Flinders University recognises the importance of offering alternative pathways to university for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who may not enter the university through traditional pathways. So, what happens when traditional pathways to university study aren’t right for the individual?

Flinders is committed to providing opportunities to a higher education for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and our Indigenous Admissions Scheme provides an alternative pathway for entry. Higher education is a pathway to gain qualifications which can support and meet the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to contribute to local, rural, regional, and national contexts. Flinders University, through its Yunggorendi Student Engagement program, offers services to foster academic success, provides spaces within the university which affirm identity and belonging, and offers pastoral and academic support.

Associate Professor Simone Ulalka Tur
inaugural pro vice-chancellor (Indigenous)

If you are an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person, the Flinders Yunggorendi Student Engagement team can advise you on undergraduate degree pathways available through the Indigenous Admission Scheme. The application process is simple, and the Yunggorendi team can assist you through your application.

‘I had wanted to go study at university for a long time and when I finally took the leap, Yunggorendi were an incredible asset to have in my corner. The Indigenous Admission Scheme was a very simple and quick process, and once I was accepted the team at Yunggorendi were extremely friendly and caring.’

Warrick Clinch
Bachelor of Health Sciences/Master of Physiotherapy

‘Yunggorendi and the Indigenous Admission process have enabled me to reach my goals with the support they have provided me. The Indigenous student officers made me feel accepted as a Waiwai and Bunganditj man within the university by informing me of all opportunities and support.’

Jackson Cleaver
Bachelor of Health Sciences/Master of Occupational Therapy

Online support is particularly important during our current COVID-19 situation, and along with the rest of the university, the Yunggorendi team have enhanced their online support options to ensure students continue to seamlessly access the assistance they need, when they need it.

If you are an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person, the Flinders Yunggorendi Student Engagement team also offers a range of support options for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, from admission into Flinders, through to academic skills development, supplementary tutorials, one-on-one pastoral care and access to financial support.

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‘The Indigenous Admissions Scheme focuses on you as an individual, where you want to go, who you want to be. We focus on your strengths and talk about what works for you to learn well. It’s an opportunity to help tailor your experience. That is the best thing about learning at university: It gives you permission to reimagine yourself and the world.’

Jody St Clair
Yunggorendi Student Engagement coordinator

Flinders University is committed to providing opportunities that support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student success and access to a higher education.

The Indigenous Admissions Scheme provides an avenue for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to apply for alternative entry into selected undergraduate courses.

If you’re an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander person who may not have been able to gain entry to university by traditional means, we encourage you to contact us, complete an application and benefit from admission to Flinders through the Indigenous Admission Scheme.

For more information and a copy of the Indigenous Admissions Scheme application form please visit flinders.edu.au/study/pathways/indigenous-admissions-scheme

The Yunggorendi Student Engagement team are dedicated to enhancing Flinders’ and Torres Strait Islander people’s ability to reach their goals and aspirations. We work closely with applicants throughout the student life cycle, offering tailored and one-on-one support and advice.

Contact Yunggorendi Student Engagement on 1800 641 811 or email Yunggorendi@flinders.edu.au for more information.