

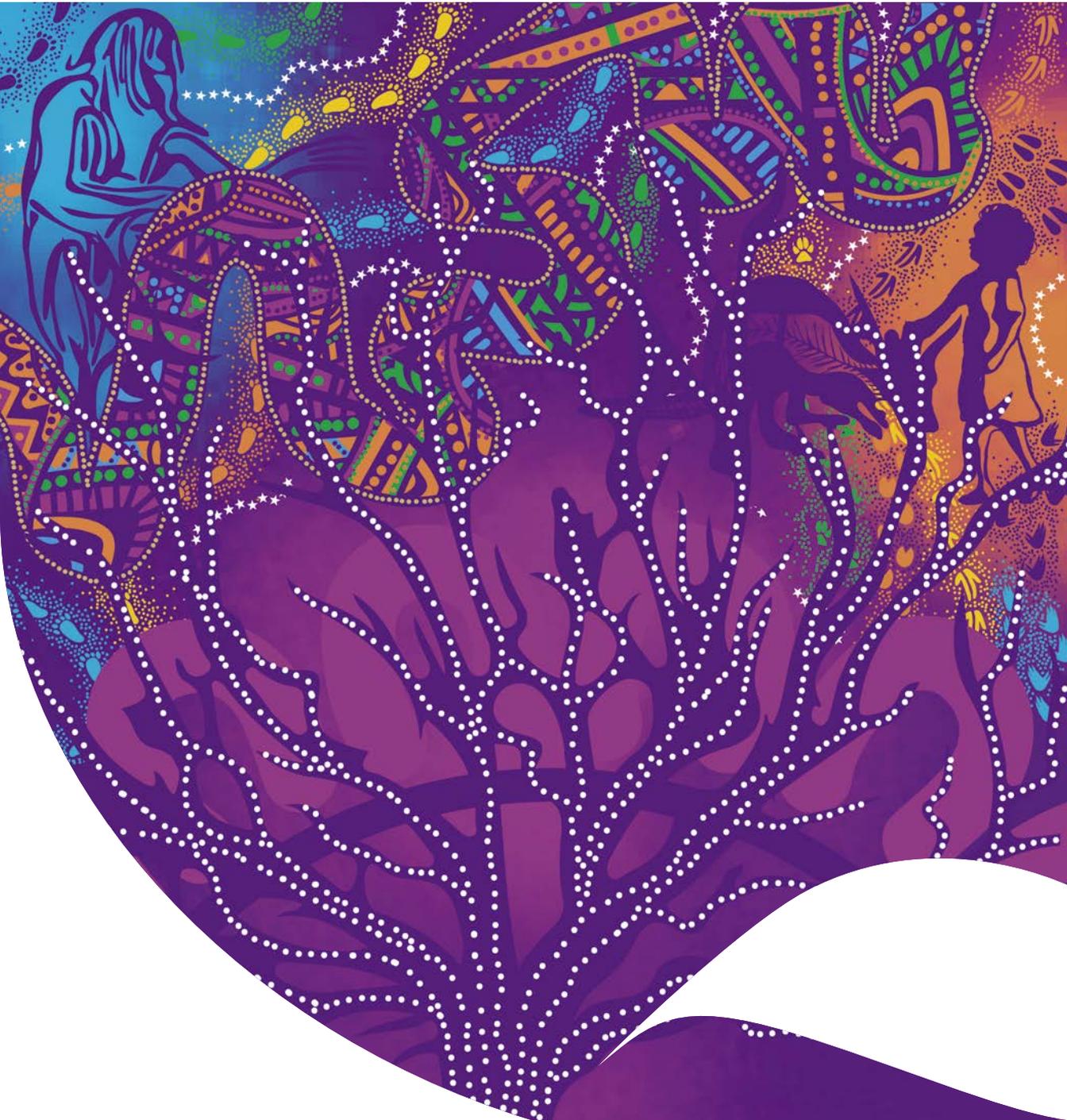


THE UNIVERSITY  
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# Future student guide

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students



# Welcome



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

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 are committed to supporting Indigenous excellence and leadership across all our teaching, learning, research and engagement activities.

When you come to study at UQ, you will be part of a network of in-demand graduates from a globally recognised and celebrated university. Our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander graduates are creating change all over the world.

You will have access to outstanding and inspiring teachers and game-changing research leaders who are pioneering positive change within our communities.

You will study amongst some of the best and brightest Indigenous students in the country, and have fun being immersed in a positive, enriching environment. At UQ, we emphasise the importance of 'connectedness', to culture and community.

At UQ you will find the opportunities to achieve your dreams and aspirations and be the best you can be. 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)



*“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.”*

## **RACHEL DOOLAN**

Bachelor of Health Science



## 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 2019), 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.

## Support services available

UQ strives to ensure that all students feel part of a positive and affirming learning environment. The AT SIS 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 a range of financial opportunities
- a range of accommodation options
- student services tailored specifically to your needs

*“Coming from a trade background to studying engineering at The University of Queensland was a difficult transition, moving from industry to academia. Thankfully the university faculty and the staff at the AT SIS unit on campus were 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.”*

### JADE YANNER

Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering

*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 AT SIS 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.*

**MURRAWAH JOHNSON**

Bachelor of Arts / Bachelor of Social Sciences



## How do I apply?

### QTAC

All applications for UQ's undergraduate programs are processed through the Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC).

For more information about applying through QTAC, visit [qtac.edu.au](http://qtac.edu.au).

For UQ postgraduate coursework and higher degrees by research requirements, visit [future-students.uq.edu.au](http://future-students.uq.edu.au) or contact the AT SIS Unit for further assistance.

### Admissions pathways

In addition to gaining entry through QTAC based on your Overall Position (OP) or other tertiary selection rank, UQ has an admission scheme specifically for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

If you identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander on your QTAC application, you will be invited to apply via a special entry scheme. This pathway considers your previous formal education and a range of

additional factors including your employment history, academic abilities and personal characteristics.

UQ's AT SIS Unit will be there to support you every step of the way through the application process.

Please contact our friendly and knowledgeable staff for further information and visit [future-students.uq.edu.au/apply/undergraduate/admission-schemes](http://future-students.uq.edu.au/apply/undergraduate/admission-schemes) or the AT SIS Unit website for more details.

## About the ATSIS Unit

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (ATSIS) Unit was established at UQ in 1984 as a commitment to the teaching, learning, research and cultural needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

The ATSIS Unit celebrates Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and knowledges, and recognises the enormous contributions that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have made and continue to make at UQ.

We work closely with faculties, schools, central units and the wider UQ community to provide a range of services for students. From pre-enrolment through to graduation, we provide:

- helpful advice and support on UQ's admissions pathways, to help you find the best program for you and your goals
- orientation for new students to assist with the transition to university life and study
- access to scholarships and financial opportunities to support you throughout your studies
- learning support and pastoral care, including tuition and individual consultations.



Our students have access to a range of professional development and employability services, including internships, graduate programs and global experiences.

The ATSIS Unit hosts a number of social and cultural events during the academic year, including workshops with

guest speakers, music and cultural events, and NAIDOC and community activities. You will have access to a large Indigenous student peer group with an active student association that provides a range of fun activities throughout the year. Social and study spaces are provided for students in the ATSIS Unit across our campuses.

## More information



### Give us a call

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

**+61 7 3443 1404**



### Visit us online

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

**[atsis.uq.edu.au](https://atsis.uq.edu.au)**



### Ask us a question

Email us and we'll be in touch soon.

**[atsis@uq.edu.au](mailto: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 School Locker and open Monday to Friday, 9am–5pm.

*Cover artwork elements from "A Guidance Through Time" by Quandamooka artists Casey Coolwell and Kyra Mancktelow.*

*This artwork recognises UQ's three major campuses, while also championing the creation of a strong sense of belonging and truth-telling about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories, and ongoing connections with Country, knowledges, culture and kin.*

