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ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER

FUTURE STUDENT GUIDE



WELCOME

Welcome to The University of Queensland (UQ).
Choosing to come to university is an important decision
in life, which can open up a world of opportunities.

We are committed to Indigenous education, across our teaching and learning, research and engagement activities. This commitment is expressed in our *UQ Strategic Plan 2014-2017*.

UQ is well positioned to contribute to the national challenge of Closing the Gap, including improving the educational outcomes for Indigenous students.

We welcome Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students at UQ, providing encouragement and support during your studies here, celebrating with you in your successes and

ensuring a safe, culturally embracing environment for Indigenous students, staff and the community.

This brochure includes examples of the range of academic, financial and personal support services available to help you settle into university life and assist you with your study. We encourage you to apply and to discover the breadth of opportunities available to you at UQ.

Shane Drahm

Acting Pro-Vice-Chancellor
(Indigenous Engagement)
Director, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
Studies Unit



Why choose 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 is the number one university in Queensland for graduate employability (QS Graduate Employability Rankings 2017), 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:

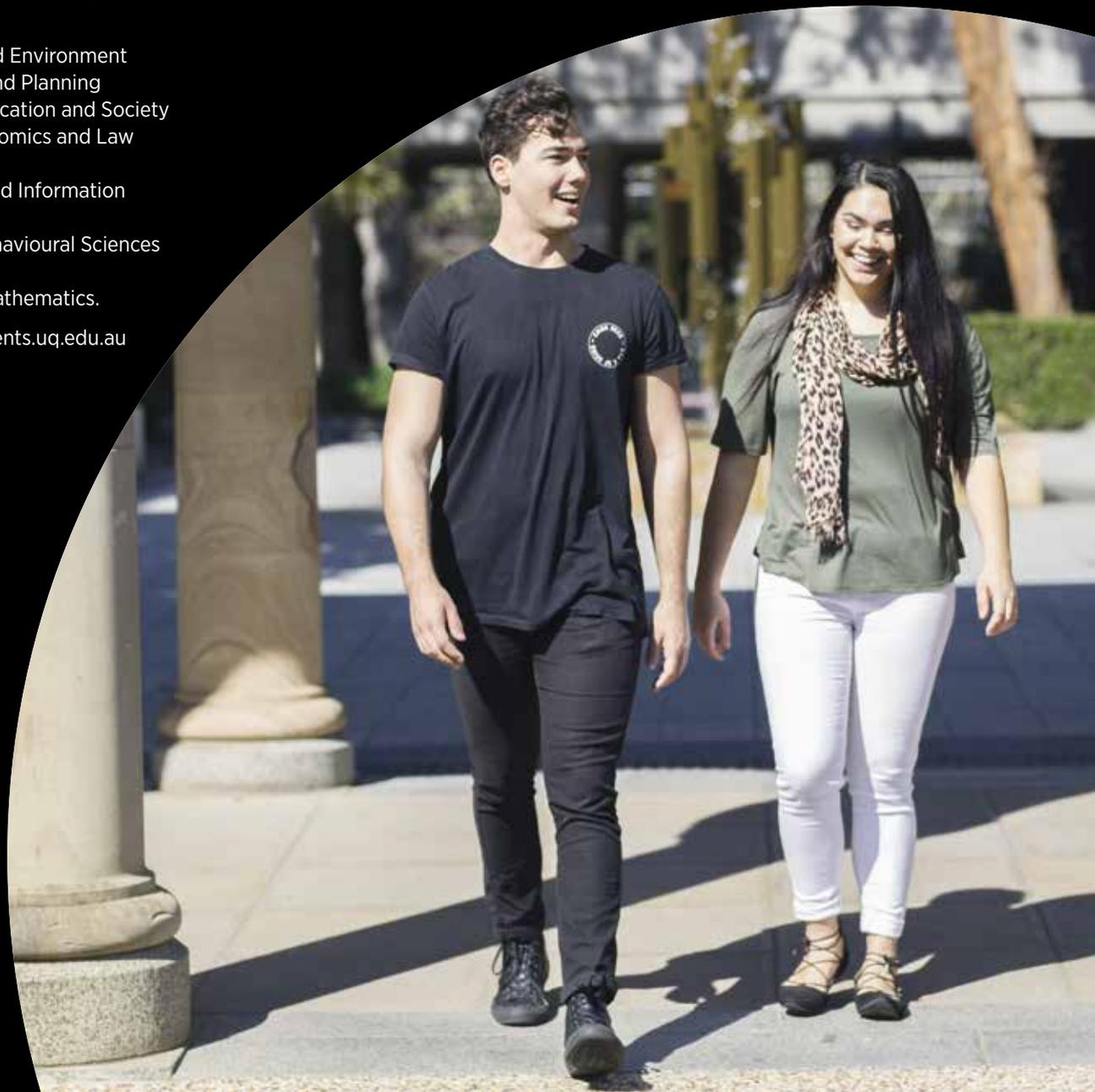
- Agriculture and Environment
- Architecture and Planning
- Arts, Communication and Society
- Business, Economics and Law
- Education
- Engineering and Information Technology
- Health and Behavioural Sciences
- Medicine
- Science and Mathematics.

Visit future-students.uq.edu.au to explore your study options.

What support will I receive?

UQ strives to ensure that all students feel part of a supportive learning environment. The ATSSIS Unit assists and supports prospective and current students from pre-enrolment through to graduation. A number of initiatives and support services assist and support Indigenous students, including:

- personal support and counselling
- professional development, work experience and career opportunities
- learning support and tutoring
- scholarships and financial assistance
- accommodation
- enrolment and program and course selection.



Rachel Doolan

STUDYING: Bachelor of Health Science



As a mature-age student and a mum of two young children it was important for me to choose a university that supported and understood my goals. Choosing UQ was one of the best decisions I have made. The ongoing support I have received from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies Unit has made it possible to stay focused, even when challenges arise. The Indigenous Tutoring and Retention Program has also been vital throughout my degree to maintain my grades.



Jade Yanner

STUDYING: Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering



Coming from a trade background to studying engineering at The University of Queensland was a difficult transition from industry to academia. Thankfully the university faculty and the staff at the ATSI Unit on campus are incredibly welcoming and supportive of individual student's needs. My experiences with the staff at UQ reaffirm that the decision to study here ensures that I will receive incredible support throughout my degree.

Murrawah Johnson

STUDYING: Bachelor of Arts/
Bachelor of Social Sciences



The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Unit has been a source of support and guidance in my time at UQ. The degrees that I am studying have opened my world up to the intersections and complex interfaces of politics and the world that I live in. The dynamic student space, staff and senior lecturers at the ATSI Unit have been an integral part of developing my understanding of the concepts I encounter within my studies, and have allowed me to engage in the content in a way that has benefitted not just me in my studies but me in my overall personal development in my time at UQ.



How do I apply?

QTAC

All applications for UQ's undergraduate programs are processed through the Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC). If applying through QTAC, you have the option of identifying as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person. For more information about applying through QTAC, visit qtac.edu.au.

For UQ postgraduate coursework and higher degrees by research requirements, visit future-students.uq.edu.au or contact the ATSI Unit for further assistance.

Alternative pathways

In addition to gaining entry through QTAC based on your Overall Position (OP) or other tertiary entrance score, there are other opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to apply for admission to UQ:

- UQ's Alternative Entry Pathways Scheme for undergraduate programs is designed to assist Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander applicants, who are interested in pursuing a tertiary education. The scheme considers a range of factors in addition to formal education, such as your employment history, academic abilities, personal interests, community involvement and references.
- The UQ Link Access Program is a special admissions scheme to assist students who have experienced educational disadvantage caused by financial hardship to gain entry to UQ.

- UQ College provides an alternative pathway to study for those with real-world experience who, at the time of application, do not have the formal qualifications for their particular industry.
- UQ's Bonus Rank Scheme offers students completing Year 12 a chance to improve their competitiveness for entry to their preferred program if they complete specific studies during their senior year.
- Upgrading allows you do a year of study in another degree if you don't get into what you want straight away, and transfer into your preferred program.

For more information about alternative pathways to study at UQ, visit atsis.uq.edu.au



About the AT SIS Unit

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AT SIS) Unit was established at UQ in 1984, recognising the importance of teaching about and researching Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, engaging with the Indigenous community and supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. The activities of the AT SIS Unit are guided by the *UQ Strategic Plan 2014–2017*. The AT SIS Unit celebrates Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and recognises the enormous contributions that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and perspectives bring to UQ's learning, discovery and engagement activities.

The AT SIS Unit works closely with faculties, schools and the wider UQ community to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students from pre-enrolment through to graduation.

We can assist with:

- information about admission processes, including tertiary preparation programs, the range of programs available and alternative entry pathways to the University
- orientation programs for new students to assist with transitioning to University life and study
- advice and support for students experiencing personal and academic difficulties
- information about scholarships, prizes, cadetships and student support payments
- learning support and advice, including workshops, group sessions, tutorial sessions and individual consultations.

The AT SIS Unit also hosts a number of events and activities through the academic year to introduce future students to the University experience and to assist current students with University life and study.

The AT SIS Unit has offices at UQ's St Lucia and Gatton campuses. Remote assistance is available to students at other UQ campuses or locations.

More information



GIVE US A CALL

Chat to our friendly Student Support team for advice and assistance with applications, scholarships and general enquiries.

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VISIT US ONLINE

Find out more about programs, entry pathways, scholarships, and support services offered by the AT SIS Unit.

atsis.uq.edu.au



ASK US A QUESTION

Email us and we'll be in touch soon.

atsis@uq.edu.au



POP IN FOR A VISIT

Our AT SIS Unit is located at Level 2, Building 4, St Lucia campus. We are right next to the Co-op Bookshop and open Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm.

