Dear Applicant,

As an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander person, the University of Western Sydney requires you to first submit documentation both declaring and confirming your Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander identity. This can be done by the following:

1. **Statutory Declaration of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander self-Identity.** A **Statutory Declaration**, the first (‘Declaration of Aboriginal and /or Torres Strait Islander self-Identity’) requires you to declare you lived and identify as an Aboriginal and /or Torres Strait Islander.

   AND

2. A certified copy of a letter of “Confirmation of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Identity” recognising and accepting you as an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander. This letter must be from an incorporated Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander organisation and contain the seal of the organisation.

   Note: You, a family member or a member of staff at UWS cannot certify your documents, even if you or they belong to one of the categories listed.

3. A Statutory Declaration of Recognition of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Identity provided by another Aboriginal person.

   A second **Statutory Declaration** (‘Recognition of Aboriginal and /or Torres Strait Islander Identity’) is a statement by a member of your Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander community declaring that they recognise and accept you as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person. This statement of recognition **must be made by an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person** who holds one of the **Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander** community organisation positions listed on this flyer.

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Aboriginal people and/or Torres Strait Islanders who are suitable persons to provide recognition and acceptance of your Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait identity are:

- An office bearer within any incorporated Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community based organisation in the community you live in or from the community you grew up in.
- An Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person with a significant, local, state, territory or national profile who would be happy to be contact by phone as a follow up.
- An Aboriginal worker in a school where you have been known as an Aboriginal and /or Torres Strait Islander student.
- An Aboriginal health worker in an Aboriginal Medical Centre; a Police Liaison Officer; an Aboriginal Pastor; an Aboriginal Housing Officer; or Aboriginal Liaison Officer working in similar positions in different government departments.
- The recognition and acceptance is to be provided on a letterhead from the Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander organisation or on the second Statutory Declaration form regarding recognition along with your first Statutory Declaration.

Please note that there are limited persons before whom a statutory declaration may be made and who can sign the Statutory Declaration. Such persons include:

- Justices of the Peace
- Magistrates
- Doctors
- Full-time teachers
- Solicitors
- Pharmacists, and
- Police Officers.

If you have any questions about what is required for Alternative Entry, please contact the Badanami Centre for Indigenous Education on 1800 032 923.
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Declaration of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Identity

I, ___________________________ (full name, address of the person providing recognition)

1. do solemnly and sincerely declare that I understand that the Commonwealth of Australia for the purpose of administering programs for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people defines Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander identity as follows:

   a) An Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is any person who:
      - is of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent
      - identifies as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander, and
      - is accepted as such by the Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Community in which they live; and

2. understanding the above definition, I also solemnly declare that I am an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person.

I understand that a person who intentionally makes a false statement in a statutory declaration is guilty of an offence under section 11 of the Statutory Declarations Act 1959 (CTH), and I believe that the statements in this declaration are true in every particular.

(Signature of applicant)

Declared at ___________________________ (full name, qualification and address of person before whom declaration is made IN PRINTED LETTERS)

on ___________________________ of ___________________________ 20 ___________________________,

(day) (month) (year)

Before me:

(Signature of person before whom declaration is made)
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Recognition of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Identity

I, 

(full name, address of the person providing recognition)

Holding the position of,

(Please refer to the list of “suitable people”. Please also refer to your specific title/role and organisation of employment of voluntary work.)

do solemnly and sincerely declare that I recognise

(full name of UWS applicant please)

as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person.

I understand that a person who intentionally makes a false statement in a statutory declaration is guilty of an offence under section 11 of the Statutory Declarations Act 1959 (Cth), and I believe that the statements in this declaration are true in every particular.

(Signature of person providing recognition)

Declared at

on             of             20

(day)         (month)        (year)

Before me:

(signature of person before whom declaration is made)

(full name, qualification and address of person before whom declaration is made IN PRINTED LETTERS)

*Please note that this Statutory Declaration confirming your identity must be accompanied by the first Statutory Declaration.

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