

# InspireU

A guide for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students

*The University of Queensland (UQ) acknowledges the Traditional Owners and their custodianship of the lands on which we meet. We pay our respects to their Ancestors and their descendants, who continue cultural and spiritual connections to Country. We recognise their valuable contributions to Australian and global society.*

See more of UQ's commitment to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander knowledges and culture at the UQ Reconciliation Action Plan (UQ RAP): [about.uq.edu.au/reconciliation](https://about.uq.edu.au/reconciliation)

## To find out more about:



### InspireU Camps

To speak with a staff member about our InspireU camps, or how we may further engage with you, call **(07) 3363 3103** or email [inspireu@uq.edu.au](mailto:inspireu@uq.edu.au). Need further information? Please contact your school's senior administration (i.e. Principal) in the first instance.



### ATSI Unit services

Find out more about programs, entry pathways, scholarships, and general support services.. [atsis.uq.edu.au](https://atsis.uq.edu.au)



### Group visits

Learn more about our school visits and Tertiary Experience Days (TED). [outreach.atsis@uq.edu.au](mailto:outreach.atsis@uq.edu.au)



## About InspireU

InspireU Tertiary Experience Camps are designed for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander high school students to experience what it's like to be a UQ student.

**InspireU Camps** are held over five consecutive days, with participants staying at a campus college and taking part in university and cultural activities.

While on camp, InspireU students can:

- experience the vibrant student life on campus
- find out more about study areas of interest and hear from expert staff and industry partners
- learn about the success and support services available to our students
- participate in fun and interactive workshops

- connect with current Indigenous UQ students and learn about their university experiences.

All reasonable costs associated with camp participation – accommodation, meals, program activities, plus transportation to and from UQ's St Lucia campus – will be covered by UQ.

The InspireU Program is designed to engage and inspire young Indigenous high school students to further their studies at university and broaden their career possibilities.

The program aims to break down the barriers preventing students from pursuing higher education.

UQ empowers students to strive for excellence, and to achieve their goals through a world-class university education.

Participants also learn what it means to attend university, and how to navigate subject selection for senior school and university application processes.

UQ offers InspireU camps during school holiday periods (January, June/July and September), covering disciplines ranging from business, economics and law to engineering and health sciences.



# Welcome



Welcome to The University of Queensland's InspireU program and our series of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander tertiary experience camps.

We will help you along the first steps of a journey towards achieving your goals and aspirations, through a world-class university education.

We are committed to providing opportunities for you to become a game-changer and future leader, ready to join our strong and growing network of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander alumni who are doing extraordinary work in our communities and around the globe.

You will have access to outstanding and inspiring teachers and research leaders who are pioneering positive change.

At UQ, we acknowledge and respect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as First Australians. We value and celebrate the uniqueness of knowledges, cultures, histories and languages that have been created and shared for at least 65,000 years.

We emphasise the importance of 'connectedness' to culture and community.

You will study among some of the best and brightest Indigenous students in the country, and have fun being immersed in a positive, enriching environment.

We are doing transformational work, in partnership with Indigenous communities and our growing community of donors, to build a better and brighter future for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

At UQ, we will empower you with the skills and confidence to excel, no matter where life takes you. Come and explore your full potential at UQ.

## Professor Bronwyn Fredericks

Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous Engagement)



*"In 2019 I did a Health Sciences InspireU Camp; it really guided me to choose UQ, plus I liked the degree and the content it included. I also really liked the campus: it's beautiful and such a great place to visit and learn. I visited a lot during high school on school visits. The campus has a strange effect on me: when I am here, I can focus with no distractions and really make my studies my top priority."*

## ANGUS LOFT

Bachelor of Exercise and Nutrition Science



*"I did an InspireU Engineering Camp while I was in high school and fell in love with the St Lucia campus and the staff at the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies Unit."*

*"I'm from rural NSW, so UQ's atmosphere and the people and vibrancy just blew me away. I knew I had to study here."*

*"I'm staying on campus at the Women's College: it's so convenient being on campus and close to everything, and beautiful being by the lakes."*

## CAOIMHE GRIFFITHS

Bachelor of Arts / Bachelor of Education (Secondary)

## Why choose InspireU and UQ?

UQ offers a complete university experience, including an exciting mix of educational, social and cultural opportunities, to help you achieve your individual goals.

UQ has been consistently ranked the number one university in Queensland for graduate employability (QS Graduate Employability Rankings 2021), and UQ graduates enjoy some of the best employment rates and starting salaries in Australia, thanks to our outstanding global reputation.

## What can I study?

UQ offers the most comprehensive range of undergraduate and postgraduate programs and courses in Queensland across a range of study areas, including:

- Agriculture and Environment
- Architecture and Planning
- Arts, Communication and Society
- Business, Economics and Law
- Education
- Engineering and Information Technology

- Health and Behavioural Sciences
- Medicine
- Science and Mathematics

Visit [future-students.uq.edu.au](https://future-students.uq.edu.au) to explore your study options.

## Student services available

UQ strives to ensure that all students feel part of a positive and affirming learning environment. The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies Unit assists and supports prospective and current students from pre-enrolment through to graduation. Indigenous students at UQ can access:

- world-class learning facilities, including spaces specifically for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students
- a fun and engaging program of social and cultural activities
- professional development, work experience and career opportunities
- learning support and tutoring
- access to financial opportunities
- a range of accommodation options
- student services tailored specifically to your needs.

*"Something I've enjoyed the most about studying at UQ is the wide range of facilities – I have access to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies Unit, and also all the incredible libraries and other study spaces available."*

*"I have also really valued the teaching staff I have met. In particular, the Indigenous professors have been incredible role models for me as an Indigenous woman."*

*"UQ helped set up an internship for me which was really valuable because it helped me realise exactly what I want to do with my degree and what roles I want to strive for. This also helped me tailor my courses toward these goals for the future."*

## ELIZABETH LAVELLE

Bachelor of Arts



## How do I apply?

To be eligible to participate in the InspireU camps, applicants must:

- be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent
- be enrolled in high school at the time of application
- be enrolled in ATAR subjects and eligible for an ATAR score
- have a school attendance rate of 90 per cent or greater.

There is no restriction on the number of applicants from a particular school.

Applications must include:

- completed and signed Application Form (including signed consent of one of your parents or guardians).
- completed and signed Application Guidelines
- written reference from your relevant referee such as a

community elder, school principal, guidance counsellor, sports coach etc (not a parent).

- FULL school reports from Year 7 to current year.

Students will be selected from a competitive process and will be assessed on their academic standing in addition to their attendance and behaviour.

**We look forward to welcoming you to our campus.**