

# QUT's Oodgeroo Unit Turning dreams into reality

With over 90 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander graduates in 2016 and a further 200 commencing students enrolling at QUT in 2017, the Oodgeroo Unit supports our community in the commencement, continuation and completion throughout their tertiary studies. Entry programs such as the *Centralised Selection and Selection Program (CASP)* can assist you gaining admission into your chosen study area whilst the *Keystones of Success: Supporting Our Future Leaders* program can give you vital academic support to help complete your degree. The Oodgeroo Unit also delivers the *Indigenous Knowledges Minor* consisting of four thought provoking and timely units to the university's curriculum.

**With over 700 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students at QUT—isn't it time you joined the Mob?**



**Keystones of Success**  
Supporting our future leaders



## Tutoring! QUT's Oodgeroo Unit, in partnership with key QUT, community and industry stakeholders is putting a call out for tutors: we want you!

There's a fresh focus at QUT on new ways to help Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to achieve academic success and more.

### What's involved?

- Giving advice on assignment writing, academic skills and research techniques
- Having regular contact with allocated student/s by conducting up to a two-hour tutorial session per week with student/s.

### Who can do this? Tutors will have:

- completed or potentially completed a minimum of a bachelor's degree
- have demonstrated knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and social experience
- high level verbal and written communication skills.

### Get into it—simply do the following:

- submit a Tutor Registration Form: go to [www2.qut.edu.au/jobs/](http://www2.qut.edu.au/jobs/) QUT jobs site
- provide your current CV or resume (including details for two referees), certified copies of qualifications, and photo ID.

All shortlisted tutors will be contacted to attend an interview at the Oodgeroo Unit.



## Get a solid start to your studies

The Oodgeroo Unit at QUT are a team of dedicated professional and academic staff, supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students entering, transitioning and succeeding at tertiary studies through to graduation.

Centralised Assessment and Selection Program (CASP) enquiries and applications are now being accepted for 2017 Semester 2 admissions. Contact us today to find out about our assessment process, as well as the various support programs and scholarships that are available.

Interviews will be held from **Monday 22 May through to Thursday 26 May 2017**. Discover a 'whole other world'. Contact QUT's Oodgeroo Unit on 1800 645 513 (toll free) or email [casp.odgeroo@qut.edu.au](mailto:casp.odgeroo@qut.edu.au)



## Indigenous Knowledges Minor

The Indigenous Knowledges (IK) Minor prompts students to critically reflect on their own understandings and challenges them to develop personal and professional standpoints as they examine the limitations of dominant perspectives in Australian society.

The IK Minor draws on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander knowledge systems and perspectives while disrupting and critiquing existing systems of knowing and being. It inspires students to develop their capabilities as culturally safe professionals.

These units are for all students in any faculty across QUT and we encourage all students to develop their knowledge of Indigenous history, culture and current issues.

### OUB100 Yatdjuligin—Cultural Safety in Indigenous Australian Context

Culturally safe practice is an essential element in a professional's ability to work as a holistic and accountable professional with Indigenous Australian peoples and their communities. The need for a discipline approach to educating culturally safe professionals, which incorporates an understanding of your own cultures and the potential impacts, underpins the journey of becoming a culturally safe practitioner.

### OUB110 Am I black enough? Indigenous Australian Representations

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, images and cultures, have been represented in a variety of media since colonisation. The purpose of this unit is to deconstruct these representations from Indigenous standpoints. You will develop understandings and skills to critically analyse media representations.

### OUB120 Smash the Act—Contemporary Indigenous Australian Politics

This unit investigates the distinctive feature of Indigenous knowledges and perspectives as the philosophical underpinning of Indigenous Australian politics. This unit is delivered through authentic experiences and individualised instruction, and learning through enjoyment, including learning by observation, doing and being in a shared learning environment. Students' can internalise, reflect, deconstruct and reconstruct contemporary Indigenous Australian politics.

### OUB130 Indigenous Knowledge: Research Ethics and Protocols

This unit critically analyses and articulates culturally safe research that reflects decolonising methodologies as an underpinning framework for Indigenous Australian research. The need for culturally safe research, is supported by the obvious gaps in knowledge of the ongoing life differentials and social determinants that impact on Indigenous Australians. This in part is due to a profound lack of culturally safe research neglecting historical and Indigenous knowledges.



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