

University of
Western Sydney



Indigenous Education

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The University of Western Sydney (UWS) is committed to the advancement of Indigenous Education as a key to national Reconciliation. UWS is one of the largest universities in Australia with six campuses: Bankstown, Blacktown/Nirimba, Campbelltown, Hawkesbury, Parramatta and Penrith which span across the countries of Darug, Gandangarra and Tharawal lands.

The Badanami Centre for Indigenous Education at UWS is committed to providing Indigenous people with access to higher education and to encourage students, staff and community members to utilise academic and cultural support facilities. Badanami's major role is to provide:

- strategic policy advice and governance through the Office of the Dean, Indigenous Education who is also the Director of the Centre;
- personal and cultural support to all Indigenous students;
- access and learning support to all Indigenous students;
- administrative advice on a range of matters including enrolment, programs of study, graduation, leave of absence, withdrawal etc;
- advice on scholarships and cadetships;
- advocacy on behalf of students if required;
- managing Indigenous specific block courses;
- teaching;
- teaching of an Indigenous Graduate Attribute;
- research and consultancy.

What is the Badanami Alternative Entry Program?

The Badanami Alternative Entry Program is a UWS equity initiative aimed at increasing Indigenous participation within undergraduate programs across all areas of study at the University. You do not need to have a HSC or other qualifications to apply to study at UWS through the Alternative Entry Program.

The Alternative Entry Program includes a two-day Assessment Workshop. You will be asked to complete literacy and numeracy assessment tasks and participate in an interview to discuss your interest in the course you have chosen. This program allows you to demonstrate that you meet the minimum and essential criteria required for the course you have selected. Once you register for alternative entry we will notify you of the scheduled dates. These dates will be advertised on the UWS website http://www.uws.edu.au/indigenous_edu/education/access/pathways

STATUTORY DECLARATION
STATUTORY DECLARATIONS ACT 1959 (CTH)

Declaration of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Identity

I, _____

(full name, address and occupation of applicant please)

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 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 _____ (place)

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 declaring your identity must be accompanied by the second Statutory Declaration which involves another Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander confirming your identity.

STATUTORY DECLARATION
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Recognition of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Identity

I, _____

(full name and 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 _____ (place)

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 declaring your identity.



Application Form

1. Personal Details

TITLE (Dr, Mr, Mrs, Ms, Miss)

D.O.B.

FAMILY NAME

FIRST GIVEN NAME

OTHER GIVEN NAMES

PREVIOUS SURNAME

2. Contact Details

ADDRESS

SUBURB

STATE

POSTCODE

HOME PHONE

MOBILE

EMAIL

3. Are you attempting/did you attempt the NSW HSC or another Territory/States HSC

YES * NO

*Please attach a copy of your HSC Record of Achievement.

4. Have you ever been enrolled at the University of Western Sydney?

YES NO

5. Are you Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?

YES NO

6. Have you applied through UAC (University Admissions Centre)?

YES NO

7. Special Needs

Please list details of any disability or support services you will require on campus.

PLEASE LIST YOUR CHOICE OF COURSES.

Course Preference	Course Code	Course Name
1.		
2.		
3.		

If you are applying for the Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery Program, you must also register online at www.uws.edu.au/medicine

Application Form (continued)

Please tell us in one paragraph why you wish to enrol in the course you have chosen?

Secondary School Studies

When were you last enrolled in High School?

What Level/Grade were you in when you left High School?

What was your UAI/ATAR/TER/Aggregate? HSC applicants only

Previous Studies

Name of Institution	Course Studied	Years of attendance	Qualifications

Employment History

Name of Employer	Position	Years of	Referees

Community Work

Name of Organisation	Position/duties performed	Years of service	Referees

Would you please sign the statement below:

I approve that my contact details be provided to relevant departments within UWS so that I can be contacted in regards to Indigenous education and support.

Signed _____

Lodging your application

Applications may be lodged in person at any Student Centre or by mail to:

Admissions Unit
Building i, Penrith Campus
University of Western Sydney
Locked Bag 1797
Penrith NSW 2751

Confirmation of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Identity

Dear applicant,

As an Aboriginal or 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 one of three ways:

1. You may provide a letter (on letterhead) from your employer stating that you presently occupy an Indigenous identified position.

or
2. You may provide a certified copy of a letter of "Confirmation of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait identity". This letter must be from an incorporated Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander organisation and contain the seal of the organisation.

or
3. Alternatively, you can confirm your Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander identity by submitting **two Statutory Declarations**. The first ("Declaration of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Identity") requires you to **declare** your identity to be Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander. The second Statutory Declaration ("Recognition of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Identity") is a statement by a member of the Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander community declaring that they **recognise** you as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person. This statement of recognition **must be made by a "suitable person", being an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person** holding one of the employment or Indigenous community organisation positions listed on this page.

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

- Academics, TAFE Teachers or School Teachers;
- General administrative staff working within an Indigenous Education Centre at an Australian University, TAFE or School;
- Aboriginal School Liaison Officers;
- Aboriginal Community Liaison Officers;
- Indigenous people holding an Identified position within a State, Territory or Commonwealth government department;
- An office bearer within any incorporated Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community based organisation;
- An Indigenous police officer;
- An Indigenous doctor;
- An Indigenous lawyer;
- Any Indigenous person with a significant, local, state, territory or national profile who would be happy to be contacted by phone as a follow up;
- Alternatively, you may provide a letter on letterhead from Link-Up.

Should you wish to pursue Option 3 you will find the Statutory Declarations needed attached.

Please note that there are limited persons before whom a statutory declaration may be made. Such persons include:

- Justices of the Peace
- Magistrates
- Doctors
- Full-time teachers
- Solicitors
- Pharmacists
- 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.