming a full time student.



We recognise and pay respect to the Elders and communities – past, present, and emerging – of the lands that the University of Sydney's campuses stand on. For thousands of years they have shared and exchanged knowledges across innumerable generations for the benefit of all.

Application support

Email: indigenous.recruitment@sydney.edu.au

sydney.edu.au/indigenous-support

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