Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Bursary Program

Information pack

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The smoking ceremony is an ancient custom among Indigenous Australians and is believed to ward off bad spirits.

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Acknowledgement of Country

Logan City Council respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the lands across the City of Logan. We extend that respect to the Elders, past, present and emerging. They hold the memories, traditions, cultures and hopes of Australia's First Peoples.

Background

What is the program about?

Logan City Council's (Council) Development Assessment Branch has initiated an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Bursary Program to provide support to First Nations Secondary Students living in the City of Logan to attend a QLD University to study a tertiary degree in:

- town planning,
- civil engineering,
- business, or
- information technology.

The Bursary Program provides support to help educate, recruit and retain local First Nations people in the public service sector to contribute and integrate indigenous thinking into the decisions of how the land, the built environment and green spaces will be used in our community to ensure preservation for future generations.

Why are we doing this program?

Council understands that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's respected cultural lens and valuable perspectives need to be considered in the planning and development decisions made for the City of Logan.

We aim to provide increased tertiary education opportunities and employment pathways for Logan's First Nation's students by helping to remove financial and social barriers and contribute to our national reconciliation goal of *Closing the Gap*.

What's included:

1. **$5,000 per year** bursary contribution to help cover university expenses as accommodation, textbooks, stationery, transportation, or other essential items for study.
2. **Part-time paid work** placement of up to 15 hours per week during the course in the Development Assessment Branch.
3. **Ongoing support and mentoring** from industry experts in the Development Assessment Branch

Details

Number of positions	2
Duration	Study full-time for 4 years (duration of Degree Course)
Study mode	On campus student
Study Duration	Full-time
Course Type	Bachelor's Degree
Course Discipline	Urban Planning, Civil Engineering, Business, and Information Technology
Students	Full time First Nations student at a secondary school within the City of Logan, graduating grade 12 in 2022
Australian citizenship	Yes
Residential Requirement	City of Logan Resident at the time of application
Applications close	Applications have closed for the 2022/2023 intake but we're still open to reviewing expression of interest applications for future intakes.

Who can apply?

Australian Citizen/ permanent resident

The applicant must be an Australian citizen or permanent resident as defined by the Commonwealth.

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander

The applicant must identify as an Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person and provide confirming documentation such as a letter from a First Nations organisation or Community Elder, or a statutory declaration.

An Australian Aboriginal person and/or a Torres Strait Islander person is a person who:

- *is of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent*
- *identifies as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander*
- *is accepted as an Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander in the community in which the person lives or lived.*

Degree/discipline

The successful applicant will enrol in a Queensland University to study a Bachelor of Degree of either:

- Bachelor of Urban Planning
- Bachelor of Civil Engineering
- Bachelor of Business
- Bachelor of Information Technology

University Entry Requirements

For all Universities Enquiries regarding your potential course

Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC)

📞 1300 467 822

✎ **qtacinfo@qtac.edu.au**

▷ **qtac.edu.au**

ATAR/Rank

* The ATAR/Rank from the 2022 admission cycle represents the minimum adjusted ATAR/Rank to which an offer was made. Minimum thresholds can change from year to year and should be used as a guide only for any future intakes.

QTAC application information

Bachelor of Urban Planning prerequisites:

- English,
- English as an Additional Language,
- Literature or English & Literature Extension (Units 3 and 4, C)

Bachelor of Civil Engineering prerequisites:

- English,
- English as an Additional Language,
- Literature or English & Literature Extension (Units 3 and 4, C)
- Mathematical Methods (Units 3 and 4, C)

Bachelor of Business prerequisites:

- Any General or Applied English subject (Units 3 and 4, C)

Bachelor of Information Technology prerequisites:

- English,
- English as an Additional Language,
- Literature or English & Literature Extension (Units 3 and 4, C)
- General Mathematics Mathematical Methods (Units 3 and 4, C)

Students qualifications

Must be:

- A full-time student at a secondary school within the City of Logan, graduating Grade 12 in 2022.
- Intending to enrol in and attend tertiary studies at a Queensland University in 2023.
- Must enrol as a full-time, on-campus student for the duration of the degree.
- Be likely to have their university offer confirmed by 16 January 2023

Academic requirement

The successful candidate will need to meet the entry requirement for the degree and perform at a level required to maintain enrolment.

Supporting documents/ and required information

- Documentation confirming your identification as an Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person such as a letter from a First Nations organisation or Community Elder, or a statutory declaration.
- Include two work or education related written references (one reference must be from a senior staff member of your current school).

How to apply

Stage 1

Express your interest

Students can submit their expression of interest by:

- **Applying online via Council website** – Complete the Bursary Application Form addressing the selection criteria, your skills, course preference and career aspirations. To access this form, visit:
  ↳ **logan.qld.gov.au/aboriginal-torres-strait-islander-bursary-program-application**
- **Emailing the application form and references in PDF format to:**
  ✈ **damanagementsupport@logan.qld.gov.au**

Applicants to include 2 work or education related written references (one reference must be from a senior staff member of their current school).

Selection criteria – How the decision is made

All applications that meet the selection criteria will be reviewed by a selection panel. Applications will be assessed according to:

- your Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage and connections with First Nations people, community and culture
- how you meet the university admission requirements
- academic accomplishments
- educational highlights
- motivation to succeed
- personal and professional interests
- commitment to community and
- references

The application form and all included written statements must be the applicant's own work. The decision of the selection panel will be final, and no further requests for consideration will be entertained.

Stage 2

Participate in an interview

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend an interview with representatives from Logan City Council.

Stage 3

Proof of intent to study

All shortlisted applicants are required to submit the following documents after the interview:

- A copy of the QCAA Senior Statement
- Tertiary Entrance Statement (ATAR, Australian Tertiary Admission Rank)
- Official Offer from a Queensland Tertiary Institution
- Australian Birth Certificate
- Documentation confirming identification as an Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person such as a letter from a First Nations organisation or Community Elder, or a statutory declaration

Commencement

The work placement will commence by February 2023 or at the commencement of the degree.

Recruitment timeline

Jul 2022	Review program
Aug 2022	Notify schools
Sep 2022	Receive applications for stage 1 Shortlist for interviews
Oct 2022	Interviews by 31 Oct Proof of intent to study stage 2 required
Nov 2022	Select candidate
Jan 2022	On-board to Council Confirm university offers by 16 Jan 2023
Feb 2022	Start university and work placement at Council
Ongoing	Council accepting expressions of interest for future intakes

Financial contribution

1. A payment of $5,000 per annum will be paid to the student that can be used to purchase accommodation, textbooks, stationery, transportation, or other essential items for study.

2. The bursary can only be used for study at a Queensland University, whilst you are a student at that university.

3. During the bursary program, you will need to maintain satisfactory progress towards the successful completion of your degree.

The bursary will be forfeited if you:

a. change to another tertiary institution in another state

b. change to a lesser tertiary institution that is not a university

c. change to a lesser course (not a degree course),

d. defer your course or

e. cancel your enrolment in the course.

About the part-time work placement position

- The successful candidate/s will be offered a paid part-time work placement as a Student in the Development Assessment Branch at Council, of up to 15 hours per week.

- Nominated days/hours of work will be negotiated directly with the relevant supervisor.

- The employment placement will be engaged through an agency service.

- The position description will be available at the time of appointment of the candidate/s.

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